**Opportunities for Service**

7-29 Club  -  Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September 7, until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spencer Gibbels, spencer@ncwpc.org.

Community Link  -  is a one-on-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public, charter 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 districtvolunteers@crosswalk.org. You can also go to www.crosswalk.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 Couch, jacouch@comcast.net or (202) 735-9005.

**Rockville 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 Brookes, ebrookes@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 6-7 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mlseiber@faithlogic.net, Beth DiMeo, bethdemeo@zloc.com, or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@viaset.net.

**Annual Stewardship**  -  Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens in 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, chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Grench, our senior pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

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**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 Bover

**Introit**

“Sic est, Gaudete Caminador”

Traditional Cuban Response

Translation: Lord, I want to wait 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 Gatherings 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

“Great Thou Art”

O Store Guad

Prayer of Consecration

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**

“Great Thou Art” O Store Guad

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! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art!

* A Brief Statement of Faith

(As 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.

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

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

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

III. The Community Responds to the Word

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

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational
Alleluia! Amen!

Response
Postlude
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”
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!

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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