

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL –
Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.**

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.)	Certified and professional staff members, supervised by Rev. Tewell
Preschool Class ages 3-5	Doug House, Elizabeth Sciupac, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary Class Kindergarten- 1st Grade	Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles, Carter Coker
Upper Elementary Class 2nd Grade-5th Grade	David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon
Youth Class 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt

Adult Sunday School	Sundays 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
"Adventures in Prayer" Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, which will meet in the Lincoln Chapel from 10:20-10:50 on two-service Sundays, is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. Led by Miriam Dewhurst.	
Adult Sunday School	TODAY 10 a.m., Room 511
"Faith and Fiction as a Lenten Practice" This intergenerational class will explore the themes of faith-formation in some of the best recent young-adult fiction. While not required, to help you get the most out of each class, it will be helpful if you read each of these very enjoyable and thought-provoking books. TODAY: <u>The Fault is in Our Stars</u> , by John Green (also a movie!) This class is meant to be shared among youth and adults of all ages. Led by Associate Pastor, Alice Tewell.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, March 15 - March 22 10 a.m., Room 520
"By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them"-- The Causes and Consequences of Growing Income Inequality in America Since the 1970s, the gap between the incomes of the richest and poorest in America has widened into a chasm. This four-week series will survey possible causes of that growing disparity and its consequences for our life together. We'll also ask what the church's role should be in responding to that grave concern. Len Shabman and Ric Wise will lead.	

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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"

Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencergib@aol.com

Community Club – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits, which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com


Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-10:30 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinseleanor@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net

Triangle Park Committee – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

NYAPC's Young Adults – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@gmail.com)

Annual Stewardship – Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community, and mission of this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Jan Maheras, the church accountant, Laura Asiala, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
	Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
	Associate Pastor:	Alice Rose Tewell, M. Div.
	Pastoral Associate:	Linda LeSourd Lader, M. Div.
	Director of Music:	Stanley P. Engebretson, D.M.A.
	Parish Associate for Visitation:	Ann Rose Davie, M. Div.
	Director of Planned Giving:	Catherine Schultheis, B.A., Chr.Ed.
	Parish Associates:	Beth Braxton, M. Div., MRE, D. Min. J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D.



Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
welcomes all people into community,
worship, service and leadership.

March 15, 2015
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

The worship service begins with a brief period for personal meditation and the Prelude.

Prelude "Herzliebster Jesu" (Ah, Holy Jesus)
Johann Crüger
Settings by Pethel and Walcha

Introit "Ah, Holy Jesus"

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* **Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 19 from lectionary liturgies)*

Leader: The morning stars profess God's glory:

All: The waking birds harmonize a refrain of grace.

Leader: The sun warms us with God's hope;
the night sky whispers peace to our sleepy souls:

All: Creation's voice echoes continually in our hearts,
reminding us of God's steadfast love.

Leader: Our wisdom is shattered by God's absurd love;
God's vulnerability strengthens our feeble faith:

All: God's words place joy in our hearts;
we follow them to peace and hope.

***Hymn**

#25 (*verses 1-4*), "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"
Winchester Old

Prayer of Confession *(from the United Church of Canada)*

Magnificent God, when we think of awe, our mind stumbles. We are too busy for awe. We know too much to be in awe. We are too jaded for awe. We ignore the spiritual gift of awe. We feel awe, yes, before a mountain, a sparkling lake, a hummingbird. We do not feel awe before the blessings of every day. Forgive us, Magnificent One. Help us to experience awe this week in washing dishes, in the pesky backyard squirrel, in our office colleagues and challenges, in an evening stroll. We seek to be deeply faithful to You. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

(please stand, if able)

***Response**

#25 (*verse 5*), "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"
Winchester Old
**O Lord, our God, how excellent,
how glorious is your name,
Majestic in your holiness.
We sing and praise your fame.**

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (*Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal*)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson *Gathered in Dance*

Psalm 19, page 472, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Death Shall Not Destroy"
Traditional Shaker Melody
Arr. Shaw-Parker

Time for Children

Second Lesson

John 3:14-21, page 88, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Star Guides"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#63, "The Lord is God"
Azmon

The Sacrament of Baptism 8:45 *Ryan Samuel McFerran*

Concerns of the Church

Offertory

8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 "Die Himmel erzählen" (The Heavens are Telling)
from **Die Schöpfung (The Creation)**
F. J. Haydn
Rhianna Cockrell, Purev Arslanbaatar,
and Jong Hoon Kim, Solo Trio

***Response**

#607, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Doxology
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

(from Feasting on the Word)

**Merciful God, we thank You for Your wonderful
works among humankind. Accept this offering
with the dedication of our lives and help us be for
the world an emblem of Your steadfast love, in
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy
name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

#691, "Lord, When I Came into This Life"
Land of Rest

- 1 Lord, when I came into this life
You called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to Your claim**
- 2 Within the circle of the faith,
as member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
of future, present, past.**
- 3 In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
let Your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.**
- 4 So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on You.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Prelude in Classic Style"
Gordon Young

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Frank M. van der Linden (1919-2011)** and **Margaret B. McKay (1958-2005)** by their family.

We wish to thank our liturgical dancers and solo trio for their participation in worship this morning.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for people in the U.S. and overseas adversely affected by winter storms, losing homes, electricity and with scarce food.

	8:45	11:00
Liturgists	Meg House	Rev. Beth Braxton
Tour Guide	John Davies	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Alice Tewell	

Counters' Schedule

March 15	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
March 24	Barb Dornan and Nancy Dickinson

Information for Sunday Visitors

Please stay for coffee and fellowship at the side of the Sanctuary after the 8:45 a.m. service and in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. service.

Assisted Listening: Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at jthierry@erols.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation's heritage, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Infants and children: Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** During the services, children's worship bulletins are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our Youngest Worshipers: We love having all the babies in the church! Babies and children are always welcome in the services. If you would ever like a bit of privacy, or if your infants would like a break, parents -- and nursing mothers especially -- are very welcome to use the Worship Center space (directly across from the Sanctuary with the blue sofas). The Nursery is also open each Sunday from 8:30-12:30.

When bulletins are waved during worship at NYAPC, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contribution to the service. It is an action which we learned from our partner church, the First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, as an alternative to clapping. For the wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.