

*The Lincoln Chimes

**Please rise in body and or spirit*

Worshipers 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.

*Call to Worship

One: As Abraham and Sarah welcomed the strangers,

All: So God welcomes us.

One: God greets us with joy

All: And says, “rest here for awhile.”

One: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

All: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

One: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

All: Let us rest in this holy place where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

One: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn *The Lord Is God* #63

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession
God of surprising grace, we come before you in need of healing: the healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride, our fear, our apathy, and our hopelessness. Remind us that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, not even the restoration of the whole world. Forgive us. Heal us. Set us back on the path of life so that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be as Christ calls us.
(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 *Morning Has Broken* (v. 1,3) #664

Morning has broken like the first morning;

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation; Praise every morning,

God’s re-creation of the new day!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 116:1-2, 12-29

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

Thanks be to God.

Time With Children

Children of all ages are invited to come forward. After the Time With Children, children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to go to Worship Play, returning after the sermon.

Second Scripture Lesson Genesis 18:1-15

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Surprise**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson, Senior Pastor

*Hymn *O God, Who Gives Us Life* (v. 1,3) #53

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Larson

*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 and The Lord’s Prayer

The time of sharing will conclude with a pastoral prayer and the Lord’s Prayer. As we listen to one another, we know and trust that God listens, too.

Lord in your mercy . . . **Hear Our Prayer . . .**

. . . God, who is 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 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing* (v. 1,3) #755

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

Postlude *Humoresque “L’Organo Primitivo”* Pietro Yon

Worship Team
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson
Associate Pastor: Rev. Rachel Pacheco
Liturgist: Mary Spatz
Music: NYAPC Sanctuary Choir, Mary Anderson,
Dr. Stan Engebretson
Tech: Joe Thierry, Andrew Reich, 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
 - 9:00 am - Gathering time (all ages) in Peter Marshall Hall
 - 9:10 am - Children (preschool-4th grade) in 5th floor classrooms
 - Youth (5th-12th grade) in 2nd floor office suite
 - Parent fellowship in Peter Marshall Hall
- 9:15 am - Prayer in Lincoln Chapel

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Immediately following worship, all are invited to 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.

General 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 in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Andrew Dornan by Molly and Mike Smith.

Prelude *Idylle, Op. 116* Benjamin Godard
Mary Anderson, Flute

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.

Moment For Mission Marilyn Seiber
PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering