NYAPC is offering the following events: 

- **NYAPC's Young Adults**: Every month of the year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. For more information about NYAPC's Young Adults, contact Taylor Allison (taylorallison93@gmail.com).
- **The Peace Candle**: Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are available 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.
- **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 4-5 times a week. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net.
- **NYAPC's Parent's Listserve**: For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the email list, contact Faith on Tap, Bible Study, other fellowship activities, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Helen Anthony (shannahon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (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 Alice Twell (alice.twell@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. 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 bookkeeper, Rachel Brown, and Kim Johnson, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.
- **Celebration of Worship**: The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people of every community, worship, service and leadership.
- **Prelude**: “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”
- **Introtio**: “As with Gladness, Men of Old”
- **Tune of Dik**
- **I. The Community Gatherings for Worship**

*Open* **Hymn**: #475, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Prayer of Confession**: Merciful God, in baptism, You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promise You made in baptism so that we may rise to new life, Lord, have mercy. One God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please stand, if able*
We praise You,

Invitation to the Table

Service of Communion

*Prayer of Dedication
11:00 a.m.

8:45 a.m.

Concerns of the Church

*Sermon Hymn

Sermon

Anthem

People:

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5, page 1, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Pilgrims’ Hymn”

Stephen Paulus

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Mark 1:4-11, pages 32-33, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Heaven’s Breaking Through” Rev. Alice R. Twell

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#174, “Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

Rustington

Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Kenya Mission Trip Beth Braxton

Offering

8:45 a.m. Please gather around the table for giving and prayer.

11:00 a.m. “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

Francis Bland Tucker

*Response

#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Doxology

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

God of grace, we stand by the river giving thanks for Your gift of grace given to us in baptism. Show us how to live our lives as bearers of peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing in the glory of Your name.

Response

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Argentine Sanlo

Holy, holy, holy, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as You own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Empowered by the Spirit, let us now offer the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

The Lord’s Prayer

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 and Distribution of the Elements

Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be given the elements in their homes.

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ’s self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#488, (verses 1-3) “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Waterlife

1 I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

2 “When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”

3 “In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun. When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes, I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Vieux Noël”

César Franck

*The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Rosemary McComb Maczy in Seeking Higher Ground, Service Prayers for Baptism of Christ Sunday.

We wish to thank Samantha Scheff for her participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the volunteers who serve as ushers and greeters.

The red rose on the Communion Table this morning is to welcome and celebrate the birth on December 25 of Wyatt William Buer, son of Devon and Neal Buer and grandson of Marilyn Seiber and the late William Norell and Nancy and Neal Buer.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray on this Epiphany Sunday for the wisdom of the three Kings to honor and celebrate Jesus, Christ the King, and to bring this honor and love to all mankind.

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Counters

January 7 Barbara Dorman and Dan Stokes

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