

**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 6th Grade-12th Grade	Kevin Guy, Jessie Cleveland, Joe Brady, Betsy Merritt

Adult Sunday School	Sundays 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel
<b>"Adventures in Prayer"</b> 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.	
Adult Sunday School	TODAY 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.	
Adult Sunday School	TODAY 10 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
<b>"The Presbyterian Church and Life in Cuba"</b> Rev. Hector Mendez, of First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Havana, will continue our exploration of the relationship between PC(USA) and the Cuban Presbyterian Church, and in particular the relationship between NYAPC and First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Havana.	
Adult Sunday School	Sundays, October 12, 19, 26 10 a.m., Room 520
Rev. Roger Gench will introduce his new book to the class and discuss how it relates to his experiences here at NYAPC and what he envisions as possible for our congregation as an urban church.	

**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, [spencerqib@aol.com](mailto:spencerqib@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](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 Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net](mailto: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](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))

	Ministers:	The Entire Congregation
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	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.
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**Celebration of Worship**

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

**October 5, 2014  
8:45 and 11 a.m.  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Communion Sunday**

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

**Prelude** "O Sing to the Lord"  
Traditional Spanish

**Introit** "Woyaya"  
Traditional African Song

\* Lincoln Chimes

**I. The Community Gathers for Worship**

\* Call to Worship *adapted from the United Church of Canada  
Peacemaking resources*

Leader: We come together on this World Communion Sunday our hearts  
wide open with love.

**All: We come ready to nourish our spirits and renew our  
commitment to peace.**

Leader: We come together as peace bearers and peacemakers.

**All: May we bear peace in our hearts and be peacemakers in our  
communities.**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's presence among us, an unending  
source of peace and compassion.

**All: Praise be to God, who calls us to pursue peace for the benefit  
of all creation.**

\*Hymn  
#515 (verses 1-3), "I Come with Joy"  
Dove of Peace

Prayer of Confession *adapted from PCUSA resources for  
World Communion Sunday, 2014*

**God of compassion and mercy, we are Your wounded and  
wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided  
society, and our broken world, seeking Your healing and  
transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others,  
yet we know that we all need Your forgiveness. We lift into Your  
presence today not only the victims of conflicts but also those we  
have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and  
bitterness and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and  
love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong to share  
our gifts in mutual respect and to seek for the new future which  
You offer us through Jesus the Christ. We seek Your forgiveness  
and Your mercy. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

*\*Please stand, if able*

### \*Response

#515 (verse 4), "I Come with Joy"  
Dove of Peace  
**The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here, alive among us here.**

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

## II. The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson

Psalms 19, page 472, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Un Son"  
Traditional Cuban Song  
Manuel Melendez, Soloist  
Bob Braxton, Eric Slaughter, Benno Lauer, Roger Gench,  
Guitar Ensemble

### Time for Children

### Second Lesson

Romans 12: 1 -8, page 151, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "All For One, One For All"  
Rev. Héctor Méndez

## III. The Community Responds to the Word

\*Sermon Hymn  
#203, "Jesu Jesu Fill Us With Your Love "  
Chereponi

### Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *Stewardship 2015*

### Offertory

11:00 "Keep Hope Alive"  
Ysaye Barnwell  
Purev Arslanbaatar, Soloist

\*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 *From the United Church of Canada  
Peacemaking resources*

**We lift up these gifts to You, O God, as symbols of our  
commitment to the ministry of peace with justice in our world.  
May these gifts work to challenge systems that exploit people  
and the larger community of creation. May these gifts nurture  
alternatives to hate, violence and abuse. May we continue to gift  
our world with creativity, commitment, and compassion as we  
live Your love when we leave here today. Amen.**

### Service of Communion

### Invitation

Let the women bring the flour and the salt, and the men bring the yeast. Many guests will come, those who live on the margins, those who live with infirmities, those of differing abilities, rich and poor alike.

**Come quickly; let us follow the recipe of the Lord. Let all of us knead the dough together with our hands. Let us watch with joy as the bread rises and expands.**

### Prayer of Great Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We give You thanks O God, for You have made us in Your image female and male, and of varied colors. You created us and continue to shape us and teach us to love You, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves.

**Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.**

You set us in this world to love and to serve You, and to live in peace with Your whole creation. Although we have failed to do so, You have not rejected us but continue to call us back to Your way. Lord, hear our prayers for Your church....Lord hear our prayers.

**Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.**

In Jesus Christ You showed us Your love for all, especially those among us often rejected by others. Those of us who are poor, immigrants, suffering from illness, those whom society has deemed unclear or impure. You showed us the way to a new community, one in which the last would be first, justice would be realized, resources would be shared in common. Lord, hear our prayers for justice in Your world..... Lord, hear our prayers.

**Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.**

Jesus proclaimed the good news of the reign of God, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, calling for economic justice from tax collectors and religious leaders, preaching about faith guided by the heart, not law. Lord, hear our prayers for our leaders.... Lord, hear our prayers.

**Bread of life, cup of peace, we give You thanks, O God.**

Yet we rebelled against His message of compassion and justice, and He was crucified because we feared such love. But death cannot ultimately defeat life; many waters cannot quench love. Jesus rose from the grave, and in the resurrection we place our hope and assurance. We joyfully celebrate Christ's life and resurrection as we wait for the day that Christ is fully present with us and in us and the world is at peace. Lord, hear our silent prayers held in the depths of our hearts. Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in another language.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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

*Please come down the center aisle. Approach an open station and return to your seats by the side aisles. There is a Gluten Free communion available at the table. Those unable to come forward will be offered the bread (regular or gluten free) and the cup at their seats.*

*During Communion, the congregation is invited to join in singing #513, "Let Us Break Bread Together," and #368, "I've Got Peace Like a River."*

### Prayer After Communion

**Help us rise in Your resurrection power from this table where You, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by Your own hand, that we may extend Your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

### \*Passing of the Peace

\*Sending Hymn  
#526, "Let Our Talents and Tongues Employ"  
Linstead

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy.  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**  
*Refrain* **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**
- 2 Christ is able to make us one.  
At the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share.  
God (Immanuel) everywhere. *Refrain***

### \*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

### \*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"  
Arr. Bradley Ellingboe

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**The flowers in the chancel today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mary Prothro** by her fellow volunteers at the 7-2-9 Club.

**We wish to thank** Manuel Melendez, Purev Arslanbaatar and our guitar/percussion ensemble for their participation in worship this morning. About the anthem: "Un Son" is a traditional Cuban rhythm on the claves (wood stick) of long-long-long-short-short. It is a groundwork of many Cuban songs so it is that we make "Un Son" to the Lord, "Un Son a Dios." Regarding "Keep Hope Alive," we commissioned this piece years ago from Ysaye Barnwell who was a singer in the popular A Cappella group, Sweet Honey in the Rock) for a intercultural choral festival. The words say it all - Keep Hope Alive!