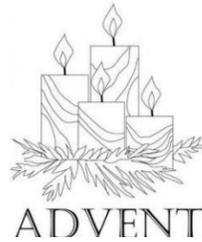


## 2017 Advent Calendar

- **Friday, December 22, 12 p.m.:** Longest Night Memorial Service and Lunch (Memorial service for those who died while experiencing homelessness in DC in 2017).
- **Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Service begins at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Roger J. Gench is preaching. No Sunday school.
- **Sunday December 24 Christmas Eve Services**
  - 5:30 p.m.: Early Service (tends to be more family oriented)
  - 8:30 p.m.: Later Service with Communion
  - Both Services conclude with lighting of the candles while we sing Silent Night
- **December 31, Christmastide at 10 a.m.:** Single Service at 10 a.m. No Sunday school.

Please Join Us!



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## Opportunities for Service

**7-2-9 Club** – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), September through June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, [spencergib@aol.com](mailto:spencergib@aol.com).

**Community Club** – Washington D.C.'s oldest tutoring and mentorship program for public and charter school students needs adult volunteers to make a difference in a child's life. Students and volunteers meet at the church on Thursday nights during the school year. Contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at [directors@communityclub.org](mailto:directors@communityclub.org) or go to [www.communityclub.org](http://www.communityclub.org) for more information.

**New York Avenue Foundation** – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact D.C. students. Please contact Brian Schimming, [nyavefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:nyavefoundation@gmail.com) to learn more. Shopping at Amazon? Be sure to select the NYAF as your charity-of-choice at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Every purchase helps a child in need.

**Food for the Hungry** – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

**Radcliffe Room Ministry** – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, [robinseleanor@hotmail.com](mailto:robinseleanor@hotmail.com)

**The Peace Candle** – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@gmail.com](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com).

**Triangle Park Committee** – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, [mjs1wan2@gmail.com](mailto:mjs1wan2@gmail.com) or Barry Tindall, [barrytindall@verizon.net](mailto:barrytindall@verizon.net)

**NYAPC's Young Adults** – For more information about Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship and service activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony ([shanthon@ncsu.edu](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu)) or Taylor Allison ([taylorallison93@gmail.com](mailto:taylorallison93@gmail.com)).

**NYAPC Parent's Listserve** – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell ([alice.tewell@nyapc.org](mailto:alice.tewell@nyapc.org)).

**Annual Stewardship** - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community, and mission of this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Lance Jameson, the church book keeper, Rachel Browning and Kim Johnson, the chairs of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

We are in need of volunteers to help make NYAPC a welcoming place for our visitors and members by staffing the welcome table in the narthex, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit <http://bit.ly/1OFPh6r>. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services, please contact Helen Anthony at [shanthon@ncsu.edu](mailto:shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Paul Dornan at [pbdornanp@aol.com](mailto:pbdornanp@aol.com).



## Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

December 17, 2017

10 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Lessons and Carols with Christmas Pageant

### I. Preparing to Hear the Word

**Prelude** "In dulci Jubilo"  
Traditional Carol

**Introit** "Es ist ein Ros"  
Arr. Peter Crisafulli  
Jack Anderson, Flutist

\*Lincoln Chimes

### II. The Community Gathers for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Roger Gench, Rev. Alice Tewell,  
Ms. Molly Johnson

*Children are invited to sit up front during the entire service and participate once we get to the 5th reading.*

\*Call to Worship and The Lighting of Advent Candles:  
The Candle of Joy Candle Lighters

Mary Danewitz, John Yoder, Susan Danewitz, Enola, Alistair, and Ambrose Yoder-Danewitz Shirley Yoder, Ron Yoder, Mary, Doug and Jack Anderson

**Leader:** Greetings in the name of Christ to this third Sunday of Advent. During Advent we watch and wait for Christ's coming. We light the candle of hope looking for Christ's reign for our world. We light the candle of peace hearing our call to be Christ's peacemakers for the world. We light the candle of joy remembering that in the midst of darkness, we are called to rejoice that Christ's light always shines.

**All: Rejoice! Our Lord is coming into the darkness of oppression and exile to lead us to God's kingdom of joy.**

**Leader:** Hear the words of Isaiah 35: "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing."

**All: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."**

\*Opening Hymn

#88, (verses 1 and 6) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"  
Veni Emmanuel

### III. The Community Hears the Word of God

The First Lesson

Annabel Rotchford

*God tells Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise. Selections from Genesis Chapter 3 as told in the "Jesus Storybook Bible"*

\*Please stand if able

**Prayer of Confession** Alex Moore  
 God of Advent, You have loved us without condition and command us to love others in the same way, but we are a people divided, a people too often ruled by hate, oppression, stereotypes, or apathy. God of peace, You pour over us with the peace that passes all understanding, but our world is wrought with anxiety, depression, violence, and war. God of joy, You offer us grace and freedom and a full life, but we focus too much on trying to be happy and make others happy. God, You offer us so much, and we respond with so little. Forgive us and make us whole. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**  
**Responsive Hymn**  
 #88, (verse 7), “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  
 Veni Emmanuel

**Passing of the Peace**  
**Christmas Affirmation of Faith**

Holy God, Emmanuel, always You are with us. We are aware of You only because You have created us to know You and enjoy You forever. Covenant God, Emmanuel, always You are with us. You entered human history, chose a particular people, and walked with them in sorrow and in joy. Companion God, Emmanuel, always You are with us. You are God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Deborah and David, Elizabeth and Zechariah, Joseph and Mary. Humble God, Emmanuel, always You are with us, now as one with us, now as one of us. Jesus of Nazareth, both of a woman, with a face, a name, and a story. Word of flesh, Emmanuel, always You are with us. We praise and adore You. Amen.

**The Second Lesson** Astrid Brigham  
*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the Earth be blessed. Genesis 22:15-18*

**Offering of Dance** “Silent Night” **Danced by Beth Clark**  
**Accompanied by David Clark, Saxophone**

**The Third Lesson** Penny Wagner  
*The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior. Isaiah chapter 9. Verses 2, 6 and 7 from the New Revised Standard Version.*

**Musical Selection**  
 “The Holly and the Ivy”  
 Youth Choir

**The Fourth Lesson** Sam Neill  
*The peace that Christ will bring is prophesied. Isaiah chapter 11 verses 1-6 from the Common English Bible*

**A Christmas Pageant Meditation** Rev. Alice R. Tewell  
*(Characters: Mary, Joseph, Angel)*

**The Fifth Lesson** Alex Moore  
*The Angel Gabriel visits Mary. Luke 1:26-35, 38, as told in the Desmond Tutu Jesus Storybook Bible*

**Musical Selection**  
 “A Maiden Most Gentle” a traditional French carol  
 Traditional Arr. Carter.  
 Youth Choir

*(Characters: Mary, Joseph, Angel)*

**The Sixth Lesson** Malcom Douglas  
*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. Luke chapter 2 verses 1 through 7 from the NRSV.*

**Congregational Hymn**  
 #121, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
 St. Louis

*(Characters: Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, Sheep, other animals)*  
**The Seventh Lesson** Corinne White  
*The shepherds go to the manger. The Angels enter too. So do the sheep! Luke Chapter 2, verses 8 through 16 from the Common English Bible.*

**Musical Selection**  
 #115, “Away in a Manger”  
 Mueller  
 Children’s and Youth Choirs

*(Characters: Wise Men, Herod and those already in front)*

**The Eighth Lesson** Lauren Gillies  
*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. Matthew Chapter 2 as told in the Desmond Tutu Storybook Bible.*

### III. The Community Responds to the Word

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Roger J. Gench  
 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.

#### Receiving Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** “The First Noel”  
 Youth Musicians

**\*Response** #607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
 Doxology  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise Christ, all people here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore.**  
**Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Lauren Gillies  
 Eternal God, through long generations You prepared a way for the coming of Your Son, and by your Spirit You still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to claim our love. Amen.

**The Ninth Lesson** Alex Moore  
*John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation. John Chapter 1 from the NRSV.*

**\* Sending Hymn:**  
 #134, “Joy to the World”  
 Antioch  
*All are invited to sing.*

- 1 **Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**  
**Let earth receive her king;**  
**let every heart prepare him room,**  
**and heaven and nature sing,**  
**and heaven and nature sing,**  
**and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**
- 2 **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**  
**Let all their songs employ,**  
**while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains**  
**repeat the sounding joy,**  
**repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3 **No more let sins and sorrows grow,**  
**nor thorns infest the ground;**  
**he comes to make his blessings flow**  
**far as the curse is found,**  
**far as the curse is found,**  
**far as, far as the curse is found.**
- 4 **He rules the world with truth and grace,**  
**and makes the nations prove**  
**the glories of his righteousness**  
**and wonders of his love,**  
**and wonders of his love,**  
**and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**Benediction**  
 Friends, go in peace. Be steadfast in faith. Live in harmony with one another. And may the God of hope fill You with all joy and peace in believing, so that You may abound in hope, peace, and joy by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Amen!

**Postlude**  
 “Sussex Carol” arranged by Peter Crisafulli  
 Jack Anderson, Flutist

The liturgy for this service is adapted from [Advent, Christmas and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship](#) by Brian Wren and from shared resources on the Young Clergy Womens’ Project.

The **Peace Candle in the chancel** reminds us to pray for **Joy** of the Season on this third Sunday of Advent, that joy will come to the hearts of all regardless of circumstances and situation—Joy to the World, may the Savior reign!

<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Tour Guide</b>	Barry Tindall

<b>Counters</b>	
<b>December 17</b>	ShuXian McKenna and Adam Bain
<b>December 26</b>	Ruth and Fritz von Fleckenstein
<b>January 2</b>	Jim Martin and Dan Stokes