**Opportunities for Service**

**7-2-9 Club**  - 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, spencergib@gmail.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 during school nights during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr 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 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, nyaffound@gmail.com

**Radcliffe 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 Robbins, robbinselaore@hotmail.com

**The Peace Candle**  - Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note and take one, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mljw3@bellsatver.com

**Triangle Park Committee**  - Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church walk, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mljw3@bellsatver.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall03@verizon.net

**NYAPC’s Young Adults**  - For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@gmail.com)

**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 Jan Maheras, the church office, or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

**Hymn**  - *Hymn* H60 (verses 1-2), "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" Here I Am, Lord

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought. We have strayed from You. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Please stand, if able*
*Response

#69 (verse 3), "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"
Here I am, Lord
I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread, I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

*A Brief Statement of Faith

(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34, pages 691, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Jesu, Joy of our Desiring"
J. S. Bach

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Psalm 51:1-12, pages 492, NRSV, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"On the Heart"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#421, "Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life"
Genevan

Sacrament of Baptism

Anne and Elinor Browning

Concerns of the Church

Rev. Elmarie Parker

Minute for Mission

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

*Sending Hymn

#833, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
St. Margaret

1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask
You for my life’s glory dead,
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

"Allegro," from Violin and Harpsichord Sonata No. 6, in G Major, S. 1019
J. S. Bach

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the volunteers on the Board of Trustees by members and friends of the congregations through their contribution to the Flower Fund.

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff, J. David Brown, and Jong Hoon Kim for their participation in worship this morning.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for people in the U.S. and overseas adversely affected by winter storms, losing homes, electricity and with scarce food.

8:45

Information for Sunday Visitors

Please stay for coffee and fellowship at the side of the Sanctuary after the 8:45 a.m. service and in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. service.

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.

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.

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 bulletins are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our Youngest Worshipers: We love having all the babies in the church! Babies and children are always welcome in the services. If you would ever like a bit of privacy, or if your infants would like a break, parents -- and nursing mothers especially -- are very welcome to use the Worship Center space (directly across from the Sanctuary with the blue sofas). The Nursery is also open each Sunday from 8:30-12:30.

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.

8:45

Liturgists Dan Stokes Martha Davis
Tour Guide Meg Nell Joe Riley
Worship Play Alice Tewell