

*Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Shout Hosanna, for the Lord is coming!
Line the festival road with waving branches!

**All: We wave palm branches, praying and praising
as we walk God's way.**

One: We open our hearts to God's radical love. Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #196

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of the cross, we rejoice in your entry into the world and our lives. Joining with the crowds, we wave our branches and shout your praises. But as your love walks closer to danger, suffering, and death, our faith falters, and our willingness to follow you fails. Forgive us. Grant us the courage to bear your love in places of shadow. Remind us again that we can trust your life-giving presence in the pain and painful places of our lives. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel:

All: We are saved by grace through faith.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

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

***Response of Praise** *Be Thou My Vision* (v. 1) #450

Be thou my vision, o Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Luke 13:31-35

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* (v. 1) #198

Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to go to Worship Play, returning after the sermon.

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 19:28-40

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "I Have a Question . . . Did Jesus Have to Die?"
Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson, Senior Pastor

***Hymn** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* (v. 3,4) #198

Time With Children

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Online: www.nyapc.org/give-now

Text to Give: (202) 998-4677

Mail: 1313 New York Avenue NW, Washington DC 20005

Offertory *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Arr. Shelton Ridge Love
NYAPC Sanctuary Choir and Children & Youth Choir

***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

Congregational Meeting

*** Hymn** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #216

*Benediction

. . . All: Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude *What Wondrous Love* Traditional American Hymn

Worship Team

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson

Associate Pastor: Rev. Rachel Pacheco

Liturgist: Matthew Weitz

Music: The NYAPC Sanctuary Choir with Youth

Ensembles; Jenete St. Clair, Youth Director; Jacob

Gagosian, Sam Neill, Dr. Stan Engebretson

Tech: Andrew Reich, Will Timmons, Jorn White

Visitors Information

We are glad you joined us today! If you would like to be in touch with us, please speak with a pastor, usher, or visit our website at www.nyapc.org.

To learn about the congregation's heritage, current ministry, and outreach, meet a docent at the Lincoln pew immediately following the service. We invite you to sign the guestbook and to take home a peace candle at the rear of the sanctuary.

Sunday Morning Opportunities

9:00 am - Adult Learning in Lincoln Parlor

9:00 am - Sunday School for Children and Youth

9:15 am - Prayer in Lincoln Chapel

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Immediately following worship, all are invited for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship in Triangle Park in front of the church.

Children Are Always Welcome

Children are welcome, including all their excitement and noises. There is 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 to the front pew. After the children's moment, on most Sundays, children 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 children up to 4 years old who choose to use it.**

When bulletins are waved during worship at NYAPC, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contributions to worship. It is an action that we learned from our partner church, the First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, as an alternative to clapping.

Inclusive Language in Worship

At NYAPC we endeavor to use inclusive and expansive language for God as one way to acknowledge and celebrate all people and bring recognition and a sense of belonging to people who have been historically marginalized in society and even in the church. In doing so, we seek to broaden our expressions of God grounded in scripture and the many human reflections of our Creator as we live into what it means to the body of Christ.

Restrooms and Accessibility

All-gender restrooms are located out the double red doors next to the lectern, the large golden eagle to the left of the communion table. An accessible entrance is located on the New York Ave side of the building.

Assisted Listening Devices Available

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and headphones. You may also connect your t-coil equipped hearing aid to the receiver using an adapter. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Garage Parking

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

Get Connected

If you would like to be included in the church's weekly email newsletter, outlining upcoming events, please email adminoffice@nyapc.org.

Doing Justice, Loving Kindness

Every Sunday morning from 7:45 am, the church hosts breakfast and a clothes closet in our Radcliffe Room for those experiencing homelessness. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Phil Telfeyan (ptelfeyan@post.harvard.edu)

Supporting NYAPC's Ongoing Mission and Ministry

The ministry of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church is made possible entirely through the gifts of its dedicated members and friends. It is only through your generosity that the church can fully live into its core mission of challenging the powerful, standing with the oppressed, lifting up the broken-hearted, and making God's love and justice visible by welcoming and loving all.

There are many ways to share your gifts. **Donation options are found on the church website (www.nyapc.org).** For more information, contact **Finance Manager Lance Jameson** (lance.jameson@nyapc.org) or **Director of Planned Giving Cathy Schultheis** (catherine.schultheis@nyapc.org) for estate plans.

Lent and Easter Season

Palm Sunday, 10 am, Maundy Thursday, 7 pm, Good Friday, 12 pm, Easter Sunrise, 7:15 am, Easter Worship, 10 am

Church Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8am - 4pm
Thursday: 8am-9pm, and Sunday: 8am - 1pm



Expressing God's Love, Engaging in God's Justice

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The flowers are given today by Nancy Kissner (Mrs. G. Gordon) and John and Cathy Kissner Schultheis, to the glory of God and in loving memory of four generations of the Jacobs, Stewart, Smith, Kissner, Schultheis, Grier, Judkins and Frey families who have worshiped at The NYAPC and its Bethany Chapel for 125 years.

Prelude

Simple Gifts
Traditional American Hymn
Jacob Gagosian, Sam Neill, Jenete St. Clair,
Instrumental Ensemble

Words of Welcome

Welcome to The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, for we are so glad you are here! Wherever you are on the journey of life, love, or faith, know that all are welcome here.

***The Lincoln Chimes**

**Please rise in body and or spirit
Worshippers at New York Avenue stand at the sound of the Westminster chimes that begin each service, a melody played by the bells in our church tower given by the Robert Lincoln family in memory of President Lincoln who regularly worshiped at NYAPC.*