

## Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

One: Lord, today we confess that we often live as those who have never heard of you.

We plan and strategize as though the outcome depends solely upon us. We worry, plan, and fret anxiously like those without an advocate.

**All: Forgive us Lord, for our worrying and wandering; for our scheming and anxious living.**

One: Forgive us Lord, for placing our trust in things other than you, for seeking glory when all glory belongs to you, for not leaning upon You when we feel weak, or powerless or alone.

**All: Forgive us Lord, for relying upon ourselves.**

One: Teach us how to rest in your gracious care and keeping, teach us how to live like we belong to You.

**All: Teach us how to trust in You.** (silence)

## Assurance of God's Grace

One: But God never grows tired or weary. The Holy Spirit continually breathes new life into the very depths of our being, restoring us to lives that reflect the profound goodness of God.

**All: So let's sing of God's goodness and give thanks to God!**

## \*Passing of the Peace

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

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## \*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!**

Choir: Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia, for your life and mine unite in the love of our God.

**All: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Prayer for Illumination

### First Scripture Lesson *Isaiah 40:21-26*

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 *Isaiah 40:27-31*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Rise Up: Creating Still"  
Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson, Senior Pastor

**Musical Meditation** *Those Who Hope*  
David Baloché

**\*Hymn** *There's a Wideness In God's Mercy* #435

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

**Offertory** *Have You Not Known?*  
Austin Lovelace

**\*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

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.**

One: Since you have called us, since you have kept a place for us, since your face lights up when we sit at your table, gracious God,

**All: how can we keep from singing?**

One: When deep down ... despite the contradictions, we know, we sense, we believe, that life is good; when one of your words, rings truer than ever before, when in one unexpected moment, we are given a glimpse of your kingdom, gracious God,

**All: how can we keep from singing?**

One: In this place, where prayer has been made for many years, in this place, where so many different people, have found their common bond in your call, in this place, where the walls are waiting to echo your praise, gracious God,

**All: how can we keep from singing?**

One: Joining our voices with the faithful in every time and place, we sing of your good news:

**All: No storm can shake our inmost calm while to that Rock we're clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can we keep from singing?**

## 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.**

## Words of Institution & 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.*

**Communion Song** *How Can I Keep From Singing?* #821

## Prayer after Communion

**All: In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5) #463

## \*Benediction

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Postlude** *Postlude on 'FOUNDATION'*  
David Cherwein

## Worship Team

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Rachel Pacheco

**Liturgist:** Nathan Moon

**Music:** NYAPC Sanctuary Choir, Paul Vasile,  
Jenete St. Clair

**Tech:** Andrew Reich, D'Mitre Powell, Jorn White

## 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)

## 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.**

## Get Connected

To find out about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, subscribe to our weekly email, make donations, send in prayer requests, and more, simply **scan the QR code below** or visit [nyapc.org/info](https://nyapc.org/info).



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# New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Sunday, February 4, 2024

*The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in honor of the NYAPC docents and tour guides who, each week, teach our guests and visitors about the congregation's heritage, current ministry, and outreach.*

### Prelude

*Prelude in D Major  
BWV 874, J.S. Bach*

### 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: Lift up your eyes and see.

**All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard?  
God meets us here.**

One: Open your ears to hear.

**All: Have you not seen? Have you not heard?  
God meets us here.**

One: Open your hearts and know God delights in you.

**All: For we have seen, heard, and known. From the beginning  
to the end, God, who created the heavens and the earth,  
is creating still. Let us worship God!**

#### \*Hymn

*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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