

**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 Katie Cashwell
“Where the Wild Things Are” ages 3-5	Doug House, Brian Dewhurst, Sally Davis, Karen Cook, Kay Meek
Lower Elementary ages 5 to 8 years	Marsha Renwanz, Molly Lauer, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles
Upper Extravaganza ages 9 to 12 years	Mike Smith, Kathy Doan, David Gillies
“Confirmation Commotion” 7 th - 9 th grade	Chris Rehling, Kevin Guy, Betsy Merritt, Pastor Katie Cashwell
“High School Rocks!” Sr. High School	Phil Hanna

Adult Sunday School **TODAY**
10 a.m., Room 520

Rev. Dr. Héctor Méndez, pastor of our partner church, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, will lead a class on **"First Havana's Missions and the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba."** As Havana's "Light in the City," First Havana is a historic inner-city church, much like NYAPC, and has been a leader in both the Presbyterian Church in Cuba and mission work in Havana.

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, October 7, 14, 21 and 28**
10 a.m., Room 520

“Criminal Justice?” If a gold medal were awarded to world's biggest jailer, the United States would be the winner. Come learn from premier criminal justice and legal experts about *“the national disgrace that comprises our criminal justice system”* (Sen. Jim Webb).

October 7: “Prosecutorial Power and Racism in the Criminal Justice System,” Angela J. Davis, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University

Also featured in October: Tracy Velazquez, Executive Director, Justice Policy Institute; Tim Lynch, Director, Criminal Project, The Cato Institute; and Margaret Love, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Task Force on Restoration of Rights.

Adult Sunday School **Sundays**
10 a.m., Room 511

“Playing the Minor Prophets in a Major Key” *Let justice roll down like waters.... Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey....*

These famous passages all come from the Minor Prophets, but do you know which books they come from? Come learn about these prophets and their times that produced these remarkable scrolls. Engage the texts in new ways and share your perspectives with others.

Please join us in this bible survey class to be taught by Samario Anthony of Howard University’s Divinity School.

Adult Sunday School **Sunday, October 7**
10 a.m., Room 317

Brian Ellison, the Executive Director of the Covenant Network, will join us. Details to follow.

ESTEEMING EACH OTHER

- September 23– 1 John 2:7-11
- September 24– Mark 2:13-17
- September 25– James 4:11-12
- September 26– Romans 2:1-11
- September 27– Ephesians 4:25.—5:2
- September 28– Amos 8:4-8
- September 29– Romans 13:8-10

<http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/peacemaking/pdf/1112biblicalwitness.pdf>

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

Community Club is a one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public and charter school students, primarily in grades 7-12, which meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! If interested, please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org. You can also go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry - Every 4th Sunday bring non-perishable food for the Capital Area Food Bank, a large nonprofit hunger and nutrition resource in the DC metropolitan area. Place donations in baskets at the back 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, ja.courson@yahoo.com or (202) 735-5005.

Radcliffe Room Ministry - Sunday fellowship with our homeless guests, 8:30-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of clothing, toiletries, as well as money for transportation are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinsleanor@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle - An opportunity for visitors 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

Triangle Park Committee - works 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, mjswan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

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 Carol Shannon, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, our senior pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
Pastor:	Roger Joseph Gench, Ph.D.
Interim Pastoral Associate:	Katie Cashwell, 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:	Evelyn S. Ying, J.D.
Parish Associates:	J. Gary Campbell, M. Div., M.A. Frances Taylor Gench, M. Div., Ph.D. J. Riley McDonald, M.Div. Judith E. Michaels, D. Min., Ph.D. Glenn Myers, M. Div., M.A.

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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"



Celebration of Worship

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

September 23, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Berceuse Cancion de Cuna”
(Afro-Cuban Lullaby), Leo Brower
Anthony Williams, guitar

Introit

“Señor, Guiero Caminar”
Traditional Cuban Response

Translation: Lord, I want to walk without noticing the thorns. To walk the roads, give me love, give me humility, and I'll move mountains if you come with me, Lord.

***Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*** Call to Worship**

One: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: From everlasting to everlasting You are God.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love,

All: That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

***Opening Hymn**

#467 (*verses 1-3*), “How Great Thou Art”
O Store Gud

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts and minds and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins and create in us new hearts, that we might delight in Your will and be Your instruments of love, grace and peace in the world.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

#467 (*verse 4*), “How Great Thou Art”
O Store Gud

**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 there
proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! 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!**

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (*May be found in the back cover of pew Hymnal*)

**Please stand, if able*

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson Psalm 90, pages 517-518, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Gloria,” from **Misa Criolla**
 Ariel Ramirez
 Manuel Melendez, John Kim, soloists
 Translation: Glory to God in the highest and on earth
 peace to all those of good will...We praise Thee, we
 bless Thee, we worship Thee, we adore Thee. Amen.

Time for Children

Second Lesson Luke 9:21-27, page 65, NRSV
 Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow ”
Rev. Dr. Héctor Méndez

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn #472, “Cantad al Señor” (O Sing to the Lord)
 Brazilian Folk Melody

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *Peace and Justice*

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory 8:45 *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around
 the Table for Giving and Prayer
 11:00 “Jesus, es mi Rey” (O Jesus is my Lord and Savior)
 Manuel Melendez, Tenor

Translation:
 O Jesus is my Lord and Savior,
 My joy is in singing His praise;
 He's Lord, yet He calls me His brother;
 He's Lord, yet He gives me His name.
 Despising the shame and rejection,
 He came to release me from prison,
 And I will rejoice, and I will rejoice in Him.

O Jesus is the friend I long for;
 He's with me in good times and bad;
 He patiently walks here beside me,
 His comfort He gives when I'm sad.
 I'll follow His footsteps forever,
 For He is my King and my Savior
 And I will rejoice, and I will rejoice in Him.

O Lord, what could I ever give You
 To thank you for Your love for me?
 To serve You is all that You ask me;
 To give You my heart is Your plea.
 Then here is my heart, Lord, I give it
 To live in the pow'r of Your Spirit,
 And I will rejoice, and I will rejoice in you.

***Response** #591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
 Doxology
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
 Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit
 evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
 Amen.**

***Prayer of
 Dedication** **Living God, You have blessed us beyond measure
 and called us to love one another. May these gifts
 be used to bring Your mercy and provision to
 those in need, and may we be instruments of Your
 love, justice and peace, in this city and with all we
 meet. In the name of our Risen Lord, Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
***Passing of the Peace**

***Sending Hymn** #432, “Canto de Esperanza” (Song of Hope)
 Argentina
**¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!
 Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
 Dios de la justicia, mándanos to luz,
 Luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.
 Refrain: Oremos por la paz,
 Cantemos de tu amor.
 Luchemos por la paz,
 Fieles a ti, Señor.**

**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.
 Refrain: 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.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**
***Congregational Alleluia! Amen!**

Response “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”
Postlude Tune of Marion, arr. Innes



We wish to thank Amy McKee for translating for Rev. Méndez during our
 worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today were given to the glory of God and in
 memory of **Andrew Dornan** by **Molly and Mike Smith**.

We wish to thank Manuel Melendez, John Kim and Anthony Williams
 for their participation in worship this morning. Mr. Williams is studying guitar
 and composition at George Mason University, where he is in Larry Snitzler's
 studio. Welcome!

8:45 a.m. **11 a.m.**

Liturgists Elizabeth Bowman Betsy Merritt
Greeters Benno and Molly Lauer Hal Davis and Jim Rhodes
Tour Guides Wilson Golden Barry Tindall

Counters
 September 25 Nancy Dickenson and Dan Stokes
 September 30 Janet Wessling and Amy Gillespie

Preaching Schedule

September 30 Katie Cashwell
 October 7 Rev. Roger J. Gench
 October 14 Rev. Roger J. Gench
 October 21 Rev. Roger J. Gench



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 for Sunday Morning Worship: Free self-parking is
 available in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1
 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Radcliffe Room Ministry: Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to
 the Radcliffe Room on Sunday mornings. This is a vibrant NYAPC ministry
 and we would love to have you join us: meet our friends for coffee,
 conversation, bagels and hymn singing.

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 aids are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this
 congregation’s heritage and current ministry and outreach, meet the tour
 guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

Large Print Bibles and Large Print Bulletins: Available at the front of
 the Sanctuary.

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.

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