

**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
<b>"Adventures in Prayer"</b> 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.	
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>Sundays, March 8-March 15 10 a.m., Room 511</b>
<b>"Faith and Fiction as a Lenten Practice"</b> 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. March 8: <u>Marcelo in the Real World</u> , by Francisco S. Stork March 15: <u>The Fault is in Our Stars</u> , by John Green (also a movie!) Each week, we will highlight a short segment of the book, which we will read together. This class is meant to be shared among youth and adults of all ages. Led by Associate Pastor, Alice Tewell.	
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>Sundays, March 8 - March 22 10 a.m., Room 520</b>
<b>"By Their Fruits You Shall Know Them"-- The Causes and Consequences of Growing Income Inequality in America</b> 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.	
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>TODAY 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor</b>
<b>"Iraq: Churches and Communities Work for Peace"</b> The churches and communities in Iraq are working together to support fleeing refugees from the war-torn north and those affected in Iraq's major cities from conflict and bombings. Families and children are especially vulnerable, and orphan children make up a large part of the population. Marilyn Seiber and Cindy Fogleman, Executive Director of Iraqi Children Foundation, will lead a discussion on the work of the Presbyterian churches in Iraq and the efforts of the ICF with private community organizations to assist the growing population of refugees and orphans.	

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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](mailto: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](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net) Beth DuMez, [bethdumez@erols.com](mailto:bethdumez@erols.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto: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 8, 2015  
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
Third Sunday in Lent**

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

**Prelude** "I Stand at the Threshold," *Arioso* from Cantata BWV 156  
J. S. Bach

**Introit** "My Song is Love Unknown"  
John Ireland

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

\* **Call to Worship**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,

**All: reviving the soul;**

Leader: the decrees of the Lord are sure,

**All: making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right,

**All: rejoicing the heart;**

Leader: the commandment of the Lord is clear,

**All: enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure,

**All: enduring forever;**

Leader: the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous  
altogether.

**All: They are more desirable than gold, and sweeter  
than honey. In keeping them is great reward.**

\***Hymn**

#20 (*verses 1-3*), "All Things Bright and Beautiful"  
Royal Oak

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except You; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for You are the God who made us, led us out slavery, and has brought us into the

*\*Please  
stand,  
If able*

community of faith. Help us to depend on You alone and to rest in Your peace. In Christ's name we pray.

#### Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Response

#20 (*verse 4*), "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Royal Oak

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.  
God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

#### First Lesson

John 2:13-32, page 87, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem

"Hear My Words"

Stephen Paulus

#### Time for Children

#### Second Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17, page 63-64, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

"The Really Real"

Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

#### \*Sermon Hymn

#39, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Faithfulness

#### Ordination and Installation

#### Concerns of the Church

#### Minute for Mission

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

#### Offertory

8:45 \*The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around  
the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 "The Road Home"

Stephen Paulus

#### \*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

O Lord our God, we want to follow all Your commandments—to love only You, not worshiping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. 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

#625, "O Lord My God"

How Great Thou Art

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Refrain* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,

How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

- 2 When through the woods,  
and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur

And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

*Refrain*

- 3 And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*Refrain*

- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"  
*Refrain*

#### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

#### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

#### Postlude

"Fugue in C Major"

G. F. Handel

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mildred Mogul by her grandchildren, Rebecca Davis and Glenn Davis.

Today's liturgy is from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*, 2015.

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	Whitney McColley	Adam McColley
Tour Guide	John O'Brien	Barry Tindall
Worship Play	Alice Tewell	

#### Counters' Schedule

March 10	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
March 15	Martha Davis and John Schultheis
March 24	Barb Dornan and Nancy Dickinson

#### Information for Sunday Visitors

*We extend a warm welcome to visitors!*

*We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.*

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.

**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.