

**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 and Confirmation 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt, Rev. Tewell

Legacies of Faith Today, 9:45 a.m. Room 520

Today Coffee and pastries will be available in the classroom. The Planned Giving Committee will discuss faith-based spiritual generosity and its effect on our lives, as well as on the future of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and its role in sharing God's love with communities near and far. Karl Mattison and Cathy Schultheis will lead.

Adventures in Prayer Today, 10 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.

Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence. Today, 10:00 a.m. Room 511

This powerful hour-long documentary attempts to shift the conversation about gun violence prevention to one in which it becomes a public health issue viewed from many perspectives. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee.

Bible Study with Cuba Partners May 17 & 24 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. Di
	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.
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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 3, 2015
8:45 and 11 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision” Slane, Arr. Joel Raney

Introit

“Be Thou My Vision” Irish Tune of Slane

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: **Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

All: **Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

Leader: In the bread and the cup, we are nourished.

All: **Seek us out, O God, and inspire in us wholeness.**

Leader: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of all time.

All: **Come and praise the vine that provides all goodness.**

***Opening Hymn**

#691, (verses 1-3), "Lord, When I Came into This Life"
Land of Rest

Prayer of Confession

(based on John 15:5)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as You have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from You. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in Your love and live out Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response**

#691, (verse 4), "Lord, When I Came into This Life"
Land of Rest

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true: feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

**Please stand, if able*

*A Brief Statement of Faith

(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

1 John 4:7-12, page 226, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

"I Got Me Flowers" from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Purev Arslanbaatar, Baritone

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 15:1-8, page 103, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Abiding" Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#373, "O Day of Peace"

Jerusalem

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

8:45 a.m.

Planned Giving Committee

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Rise, Heart" from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Purev Arslanbaatar, Baritone

*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

Holy God, we give You thanks and praise for light and life and love, and above all, the presence of the living Lord among us. By Your Spirit who breathes with us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of the universe...Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Response

"Holy, Holy"

Holy, Holy (Irregular)

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;

And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,

Holy, holy, holy, holy.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

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.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.

Please return to your pew via the side aisles.

Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats.

(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, We thank You that You have fed us in the Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#285, "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Bridegroom

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**
- 2 To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine, to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**
- 3 With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

John Stanley

We wish to thank Purev Arslanbaatar for his participation in worship this morning. The Mystical Songs are beautiful Easter texts set from a 1633 collection *The Temple: Sacred Poems*, written by Anglican priest and poet, George Herbert.

The Flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by Polly Rice and Lucy Ann Niven, in loving memory of their parents, Charles and Isabella Stott, and Jonathan Rice, the Stott's grandson.

The flowers in the chancel on April 26 were given by Laura and Jeffrey West to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism last Sunday of their son, **Luke Nathaniel West.**

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Liturgists	Warren Krug	Chris Gillespie
Tour Guides	Paul Dornan	John O'Brien
Worship Play	Alice Tewell	

Preaching Schedule

May 10	Rev. Joachim Trossler
May 17	Rev. Roger J. Gench
One Worship Service Begins Sunday, May 24th at 10 a.m.	
May 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench
May 31 – Youth Sunday	Julia Hiemstra

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 12:15 p.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.

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.

**Liturgy for today's service was adapted from Feasting on the Word, Year B.*