

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

Class	Teachers
Nursery (8:30 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 and Confirmation 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt, Rev. Tewell

Adventures in Prayer	Today, 10:20 a.m. Lincoln Parlor
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. 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.	

Bible Study with Cuba Partners May 17 (10am) & May 24 (9am)	Room 511
The Cuba Partners Bible Study will spend two weeks with Paul's intriguing and much debated letter to Philemon, which negotiates complicated relationships between an apostle [Paul], a slave owner [Philemon] and a slave [Onesimus]. Join us for an engagement with Paul's shortest letter, as we consider what it has to say to believers today -- what it urges the church to believe, to hope for and to do. Led by Rev. Frances Taylor Gench.	

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, spencerjib@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.

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"An inclusive-justice seeking church"



Celebration of Worship

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

May 17, 2015
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

“Vater unser im Himmelreich” BWV 636
“Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ” BWV 639
“Alle Menschen müssen sterben” BWV 643
From the **Orgelbüchlein**
by J.S. Bach

Introit

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”
Lasst uns erfreuen

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship** (Roberta Porter in *Alive Now*, May 2005)

Leader: In the years passed, changes have come,

All: With expanded art and newer style.

Leader: What remains constant and true is a mirror

All: Reflecting God’s grace in Christ

Leader: And the Spirit’s power in people –

All: People, also changing, want to love and serve

Leader: And witness to grace –

All: Becoming reflections. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

#853, stanzas 1-3 (marching, dancing, praying)
“We Are Marching in the Light of God”
Siyahamba

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and understanding, we bring You our sins, those things we have done to offend You and those things we have ignored or blissfully forgotten. We judge ourselves; we judge others, especially those who are different from us and those for whom we harbor jealousy. We hide from You; we make excuses, we say we don’t have enough time, but often what we lack is enough courage. Forgive us, O God of abounding grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand, if able*

*Response

#853, stance 4
 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”
 Siyahamba

**We are singing in the light of God,
 We are singing in the light of God,
 We are singing in the light of God,
 We are singing in the light of, The light of God,
 We are singing, singing, We are singing, singing,
 We are singing in the light of, The light of God,
 We are singing, singing, We are singing, singing,
 We are singing in the light of God.**

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 1, page 463, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Your Voices Raise"
 from **Chandos Anthem No. 9**
 G. F. Handel

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 17:6-19, page 105, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Stream” **Rev. Roger J. Gench**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#775, "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
 Walk With Me

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer *(please bring your bulletins with you)*

11:00 "O Praise the Lord with One Consent"
 from **Chandos Anthem No. 9**
 G. F. Handel

*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

Loving God, we dedicate these gifts to You. May they be used to engage in mission and ministry in the name of Christ. May these gifts be used to perform good services and remember God’s little ones, who serve in Christ’s name. Through these gifts, may Your blessings be poured out a little further so that all may know Your love and grace. 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.

*Passing of the Peace *11:00 a.m.*

*Sending Hymn

#765, "May the God of Hope Go with Us"
 Argentina
**May the God of hope go with us every day,
 filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
 May the God of justice speed us on our way,
 bringing light and hope to every land and race.
 Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy
 with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we
 hear Christ’s call.**

(Repeat)

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten” BWV 642
 From the **Orgelbüchlein**
 by J.S. Bach

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff, our guest organist, for her participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jean Guy by her niece and nephew, Whitney McColley and Kevin Guy.

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Mary Boakye	ShuXian McKenna
Tour Guides	Wilson Golden	Len Shabman
Worship Play	Alice Tewell	

Preaching Schedule

One Worship Service Begins Sunday, May 24th at 10 a.m.

May 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 31 – Youth Sunday	Julia Hiemstra
June 7	Rev. Alice Tewell
June 14	Rev. Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church (PCUSA)

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.

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.

Families with Infants and children: Infants and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The Nursery is also open each Sunday we have two services from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. When we have one service at 10 a.m., the nursery is open from 8:45 a.m. -11:30 a.m. During the services, **children’s worship bulletins**, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time during the 8:45 a.m. service or 10 a.m. service.

Pastor Alice and helpers offer **Worship Play in** Alice’s office for children approximately ages 4-9. During this worship play time, the children are invited to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and related picture books, sing a song or do a simple craft. At the end of Worship Play, the children are offered a peanut free snack. We also offer the **Worship Center Space** directly across from the sanctuary (with the blue sofas next to Pastor Alice’s office) especially for families and nursing mothers who might need a bit of a break or desire some privacy during the services. There is a **private bathroom** off of this space especially for families with young children. There is a changing pad, and extra diapers for your use.

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.