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

Class  
Nursery (8:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)
Certified and professional staff members, supervised by Rev. Tewell

Preschool Class 
2nd Grade-5th Grade
ages 3-5
Molly Lauer, Marsha Renwanz, Mark Sproles, Bridge Sproles, Carter Coker

Upper Elementary Class 
2nd Grade-5th Grade
David Gillies, Kathy Doan, Catherine Cannon

Youth Class 
6th Grade
Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt

Adult Sunday School
10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

“Adventures in Prayer”
Rev. Dave Davie and Miriam Dewhurst invite those considering where to live and whether to move to a continuing care retirement community to gather in the Lincoln Chapel.

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“Transitions in Living”
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Sundays, February 22-March 15
10 a.m., Room 511

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

February 22, 2015
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent

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“Six Stand at the Threshold,”
Arisen from Cantata BWV 156
J. S. Bach

Introit
“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”
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Community Church – A one-with-one 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 Shamiaka Bradley at directors@communitychurch.org or go to www.communitychurch.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the largest 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 nonprofits and grantees, 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, brian@newyorkavenuefoundation.org

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 Robbins, robinselena@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 napkin sheet at the back, if you may know who are you. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1w@b2belatantic.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 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1w@b2belatantic.net

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iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

II. The Community Heeds the Word of God

First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17, page 7, NRSV
Leader:  This is the word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Mit Staunen sieht das Wunderwerk," from the Creation
F. J. Haydn
Whitney McColley, Soprano
Translation: What wonder doth his work reveal to heaven's host in joyful throng,

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Mark 1:9-15, pages 33, NRSV
Leader:  This is the word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Effectively Near"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn  
#215, "What Wondrous Love This Is"
Wondrous Love

Introduction of New Members  11:00  (see insert)

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  
*Stirrants an die Saiten," from the Creation
F. J. Haydn
Michael J. Reif, Conductor
Translation: Awake the harp, ye choirs awaken. Loud let the praise of God be sounded. Rejoice in the Lord, the mighty God. Surely he has girded the heavens and earth with splendor and light. The celebration of God's creation at the end of the Third Day.

*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 eternally;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication  (from Gathered Prayers. Prayers for Lent)
Fostered by Your tender care and secure in the haven of Your redeeming love, we are emboldened to approach You, O God, with our gifts and offerings. May they be used to bring refuge to the aimless, deliverance to the captives, and protection to all who call on Your name. For we bring them in Christ's name, our source of salvation. 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

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

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
   I want Jesus to walk with me;
   all along my pilgrim journey,
   Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
   In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
   when my heart is almost breaking,
   Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
   When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
   when my head is bowed in sorrow,
   Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude  "Plein Jeu a la Couperin"  
Gordon Young

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Aleitia and Palmer Hogenson, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, by Paul Hogenson.

We wish to thank Whitney McColley and Michael Reif for their participation in worship this morning. Michael is visiting Washington from Cologne, Germany, where he conducts the European Chamber Choir and other ensembles. This week he was our special guest artist at George Mason University leading choral workshops and conducting sessions. Welcome!

8:45

Liturgists  Miriam Dewhurst  David Brown
Tour Guide  John O'Brien  Chuck West
Worship Play  Alice Tewell

Counters' Schedule

February 24  Jim Marin and Barb Dornan
March 1  Adam Bain and Shuxian McKenna
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.

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. Parents are welcome to use the 2nd floor worship office as a break space.

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.