

Summer Schedule through August 31  
 Adult Education Classes at 9 a.m.  
 Worship at 10 a.m.

**Adult Sunday School**

<b>Adventures in Prayer</b>	<b>Today, 9:20 a.m., Lincoln Parlor</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 at 9 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We will learn together and we will pray together. All questions, joys, and concerns are welcome. Come when you can. The adventure awaits. Led by Miriam Dewhurst.	
<b>"Children in Second Kings: Prophetic, Blessed, Collateral"</b>	<b>June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 9 a.m., Room 511</b>
This four-week series led by Reverend Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will examine the role of children in the Book of Second Kings wherein young ones assume a variety of roles. Our study will focus on three children's roles in this text. In the first, children are used as collateral for debt. In the second, children are seen to be a blessing/miracle from God. Finally, the child assumes a role in the office of the prophet. This new way to understand youthful and child characters within the Hebrew Bible raises a modern question: Do we in the church see children similarly or have we de-valued our children to the status of non-contributors in our spiritual lives?	

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **George L. Herndon** by his wife, Betty Herndon and their family.

**The Peace Candle on the chancel** reminds us to pray for the cities experiencing conflict and tension between police and local communities.

	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Liturgists</b>	Children and Youth of the church
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Barry Tindall
<b>Worship Play will not be held today; children are invited to stay for the sermon.</b>	

**Preaching Schedule**

<b>One Worship Service Begins Sunday, May 24th at 10 a.m.</b>	
May 31 – Youth Sunday	Julia Hiemstra
June 7	Rev. Alice Tewell
June 14	Rev. Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church (PCUSA)

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](mailto: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](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.

**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 John Courson, [nyavefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:nyavefoundation@gmail.com) or (202) 735-5005.

**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, [robinsleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsleanor@hotmail.com)

**The Peace Candle** – Visitors are invited to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the rear, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note pad there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Fritz von Fleckenstein, [fritz@alumni.reed.edu](mailto:fritz@alumni.reed.edu)

**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 Young Adult activities (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))

	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.

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**Celebration of Worship**

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

**May 31, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

**First Sunday After Pentecost  
 Youth Sunday**

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

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

**Prelude** "As the Deer Thirsts for Flowing Streams, So My Soul Longs for You, O God"  
 Douglas Wagner

**Introit** "I've Got Peace Like a River"  
 NYAPC Family Singers

- 1 I've got peace like a river,  
 I've got peace like a river,  
 I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
 I've got peace like a river,  
 I've got peace like a river,  
 I've got peace like a river in my soul.
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain...
- 3 I've got love like an ocean...

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

\* **Call to Worship**

**Liz Kelly-Doan and Linda Kelly**

*Written by Liz Kelly-Doan and Linda Kelly*

Leader: Jesus comes to me;

**All: Jesus comes to us,**

Leader: Through His baptism in the fresh waters of the Jordan

**All: Jesus comes to us,**

Leader: Through walking on still waters.

**All: Jesus comes to us,**

Leader: Truly You are the Son of God.

**All: Jesus comes to us. Amen.**

\***Hymn** #486, "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"  
 Kingdom, *verses 1-3*

**Call to Confession** **Lauren Gillies**

*The Confession prayers were written by Lauren Gillies,  
 Jack Anderson and Alex Moore.*

Lauren: God gave us water to help us survive, to create new life, and to cleanse us from our sins. Let us now before God confess our sins together.

\* *Please stand, if able*

**Prayer of Confession** Jack Anderson

Jack: Let us confess our sins together.  
All: **God of mercy and patience, we are drowning in all of our sins, barely keeping our heads above water. We are constantly placing our will before Yours. We have failed You by wasting Your life-giving water. We have used Your water to destroy life. We desperately need Your help to change us so that we may be made clean. Help us, God, be more like Your water so that we may help create and sustain new possibilities in life. God of the waters, take away our doubt, and please forgive us and change our minds so that they may be made pure again. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon** Alex Moore

Alex: Having confessed our sins, God WILL redeem us and forgive our sins with God's power. Please stand if you are able, and be restored to right-standing in the eyes of God as we join together in our response to our assurance of pardon.

**\*Response**  
#486, (*verse 4*) "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"  
Kingdom  
**Child of God, your loving Parent,  
learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship;  
trust and love God more than all.**

**Affirmation of Faith** Corrine White  
*Selection chosen by Liz Kelly-Doan*

Corrine: Together we will affirm our faith using the Brief Statement of Faith found on page 37 of your hymnals. We will use the third selection.

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

**First Lesson** Olivia Ying Lewis

Matthew 3:13-17, page 3, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**  
"They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love"  
Led by the Upper Elementary Children's Choir  
Directed by Molly Wagner and Karen Dunlap

**Time for Children** Jack Gillies  
**Second Lesson** Jack Gillies

Matthew 14:22-33, page 15, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Tanzania" Julia Hiemstra

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

**\*Sermon Song**  
**Refrain "Down to the River to Pray"**  
As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way

1  
**O sisters let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sisters let's go down  
Down in the river to pray**  
2 *Refrain*  
**O brothers let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on brothers let's go down  
Down in the river to pray**  
3 *Refrain*  
**O sinners let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sinners let's go down  
Down in the river to pray**  
*Refrain*

**Concerns of the Church** Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

**Minute for Mission** Honoring Teachers, Session Elders:  
David Inoue, Elizabeth Sciupac and Alice Tewell

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings** Liz Kelly-Doan and Linda Kelly

Liz: We give thanks for all of God's gifts in our lives. During the offering time, you are invited to come up to the baptismal font.  
Linda: When you come up, dip your hand in the waters.  
Liz: Remember God makes us God's own in baptism.  
Linda: Remember God always loves you.  
Liz: Then out of the font, take a rock so that you might remember this amazing love. And then go back to your pews.  
Linda: We will invite you to come forward row by row.  
Liz: We will now continue our service of worship by receiving our offerings.  
Together: Thank you.

**Offertory**  
"Sicilienne" by Gabriel Fauré  
Jack Anderson (on flute) accompanied by Dan Stokes

"Lean on Me" by Bill Withers  
Lauren Gillies (on guitar) accompanied by Karen Dunlap

**\*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** Malcolm Douglas  
*Written by Liz Kelly-Doan*

Malcolm: Let us pray.  
**All: We thank You God for all the gifts of water we use for drinking, playing, bathing and watering plants. Help us use the gifts of water and all the others well. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer** Led and written by Jack Anderson, Lauren Gillies and Alex Moore

**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.**

**\*Passing of the Peace** Allison Sproles  
Allison: We pass the peace with one another! The peace of Christ be with you!  
**Church: And also with you!**

**\*Sending Hymn**  
#488, (*verses 1-4*) "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"  
Waterlife  
1 **I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wondered off to find where demons dwell.**  
2 **When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**  
3 **In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**  
4 **I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.**

**\*Benediction** Julia Hiemstra  
**\*Congregational Response** Alleluia! Amen!  
**Postlude** "Postlude on 'Forest Green'"  
David Lowe