Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spencer Gibbins, spencergc@gmail.com

Community Church – Washington D.C.’s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs adult volunteers to make a difference in a child’s life. Students and volunteers meet at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Please contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at directors@communitychurch.org or go to www.communitychurch.org for more information.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the Washington, D.C. community. It solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Contact Brian Schimming, nyaffoundation@gmail.com to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Every purchase helps a child in need.

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.

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money is needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robbinskay@hotmail.com

Prelude “Bist du bei mir (Be Thou With Me)” J.S. Bach

Introit “God is calling through the Whispers” Polish Tune, Wilsur Lee

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of God,
All: Wondrous, mysterious, marvelous.
Leader: In the name of Jesus,
All: Among us, beyond us, with us.
Leader: In the name of the Spirit,
All: Strange, startling, shaking.
Leader: We are called to worship.
All: We are called to lift our hearts and minds, to open our lips and our lives, to celebrate our God.
Leader: God calls us to God’s way in our time.
All: We accept that call seeking the ways of God’s wisdom and strength.
*Opening Hymn #174, “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” Madeleine

Prayer of Confession

God who is wisdom, make us each an instrument of Your love. May we see each circumstance in our lives as an opportunity to grow closer to You. Knowing Your eternal love and forgiveness, we bring You our confessions. We ask that where we have been unkind, You would help us become more patient. We ask that where we have been unkind and unloving, that our hearts would turn toward You. We ask that where we have become full of anger, that You would show us how to see each person as Your beloved creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Prelude

*Response

All are invited to join in moving, as we sing, by following the leaders.

#591, (Refrain), “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Repeat once

*Please stand, if able
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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.

*Sending Hymn

#351, “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Charlestown

1 All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:

2 In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus, “You must work while it is day.”

3 For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary’s hill.

4 Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name “The Lord is there!”

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

Postlude

“Voluntary in F Major”

Fanny Mendelssohn

We wish to thank David Williams for his participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in memory of Andrew Dornan by Molly and Mike Smith.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for New Beginnings — for those affected by hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, fire; for those suffering illness, job loss, bereavement; for those embarked on a new school year; for those needing help and encouragement to start afresh. We pray for God’s peace and love.

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**Information for Sunday Visitors**

Garage parking has been extended to 3:00 p.m. today.

We extend a warm welcome to visitors! We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

**Assisted Listening**: Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at josephthierry@gmail.com or 703-568-5138 for more information.

**Tours**: Meet a tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary following the service to tour the building and learn about our congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach.

**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.

**Families with Infants and children**: Infants and toddlers 4 and under are welcome in the Park Level nursery. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. During the services, children’s worship bulletins, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, Pastor Alice and helpers offer Worship Play for ages 3-10.

Whenever 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 connection with sisters and brothers in faith.

If you have been worshipping regularly at NYAPC and do not yet have a permanent nametag or have mislaid your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank nametag or have mislaid your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank nametag or have mislaid your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank nametag or have mislaid your permanent nametag, please fill out a blank nametag.

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**Preaching Schedule**

| October 1 | Rev. Dr. Hector Mendez |
| October 8 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |
| October 15 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |
| October 22 | Rev. Roger J. Gench |

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**Worship Play**

Offering ourselves to God in worship as a community can take on an additional layer of meaning when we involve our entire body in our prayer and praise. This Sunday and for several more upcoming Sundays we will practice ‘Hallel Halle’ as a way to deepen our connection with God — through our physicality.