

## You Belong Here.

From where you are now to where you are going.  
From the beliefs you carry to the doubts you know.  
From where you sleep to the place you call home.  
From whom you love to how you identify.  
You are seen, known, and loved by God  
and all parts of you are celebrated here.

*The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God in appreciation of the members of the Finance Committee.*

**Prelude** "Duetto," from *Songs Without Words*  
Felix Mendelssohn

### Words of Welcome

#### \*The Lincoln Chimes

*\*Please rise in body and or spirit*

#### \*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Let all who draw breath praise the Lord!  
Happy are those whose help is from God—  
the One who made heaven and earth,  
the One who created the seas and all that is in them.**

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God—  
the One who keeps faith forever,  
the One who feeds the hungry  
and defends the oppressed.

**All: God will reign forever, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!**

One: Let all who draw breath praise the Lord!

**\*Hymn** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* #23

### Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

**All: God of all Creation, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often, we prioritize our interests above the health and welfare of others. We ignore and deny the dignity of your image in all people and betray you and our best selves without regard for how our actions harm and enslave us, our neighbors, and the planet entrusted to our care. Forgive us. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Heal us. Return us to your paths of righteousness, justice, and peace. Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, hear the Good News:

**All: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us,  
not to condemn the world but in order that we might  
be saved – healed and forgiven – through him.**

### \*Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

*Please share signs of Christ's peace with your neighbor.*

### \*Response of Praise *We All Are One in Mission* #733

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above,  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Abigail Metcalf Lauer & Jeffrey James Erb Metcalf

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward and sit in the first pew for the baptism.*

### Affirmation of Faith *Apostle's Creed*

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven  
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and  
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic  
church; the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of  
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

**Baptism Hymn** *Baptized in Water* #482

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson *Mark 5:1-20*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Mission Possible: Prophetic Witness*  
Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson, Senior Pastor

**\*Hymn** *What Does the Lord Require of You? (sing 3x)* #70

### Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to give online.*

**Offertory** *My Song Shall Always Be the  
Loving Kindness of the Lord*  
Godfrey Sampson  
Whitney McColley, soprano

### \*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People

One: Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**

### The Lord's Prayer

... God, our Parent and our Friend, our Mother and ...

**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.**

**\*Hymn** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* #700

### \*Benediction

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude** *Negociando* Radames Gnattali  
Dr. Jason Solounias, piano

## Worship Team

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Rachel Pacheco

**Liturgist:** Meg Neill

**Music:** The NYAPC Sanctuary Choir, Whitney McColley,  
Dr. Jason Solounias, piano

**Tech:** Joe Thierry, Will Timmons, Jorn White

## Children Information

Children are welcome, including all their excitement and noises. There is a **dedicated children's space in the back of the sanctuary** with supplies and space for kids to wiggle. At each sanctuary entrance, there are **brightly colored worship kits** that children may borrow and use throughout worship at their seats. During worship, there is a **children's moment** when children are invited forward. After the children's moment, on most Sundays, children ages 3 years old to 3rd grade may choose to go to **Worship Play**, returning after the sermon.

Our **nursery is available at 8:45am through worship on the 3rd floor** for families with kids up to 4 years old who choose to use it.

## Things to Know During Service

When **bulletins are waved** during worship at NYAPC, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contributions to worship. This tradition was first learned and celebrated from our partner church in Cuba, First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana.

If there is an **asterisk (\*) printed** next to an item, we are inviting you to please rise in body and or spirit.

## Restrooms

**All-gender restrooms** are located through the double red doors next to the lectern, the large golden eagle to the left of the communion table.

## Accessibility

An **accessible entrance** is located on the ground floor on the New York Ave side of the building, which also provides access to an elevator serving all floors.

**Assisted Listening Devices** are provided at the rear of the sanctuary. This system includes a compact wireless receiver and headphones. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a t-coil, you can connect it to the receiver using an adapter. If you need any help with this, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers.

## Today

**8:15 am:** Radcliffe Room breakfast

**9 am:** Sunday School for all ages

**9:15 am:** Prayer group

**10 am:** Worship

**11:15 am:** Special Cuba Coffee Hour in the back of the sanctuary following worship

**11:30 am:** Conversation on Personal Pronouns in the Lincoln Parlor

## Sunday Morning Parking

Free self-parking is available on Sunday until 1 pm in the garage next to the church at **1399 New York Ave**. Please park in any non-reserved space.

## Language for God

At NYAPC, we strive to use inclusive and expansive language for God. This practice is a way to recognize and celebrate all individuals who are made in God's image, particularly those who have historically been marginalized in both society and the church. In doing so we embrace the many reflections of our Creator found throughout scripture and embody what it means to be the body of Christ.

## Stewardship 2024

Last Sunday was an amazing day for our Stewardship Launch: The choir sang excerpts from Duke Ellington's Sacred Service. Pastor Sarah preached on the joyful abundance portrayed in the parable of the sower. We welcomed new members. Over 100 of us enjoyed a celebratory potluck. The Radcliffe Room served breakfast to over 100 as well. All on a Sunday! All in the life of NYAPC! **Scan the QR code below to pledge** your support of our community's work in 2024. Thank you!

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