Opportunities for Service

7-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September until June, with guests recovering from mental illnesses. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencergib@nsa.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 Kerr and Shamika Bradley at directors@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 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, pyafoundation@gmail.com

Radiclife 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, obinseleanor@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, ms1lw2@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, ms1lw2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMsz, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

NYAPC’s Young Adults – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith in God study, and other fellowship service opportunities, contact Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@gmail.com)

Adventures in Prayer

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 Dwehurst.

The Theology of Karl Barth

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 Dogmatics in Outline. 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.

The Presbyterian Church and Life in Cuba

Rev. Hector Mendez, of First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Havana, will continue his 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.

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"An inclusive and justice seeking church"
II. The Community Heears the Word of God

First Lesson
Psalm 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

*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
(Page 37-38, "Chory to God" hymnal)

Prayer 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 and 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 sing 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.

Service of Communion

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 Galenic 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 #515, “I 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
#626, "Let Our Talents and Tongues Employ"

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

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Prothom by her fellow volunteers at the 7-29 Club.

We wish to thank Manuel Melendez, Purev Arlanbaatar 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 Yuaye Barnwell who was a singer in the popular A Cappella group, Sweet Honey in the Rock) for an intercultural choral festival. The words say it all – Keep Hope Alive!