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 by Laura Brouse-Long in loving memory of her husband, Bill Long.

Prelude "*Allegro*," from Trio Sonata in C Major
Mary Anderson & Meg House, flutes

Words of Welcome

***The Lincoln Chimes**
**Please rise in body and or spirit*

Worshipers at NYAPC 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.

***Call to Worship**
One: Thanks and praise to you, Jesus Christ, Lord of all,
given the name above every other name.
All: Jesus, Lord of all, we worship and adore you.
One: King of righteousness, Prince of peace,
enthroned at the right hand of Majesty on high;
All: Jesus, Lord of all, we worship and adore you.
One: Great high priest, pioneer of our salvation,
living forever to intercede for us;
All: Jesus, Lord of all, we worship and adore you.
One: Every knee bows to you; every tongue confesses,
you are King of kings and Lord of Lords.
All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

***Hymn** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #267
Tune of Madrid, Spanish Folk Melody, 1824

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession
One: The Lord our God says: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my people." Trusting that God is indeed seeking us, let us confess together. Let us pray:

All: Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us.
Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world.
Guide us so that we may walk your way,
tentative step after tentative step. 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**
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 Are Standing on Holy Ground* #406
Geron Davis, 1983 (Sing 2x)

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that,
there are angels, all around; let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence, on holy ground.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 95:1-7
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Time With Children
Children of all ages are invited to come forward.

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-46
One: This is the word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Jesus is Lord"
Rev. Rachel Pacheco, Associate Pastor

***Hymn** *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* (v. 1,3,4) #260
Tune of Hyfrydol, 1831

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to give online.

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision*
Tune of Slane, Arr. Robinson

***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** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (v. 1,3,4) #263
Tune of Coronation, 1791

***Benediction**
All: Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude *Prelude to the Te Deum*
Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Worship Team

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson
Associate Pastor: Rev. Rachel Pacheco
Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Dave Milam
Liturgist: Sam Neill
Music: Mary Anderson, Meg House, NYAPC Sanctuary Choir, Dr. Stan Engebretson
Tech: Joe Thierry, Jorn White, D'Mitre Powell

This Sunday

8:15 am: Radcliffe Room breakfast
9 am: Sunday School for all ages
9:15 am: Prayer group
10 am: Worship
11:30 am: Advent Festival: Hanging of the Greens (in the Sanctuary) Help transform our sacred spaces, savor some treats, and enjoy some crafts! Everyone is welcome.

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.

Sunday Morning Parking

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

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.

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.

2024 Stewardship

We have received **$535,390 in pledges toward our $700,000 goal** - thank you for giving joyfully! NYAPC is a special community and our pledges support all we do together. Please consider what it is about NYAPC that is special to you as you prayerfully consider your pledge. **Scan the QR code** for campaign materials and to pledge online, **pick up a pledge form** at any entrance to the sanctuary or visit **nyapc.org/stewardship**.

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