

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Molly Johnson & Penny Wagner

One: God, all kinds of feelings pass through us in this life:

All: From happiness to sorrow and everything in between.

One: We can look around and see all kinds of reasons not to feel joyful

All: Until we learn:

One: Joy is not felt

All: Joy is found.

One: We straighten our spines,

All: Posturing ourselves toward joy;

One: Needing constant rediscovery

All: Until it becomes our nature.

One: Joy in pain,

All: Joy in transformation,

One: Joy in journeying,

All: Joy in growth,

One: Joy in parting,

All: Joy in waiting.

One: As we light this candle,

we celebrate the Joy we experience in Christ.

One: This is the joy that wells up from us:

All: The intentional song,

One: The thoughtful gift,

All: The word of comfort,

One: A broken thing mended,

All: The belly filled.

One: This is the joy given to us:

All: To love and be loved,

One: To sacrifice and be blessed,

All: To be lost and found.

One: Joyful, Joyful!

All: Rejoice, Rejoice! Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1,3,6,7) #88

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our doubt and despair, our anxiety and stress, lead us to low and long- suffering places. Our eyes downcast, our hearts heavy, and our spirits tired, we find little for which to give thanks, we find few reasons to rejoice. Yet, you call us to resist the overwhelming forces of darkness and despair that drag us down and keep us paralyzed in fear. You call us to remember that you are always with us, and to wait in hopeful expectation for the babe about to be born in our lives anew. Empower us to lift our eyes in hopeful anticipation of your Good News. Forgive us. Help us. Save us. Renew our spirits and draw our hearts back to you.
(Silent prayer) Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

(From *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*, Doubleday, 2004)

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

Song of Illumination Come, Come Emmanuel #91
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. (repeat)

A Christmas Pageant See insert

Song of Reflection Come, Come Emmanuel #91
Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. (repeat)

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

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Offertory Comfort, Comfort, Now My People #87
Mika Inoue, Jacob Gagosian, violin
Akira Inoue, cello

*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 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #82

*Benediction
. . . All: Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Tune of Hyfrydol

Worship Team

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Johnson

Associate Pastor: Rev. Rachel Pacheco

Music: NYAPC Children and Youth Choir,

Whitney McColley, Dr. Stan Engebretson

Youth Orchestra: Jacob Gagosian, Akira Inoue, Mika Inoue, Sam Neill, George Rotchford

Tech: Joe Thierry, 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 - Adult Learning in Lincoln Parlor (not on 12/25 and 1/1)

9:00 am - Sunday School for Children and Youth (not on 12/25 and 1/1)

9:15 am - Prayer in Lincoln Chapel

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Immediately following worship, all are invited 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



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Sunday, December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent



Prelude "Sinfonia in G Major," from *Christmas Oratorio* J. S. Bach

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*

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.