Children and Youth Sunday School – Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.

**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 more or participating in the NYAF mission contact John Coutou, jcoutou@email.com (202) 735-9055.

**Backlit Room Ministry**

Come fellowship with our homeless guests, Sundays, 3:00-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of clothing, toiletries and money for transportation are needed. Contact Eleanor Robin, eleanorrobin@comcast.com.

**The Peace Candle**

Visitors are invited 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, fritzvonfleckenstein@gmail.com.

**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 that happens at this church. 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.

**Celebration of Worship**

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

November 18, 2012
8:45 and 11 a.m.
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prelude
“Adagio” in F Major
W. A. Mozart

Introit
“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”
Duke Street

*Lincoln Chimes*
I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

**Call to Worship**

One: Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!
All: God, the foundation of our lives, is worthy of our thanks and praise.
One: Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!
All: God, the cornerstone of our lives, brings order to our chaos.
One: Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!
All: God, the rock and redeemer of our lives, calls us to faith and service.
One: Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!
All: Let us worship God!

(Adapted from “Call to Worship” Year B Lectionary Aids 2008-09)

**Opening**

#251 (verses 1-3)

*Hymn*

“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”

Winchester

**Prayer of Consecration**

God of our lives, we struggle to be hopeful people. Problems tax our spirits, and we do not hope. The pain in our lives drags us down, and we lose hope. Thank You that You love us still, O God. Take away our fear and faithlessness, and forgive our failings. We choose to believe Your promise that You never leave or forsake us, that You are good and always trustworthy. Hear our prayers, for our hope is in You, and no other.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Please stand, if able*

CHILDMETHODS AND PULPIT WORKSHOP – Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.

**Ministry Models and Methods**

Find out what it means to “be church” in 2012 and beyond. It’s a time of change and opportunity. And we’re ready to help you find ways to make it happen! Worship, music, theology, youth, children, justice, mission…this workshop will cover it all.

**Morning Coffee Break**

9:00 a.m.

**Devotions**

9:15 a.m.

**Group 1**

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

**Group 2**

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Lunch Break**

12:00 p.m.

**Group 3**

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

**Group 4**

2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Afternoon Coffee Break**

3:30 p.m.

**Closing and Wrapping Up**

3:45 p.m.

**Adult Sunday School**

Sundays, November 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! Your king comes to you, righteous and saving 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 scriptures. 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**

TODAY 10 a.m., Room 528

**“Bible Study with Cuba Partners”**

Rev. Ann Davie will conclude this two-week study of “The Great Commandment” as written in Luke 10:25-28, 29-37. As we delve into these texts with study questions posed by Rev. Davie, our partner church, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, and other PC(USA) Cuba partners with First Havana will also be doing this Bible study.

**Adult Sunday School**

Sundays, December 2 and 9 10 a.m., Room 101

**“Introduction to New Presbyterian Hymnal”**

Come sing some new hymns! The PC(USA) is publishing a new hymnal in 2013 and NYAPC is starting to evaluate whether to adopt it. Come sing selections from the new hymnal, enjoy and give us your feedback. Sponsored by the Worship and Music Committee.

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"An inclusive and justice-seeking church"
*Response  #251 (verse 4)
“Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”
Wm. Elliot
My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord,
My soul shall bless Your holy name;
Let all things living join the song
Of praise, from age to age the same.

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

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, page 173, NRSV
Leader:  This is the word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Anthem  “Into Paradise”
Chantel Pomerville, soloist

Time for Children

Second Lesson 1 Samuel 1:2-18, pages 233-234, NRSV
Leader:  This is the word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Favor in God's sight”
Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn  #322, “Spirits of the Living God” (sing twice)
Living God

Reception of New Members  (see insert)
Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings  Stewardship Committee

Minute for Mission

Offertory  #845  “The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer”
11:50  David L. Brunner

*Response  #591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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  #288, “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”
Hymn
1 I sing the almighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God’s command,
And all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where’er I turn my eyes,
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

3 There’s not a plant or flower below,
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrow life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response  Alleluia! Amen!
Postlude  “Toccata”
Theodore Dubois

The bounty table in the chancel today represents the blessings of the harvest season and our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of the earth. The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

We wish to thank Chantel Pomerville for her participation in worship this morning.

We welcome Rev. Beth Braxton as a new Parish Associate and are grateful for her participation in worship this morning while Rev. Gench is out of town.

Katie Cashwell will not be in worship this morning. She is with the Confirmation Class on a weekend retreat at The Pilgrimage. Please pray for all of the students and teachers on the retreat: Jonah Davis-Hoff, Jack Gillies, Olivia Lewis, David Clark, Elizabeth Clark, Julie Hiemstra, Chris Rheling, Betsy Merretts, and Kevin Guy.

Preaching Schedule

November 22  Thanksgiving Day: Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader
November 25  Rev. Roger J. Gench
December 2  Rev. Roger J. Gench
December 9  Rev. Roger J. Gench

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

Greeters  Brian Dewhurst  Evelyn Ying and Greg Lewis
Liturgists  Megan Erb  Rev. John Mathison
Tour Guides  Barry Tindall  Paul Dorman

Counters  Martha Davis and John Schultheis
Kim Johnson and Dan Stokes
Fritz and Ruth von Fleckenstein
Amy Gillespie and Janet Westling
Kason Cook and ShaXian McKenna
Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein

November 18  November 25  December 4  December 9  December 16  December 26

Parking Information

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.

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.