**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL – Classes meet in the Park Level at 10 a.m.**

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<td>Nursery</td>
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<td>“Where the Wild Things Are” ages 3-5</td>
<td>Doug House, Brian Druschutz, Sally Davis, Karen Cook, Kay Meek</td>
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<td>Marshia Rennanz, Molly Lauer, Mark Sproles, Bridget Sproles</td>
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**Opportunities for Service**

- **Adult Sunday School**
  - Sundays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26 10 a.m., Room 520
  - “Christ and Culture” H. Richard Niebuhr (1894-1976), a Sterling Professor at Yale University and one of the truly important Christian theologians of the 20th century, is probably best known for a book published in 1951, Christ and Culture. This book argues that Christians over the centuries have acknowledged that their loyalty to Christ and their loyalty to culture can be differentiated in various ways, but they have not agreed about the way in which these loyalties should be related. The dramatic claim of the book is that the history of the Christian church and the thought of major theologians have exemplified five enduring ways of thought of major theologians have exemplified five enduring ways of organizing these loyalties. Led by Charles M. Swetz, former professor of Christian Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. The book is now available at the front desk.

- **Adult Sunday School**
  - Sunday, April 28 10 a.m., Room 511
  - “Making Decisions about Retirement Communities” How do we make choices for ourselves, or those we love, about retirement living? There seems to be an ever-increasing concern for what options we have as we age. And the thought of major theologians have exemplified five enduring ways of organizing these loyalties. Led by Rev. Ann Rose Davie.

- **Adult Sunday School**
  - Sundays, May 5 and 12 10 a.m., Room 511
  - “Bible Study with Cuba Partners” Discuss and learn about the Book of Esther, unique among books of the Old Testament, written in the earliest Persian and Hellenistic periods. Rev. Beth Braxton has developed and will lead the two-week Bible study that will be done simultaneously with NYAPC partner, First Havana, and other Cuba partners. Rev. Braxton writes, “In Jungian terms, Esther’s story is a feminine counterpart to the masculine story of Moses and the Exodus.”

- **Community Club**
  - A one-woe-one tutoring and mentoring program for DC public and charter school students, primarily in grades 7-12, meets at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! If interested, please contact Tom Karr and Shamina Bradley at director@communityclubs.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

- **Food for the Hungry**
  - Non-perishable food donations are being requested to be shared with the Capital Area Food Bank, the largest nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington metropolitan area. Your donations are welcome 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 the District. NYAF awards grants to the Community Club and other local non-profit which further its mission. The Foundation is funded through individual contributions (Combined Federal Campaign #25839) and conducts its work through a volunteer Board of Directors. If you are interested in supporting or participating in the NYAF mission contact John Couroun, jcouroun@yahoo.com or (202) 735-5005.

- **Redefining Room Ministry**
  - Come fellowship with our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:30-10:45 a.m. Activities include hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of clothing, toiletries and money for transportation are needed. Contact Eleanor Robbins, elrobinn@comcast.net

- **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, fritz@shmetr.edu.

- **Triangular Park Committee**
  - Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church walkway, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Selber, mitslwa@verizon.net, Beth Deo, bethdeo@verizon.net, or Barry Tisdall, barttisdall@verizon.net.

- **NYAPC’s Young Adults**
  - Invite those in their 20s/30s (body or heart!) to join our group for post-service refreshments and discussion. Meet on Sundays, 8:30-11:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. For more information (or to be added to the e-mail list) contact Gordon Chaffin, gc001@verizon.net.

**The Worship Service**

- **I. The Community Gatherings for Worship**
  - **Prelude**
    - “Nimrod,” from The Enigma Variations
    - Edward Elgar
  - **Introit**
    - “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
    - Lobe den Herrn
  - **Call to Worship**
    - (adapted from Psalm 148)
    - Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!
    - All: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars.
    - All: Praise the Lord from the earth, all you sea monsters and all creatures of the deep.
    - All: Praise God, all peoples and rulers of the earth!
    - Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together!
    - All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted!
  - **Opening Hymn**
    - Ein Feste Burg

- **Prayer of Confession**
  - God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray. Give us a true repentance that leads to life and love for all Creation. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

- **Silent Confession**
  - **Assurance of Pardon**
    - Ein Feste Burg

  That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth; Let goods and kindness go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

*Please stand, if able
## The Community Hears the Word of God

### First Lesson
- Revelation 21:1-6, page 244, NRSV
- **Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.
- **People:** Thanks be to God.

### Anthem
- “Amazing Grace”
- arr. Robert Shaw
- Manuel Melendez, tenor

### Time for Children
- **Second Lesson**
  - John 13:31-35, page 102, NRSV
  - **Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.
  - **People:** Thanks be to God.

### Sermon
- “The Water Bill”
- Rev. Roger J. Gench

### The Community Responds to the Word

#### **Sending**
- Hymn #464, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
- Hymn to Joy

#### **Prayers of the People**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
   God of glory, Lord of love;
   Hearts unfeigned like flowers before Thee,
   Opening to the sun above.
   Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
   Drive the dark of doubt away;
   Give of immortal gladness,
   Fill us with the light of day!

2. All Your works with joy surround Thee,
   Earth and heaven reflect Your rays,
   Stars and angels sing around You,
   Center of unbroken praise;
   Field and forest, vale and mountain,
   Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
   Chanting bird and flowing fountain
   Call us to rejoice in Thee.

#### **Minute for Mission**

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### Hymns
- **Hymn to Joy**
- Spiritual, arr. Uzee Brown

### Dedication
- *Prayer of the People* and The Lord’s Prayer

### Building Tours
- Tour Guides John Davies
- Manuela Melendez
- David Andrae
- Todd Capell
- John Dial
- Mike Groom
- Amy Khurana
- Marsha Lewis
- Amy McClenahan
- John Metzger
- David O’Toole
- Bob Peck
- Dave Pilkington
- Ernie Prior
- Roberta Rasmussen
- Stephanie Scherzer
- John Schultheis
- Lauren Steenland
- Martha Steiner
- Crystal Tully
- Mary Lee Underhill
- Judy Van de Kamp

### Information for Sunday Visitors
- **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 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.
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