

**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., Lincoln Parlor
"Mideast Update" Elmarie Parker, Presbyterian Church (USA) Regional Liaison for the Mideast, will report on the current situation in the Mideast and how the Presbyterian Church is responding to it.	
Adult Sunday School	TODAY 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, spencerqib@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.
	Director of Dance:	Kathryn Sparks, M.T.S.



Celebration of Worship

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

**March 22, 2015
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

Prelude "Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554"
"Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555"
J. S. Bach
Samantha Scheff, Organ

Introit "Jesu, Joy and Treasure"
Jesu meine Freude, arr. Dietrich Buxtehude
J. David Brown, Violin

* **Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

* **Call to Worship** *(from Sounds of the Eternal, J. Philip Newell, 2002)*

Leader: Early in the morning I seek your presence, O God,

All: Not because you are ever absent from me, but because often I am.

Leader: At the heart of each moment where you forever dwell.

All: In the rising of the sun, in the unfolding color and shape of the morning,

Leader: Open our eyes to the mystery of this moment, that in every moment of the day we may know your life-giving presence.

All: Open our eyes to this moment, that in every moment we may know you as the One who is always now.

***Hymn**

#69 (*verses 1-2*), "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"
Here I Am, Lord

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought. We have strayed from You. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Please stand, if able*

***Response**

#69 (*verse 3*), "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"
Here I Am, Lord
**I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread, I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34, pages 691, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Jesu, Joy of our Desiring"
J. S. Bach

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Psalms 51:1-12, pages 492, NRSV, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"On the Heart"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#421, "Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life"
Genevan

Sacrament of Baptism

Ava and Elinor Browning

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Rev. Elmarie Parker

Offertory

8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 "Abendlied"
Josef Gabriel Rheinberger
Jong Hoon Kim, Conductor
Translation: (The disciples, speaking to Jesus),
*Stay with us, for evening shadows darken,
and the day will soon be over.*

***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

We give You thanks, O God, for every blessing You provide - and of Your enduring promise from our ancestors to us to guide us with Your law and Your love. By Your Spirit, empower us to extend these blessings that You give us to others that all may know You. 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

#833, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
St. Margaret

- 1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.
- 2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.
- 3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.
- 4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Allegro," from **Violin and Harpsichord Sonata No. 6**,
in G Major, S. 1019
J. S. Bach

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the volunteers on the *Board of Trustees* by members and friends of the congregations through their contribution to the Flower Fund..

We wish to thank *Samantha Scheff, J. David Brown, and Jong Hoon Kim* 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	Dan Stokes	Martha Davis
Tour Guide	Meg Neill	Joe Riley
Worship Play	Alice Tewell	

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.

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.