

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle Mary Spatz

One: As the light of day fades in the evening

All: We hope for the sunrise.

One: As leaves journey toward earth mulch

All: We hope for good soil.

One: As the winter deepens around us, darkening our days

All: We hope for springtime.

One: As all around us sleep the sleep of the exhausted

All: We hope for healing.

One: We wait in wakefulness,

All: Eyes open,

One: In readiness and expectation,

All: For you to come;

One: For you to call us on a journey –

All: We wait awake.

One: As we light this candle, we proclaim your hope in this world,
leading us forward and inspiring us to your love.

One: On the dawn

All: Goodness comes.

One: With green shoots

All: Goodness comes.

One: From earliest darkness

All: Goodness comes.

One: From darkest soil

All: Goodness comes...

One: The Goodness that is dung and straw and lamb
and shepherd and angel -

All: Our God-With-Us;

One: The Goodness that is fresh babe -

All: Our Blessed One;

One: The Goodness that is Love Embodied -

All: Our Hope Born. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn O Lord, How Shall I Meet You #104

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you say, “Bring your full self. There’s room for you

here.” But we say, “Our lives are too messy.” You say, “Bring your

hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.” But we say,

“It’s too risky to hope.” You say, “Bring your grief. There’s room

for you here.” But we say, “It’s too much to bring with me.” God of

today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there’s

room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from

you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember

there’s room for our story, for every story, in your family tree.

(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.

*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 While We Are Waiting, Come (v. 1,3) #92

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come,

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Romans 8:22-28, The Message Bible

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 Matthew 1:1-17

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Sermon “All in the Family” Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson, Senior Pastor

*Hymn Through the Ages
Sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger” (Mueller)

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Offertory Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Gustav Holst

*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, 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 People, Look East (v. 1,2,5) #105

*Benediction
. . . All: Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude Scherzino on a French Carol Noël Nouvelet

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Worship Team

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson

Associate Pastor: Rev. Rachel Pacheco

Liturgist: Stacey Gagosian

Music: NYAPC Sanctuary Choir, Mary Anderson,

Meg House, Jenete St. Clair, Dr. Stan Engebretson

Tech: Will Timmons, Jorn White, Rob Neill

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 - Sunday School for Children and Youth (12/4 and 12/18)

9:00 am - Adult Learning (12/4, 12/11, and 12/18)

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

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



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Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent



The flowers in the chancel today on this Thanksgiving weekend are given by the Flower Fund in thanksgiving for the abundance that God has given to us.

Prelude *“Adagio and Allegro,”* Trio Sonata in E Minor J. Quantz
Mary Anderson, Meg House, Flutes; Jenete St. Clair, Cello

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.