Ministries:
- The Congregation
- Associate Pastor
- Parish Associate:

Staff:
- Director of Music: Stanley P. Engbrecht, D.M.A.
- Parish Administrator: Beth Braxton, M.Div., MRE, D. Min.
- Executive Assistant: Joan Fewkes, B.A., M.Div.
- Director of Ministry: J. Gary Campbell, M.Div., MA.
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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. Donation boxes are located at the rear of the Sanctuary and front desk. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, 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 Seiler, mslaw23@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 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiler, mslaw23@gmail.com or Barry Tindall, baryttindall@gmail.com

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 (shannon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (taylorallison995@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).

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; it is that which makes possible everything else that happens at this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Lance Jameson, the church Senior Accountant, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

Volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table in the narthex, 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service greeting and then 15 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit https://t.ly/3OPjP or contact Helen Anthony (hellen@nyapc.org) or Paul Doran (pauldoran@nyapc.org)

Worship Services – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yjyoder@gmail.com ( ushering) or Mark Zaineddar at mrszaineddar@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.

Celebration of Worship

 использовать форму свернутого кармана

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

Prelude: “Fantasia”

Heiter Villa-Lobos

David Clark, Saxophone

Introit: “The First Nowell”

Traditional English Carol

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you.

People: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Leader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came from the East, saying: Where is he who is born king of the Jews?

People: For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

Leader: The light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*Opening Hymn

Amen.

*Response

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

P. And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned

C. Our sins and has made us friends of God.

P. And to the Holy Ghost, Whose celestial radiance of His glory. Amen.

C. He has revealed to us the mystery of His life.

P. The light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Praising the Peace

Response

*582, “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Traditional

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Holy Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. [Repeat]

* A Brief Statement of Faith

(Pages 37-38, “Glory to God” hymnal)

*Please stand, if able

Gathered for Prayer

Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

Adventures in Prayer has become a group of people who gather each Sunday to pray for one another, for the people on the prayer/care list, for the church and the world. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come anytime.

Christian Faith and Practice

This course will cover the basics of the Christian faith with an emphasis on how the faith has evolved in our contemporary context and how it can be practiced in our lives. We will cover subjects such as the nature of theology, the Bible, the Trinity, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and how these notions have changed in our modern setting. We will also talk about how each of these notions can shape the way we practice our faith. Led by Rev. Roger Gench.

Opportunities for Service

7-2-2 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. For more information, contact Spence Gibbons, spencepgibbons@gmail.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 Shamilka Bradley at direction@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

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II. The Community Heats the Word of God

First Lesson  
Isaiah 60:1-6, page 649, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.  
Anthem  
“While By My Sheep”  
Hugo Jungst  

Time for Children and Their Friends  
Matthew 2:1-12, pages 1-2, NRSV  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.  
Sermon  
The Scandal of Epiphany  
and the Shadow Side of Christmas  
Rev. Frances Taylor Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word  

*Sermon Hymn  
#153, “In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy”  
In Bethlehem

Concerns of the Church  
Moment for Mission  
Nominating Committee  

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings  

Offertory  
8:45 a.m.  
“The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy”  
11:00 a.m.  
Spiritual, arr. Wilburg  
Luke Ratcliffe, Piano; Eric Slaughter, Bass

*Response  
#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
Doxology  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, from whom all blessings flow.

*Prayer of Dedication  
Loving God, may these gifts reveal to us and to others the Light that is Jesus Christ. And may this Light lead us on into new and challenging ways of living and serving.

Service of Communion  

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 to the glory of Your name.

Response  
#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”  
Argentine Santo  
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!  
Your are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He unmask the idolatries of our lives and our world. He shares our life in every way, and lives in solidarity in and with the wounded of the earth. Baptized as Your own, he was crucified by imperial authorities, yet 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 us with 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  
8:45 a.m.  
The congregation is invited forward to take communion by intimation. After you receive communion, you are invited to stay up front and gather around the table for prayer and our final hymn. Please bring your bulletin forward with you.

11:00 a.m.  
Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers to take communion by intinction. After you receive communion, please return to your pew via the side aisles. These unable to come forward will be offered the bread and the cup at their seats. (The Gluten Free offering is in the middle aisle)

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 with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn  
#314, “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”  
Christ, Be Our Light  
1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.  

Refrain:  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine through the darkness  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.  

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.  
[Refrain]

3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.  
[Refrain]

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.  
[Refrain]

5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.  
[Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction  
*Congregational Response  
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude  
“Heartfelt Praise”  
arr. Hustad

We wish to thank David Clark, Luke Ratcliffe and Eric Slaughter for their special music this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the volunteers who serve on the Board of Diaconal Ministers.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for peace and understanding in the New Year, that hearts will be open to loving others no matter the differences, and that peace will come to God’s world.

Participants in Worship  
8:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  

Liturgist  
Meg House  
Tamura Salmon

Tour Guide  
Spencer Gibbins  
Melissa Jane Taylor

Worship Play  
Karen Dunlap  
Rev. Alice Tewell