Celebration of Worship
The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.
August 10, 2014
10:00 a.m.
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude
“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”
Arr. George Shearing

Introit
“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”
by William Croft
Ian Elder, Tenor

* Lincoln Chimes
I. The Community Gathers for Worship
* Call to Worship
(hand on Psalm 139:9-10 in Celtic Prayer Book)

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning
All: And settle at the furthest limits of the sea
Leader: Even there your hand shall lead me
All: And your right hand shall hold me fast.
Leader: Within and all around
All: Amen

*Hymn
#463, “How Firm a Foundation” (verses 1-4)
Foundation

Prayer of Confession
(10th Ladder, Gurrillas of Grace, 1981)

Lord, plunge me deep into a sense of sadness at the pain of my sisters and brothers inflicted by war, prejudice, injustice, indifference, that I may learn again to cry as a child until my tears baptize me into a person who touches with care those I now touch in prayer: victims of violence, of greed, of addictions; prisoners in ghettos, in old age, in sexism; people with broken bodies, with broken hearts, with broken lives, whom I remember now in silence before you because I have often forgotten them in the shuffle of my earthy busyness. Amen.

Silent Confession
*Assurance of Pardon
*Please stand if able.

Opportunities for Service
7-2-9 Club – (resumes in September) 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, spencerqgb@aol.com

Community Club – (resumes in September) A one-on-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 Shamiha Bradley at director@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.

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, 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, nyaf@nyaffoundation.com or 202-735-5005.
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.

*Response

#463 (verse 5)
“How Firm a Foundation”
Foundation

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake, I’ll never, no, never forsake

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33, page 15, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Benedictus” from Mass in B Minor
J.S. Bach
Ian Elder, Tenor

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Romans 10:5-15, pages 149-150, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Belief and Belonging”
Margaret Fox

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#175 “Seek Ye First”
Lafferty

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertery

“This is my Father’s World” (Terra Beata)
Dale Wood

*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.

*Response

#546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”
Stetson Matiners

1 Lord dismiss us with your blessings; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel’s joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever reign with you in endless day.

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Alleluia! Amen!
Response

Postlude “Te Deum”
Marc – Antine Charpeater

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God, and in the memory of Bruce Davie, Sam Davie, and Jane Rose by Ann Rose Davie.

We wish to thank Ian Elder for his participation in worship this morning.

Greeter

Rebecca Davis

Liturgist

Doug Potter

Tour Guide

Meg Neill

Worship Play

Rev. Alice Twell and Karen Dunlap

Preaching Schedule

August 17
Rev. Robert Craig

August 24
Rev. Alice Rose Twell

Counters’ Schedule

Sunday, August 10
Adam Bain and Benno Lauer

Tuesday, August 19
Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

Tuesday, August 26
Jim Martin and Barb Dornan

Sunday, August 31
John Schulteis and Megan Erb

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@robert.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 waves, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.