

**TODAY, August 31**

**Worship at 10 a.m.**

Babies and toddlers under 4 are welcome in the Park Level nursery. **Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals.** During the service, children's worship bulletins are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. Youth and children's classes resume September 7.

Worship Play offered during the sermon for children ages 4 through Fifth Grade.

**Classes for all ages will resume September 7**

**Coming soon ....**

Adult Sunday School	Sundays, September 7-28 10 a.m., Room 511
<b>"The Theology of Karl Barth"</b> Many consider Karl Barth the most important Christian theologian of the twentieth century. This class will discuss his lectures on the Apostle's Creed delivered in postwar Bonn in 1946 and published under the title <i>Dogmatics in Outline</i> . These lectures provide a brief introduction to many of the principal themes of his theological reflections. Dewey Wallace, Professor Emeritus, George Washington University, will lead the class. Copies of <i>Dogmatics in Outline</i> will be available from Paul Dornan or at the entryway desk starting this weekend. Each copy costs \$12.	

**THE LOVE OF PEACE**

August 31- Deuteronomy 10:10-15  
September 1- 1 Kings 4:24-25  
September 2- Zechariah 8:14-19  
September 3- Psalm 30  
September 4- Luke 10:1-9  
September 5- Ephesians 6:23-24  
September 6- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[www.pcusa.org/resource/2013-2014-biblical-witness-peacemaking](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/2013-2014-biblical-witness-peacemaking)

**Opportunities for Service**

**7-2-9 Club** - (resumes September 3) 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** - (resumes September 4) 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:robinseleanor@hotmail.com)

**The Peace Candle** - Visitors are invited to take a prayer candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the notepad 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 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](mailto:snyder.richard@gmail.com)) or Benno Lauer ([benno.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:benno.lauer@gmail.com))

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**Celebration of Worship**

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

**August 31, 2014**

**10:00 a.m.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Prelude** "Overture," from **Music for the Royal Fireworks**  
G. F. Handel

**Introit** "Awake, Awake to Life and Work"  
Morning Hymn  
Samantha Scheff, Mezzo-Soprano

\* **Lincoln Chimes**

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

\* **Call to Worship**

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. □

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn**

#371 (*verses 1-2*),  
"New Songs of Celebration Render"  
Rendez À Dieu

**Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting Your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting Your loving purposes, we shrink from living as Your followers. Doubting Your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in Your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in You, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

\* **Assurance of Pardon**

\* **Response**

##371 (*verse 3*), "New Songs of Celebration Render"  
Rendez À Dieu

Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,  
honor the Lord with wild acclaim;  
mountains and stones, look up adoring,  
and find a voice to praise God's name.  
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,  
praises be sung that never cease;  
just is our God, whose truth victorious,  
establishes the world in peace.

*\*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

Exodus 3:1-15, page 48, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "O for the Wings of a Dove"

Felix Mendelssohn

Samantha Scheff, Mezzo-Soprano

### Time for Children

#### Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21, pages 151-152, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Brass Knuckles"  
Rev. Roger J. Gench

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

### \*Sermon Hymn

#373, "O Day of Peace"

Jerusalem

### Concerns of the Church

#### Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

"The Peace" and "Bourée,"

from **Music for the Royal Fireworks**

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

Faithful God, we give You thanks for the people You bring into our lives. Use these gifts and all who go forth from this place to bring healing to our broken world. In the name of the risen Savior, 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

#### \*Sending Hymn

#379, "We Shall Overcome"

We Shall Overcome

**1 We shall overcome, we shall overcome;**

**We shall overcome someday**

**Refrain O, deep in my heart I do believe**

**We shall overcome someday!**

**2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;**

**We'll walk hand in hand someday.**

**3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;**

**We shall live in peace someday.**

**4 We are not afraid; we are not afraid;**

**We are not afraid today.**

**5 God will see us through; God will see us through;**

**God will see us through today.**

#### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

**\*Congregational Alleluia! Amen!**

**Response**

**Postlude** "The Rejoicing," from **Music for the Royal Fireworks**

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God, and in appreciation of the **church office volunteers** by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank **Samantha Scheff** for her participation in worship this morning.

<b>Greeter</b>	Rebecca Davis, Benno Lauer
<b>Liturgist</b>	John Davies
<b>Tour Guide</b>	John Davies
<b>Worship Play</b>	Caroline and Jeff White

#### Counters' Schedule

**Sunday, August 31** John Schultheis and Megan Erb

**Sunday, September 7** Adam Bain and Kim Johnson

**Sunday, September 14** Benno Lauer and Amy Gillespie

**Tuesday, September 23** Jim Martin and Barb Dornan

**Tuesday, September 30:** Dan Stokes 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.*

**Please stay for coffee and fellowship** at the side of the Sanctuary after the 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](mailto:jthierry@erols.com) or 703-568-5158 for more information.

**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.

**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.

**Restrooms:** The Deacons remind members and friends that the restrooms on the fifth floor are available on Sundays mornings.

**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, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

**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.