

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 honor of our new Interim Director of Music and Organist, Paul Vasile.

Prelude *We Three Kings*
John Henry Hopkins, arr. Deanna Witkowski

Words of Welcome

*The Lincoln Chimes

**Please rise in body and or spirit*

Our tradition is to stand when the Westminster chimes play at the beginning of each service. The bells in the church tower were given by the Robert Lincoln family in memory of President Lincoln, who regularly worshiped here.

*Call to Worship

One: Arise! Shine!

All: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

***Hymn** *As With Gladness Men of Old* #150

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

All: God of All Creation, We have seen the glimmer of your starlight beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us to follow once again in the light of your Way. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: The Good News is this: God never tires out or grows weary. God is always with us. God heals us with mercy, and God strengthens us for service.

All: The One who numbers the stars knows us by name.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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

Heaven Is Singing for Joy! #382

Choir: Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for in your life and in mine
is shining the glory of God.

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 60:1-2

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 2:1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Rise Up and Follow"
Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson, Senior Pastor

***Hymn** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?* #152

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory *Walk In the Light*
George Elderkin, arr. Andre Thomas

***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

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Communion of the People

Please come forward by way of the center aisle, receive a piece of bread and a cup, and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. A server will come to those who cannot come forward.

Prayer after Communion

Congregational Meeting

***Hymn** *We Three Kings of Orient Are* #151

*Benediction

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude *Marche des Rois Mages (March of the Three Magi)*

Theodore Dubois

Worship Team

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson

Associate Pastor: Rev. Rachel Pacheco

Liturgist: Tamara Saltman

Music: NYAPC Sanctuary Choir, Paul Vasile

Tech: Joe Thierry, D'Mitre Powell

This Sunday

8:15 am: Radcliffe Room breakfast

9:15 am: Prayer group

10 am: Worship

11:30 am: Coffee Fellowship Time
(in the back of the Sanctuary)

11:30 am: Discussion: Travel & Faith
(in the Lincoln Parlor, on the first floor)

Children Information

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 through worship at their seats. During worship, there is a **children's moment** when children are invited forward. Afterwards, children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to go to **Worship Play**, returning after the sermon.

Our **nursery** is available through worship on the 3rd floor for families with kids up to 4 years old.

Things to Know During Worship

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 large golden eagle.

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

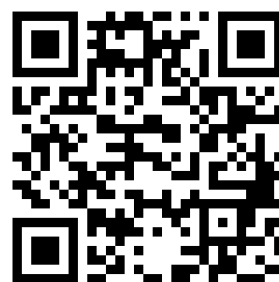
At NYAPC, we strive to use inclusive and expansive language for God. While many traditional prayers and hymns use gender-specific language for God, we seek to embrace the many reflections of our Creator found through scripture. In doing so, we embody what it means to be the body of Christ.

Giving

The ministry of NYAPC is made possible entirely through the gifts of 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. **Scan the QR code below to give online.**

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