Welcome to New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP
Please join us!

- Sunday, December 29, 2019 – First Sunday After Christmas
  o 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, January 5, 2020 - Epiphany
  o 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, January 12, 2020
  o 10:00 a.m.
  o Ordination/Installation of Church Officers

Cherishing God’s Love, Living in God’s Justice
1313 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005
Website: www.nyapc.org  Email: nyapc@nyapc.org
Telephone: (202) 393-3700

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Restrooms and Accessibility
An all gender restroom is located out the double red doors next to the lectern, the large golden eagle to the left of the communion table. An accessible eagle is located on the New York Avenue side of the building. The sanctuary is equipped with a t-loop for hearing assistance and large print bulletins and hymnals are available from our ushers.

Children Are Always Welcome
Children, and all their excitement and noises, are always welcome in worship. There is a dedicated space toward the back of the sanctuary with books, toys, and space for kids to wiggle. On Sundays, we offer childcare from 8:30am-12:30pm by paid, professional caregivers. There is a quiet space for nursing mothers in the Meditation Room within the church library on the 1st floor.

Doing Justice, Loving Kindness
Every Sunday morning from 7:30-9:00am, the church hosts breakfast and a clothes closet in our Radcliffe Room for those experiencing homelessness. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Eleanor Robins, robinselen@hotmail.com.

Every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00pm, we provide dinner and a safe fellowship experience for those struggling with mental illness. Volunteer with 7 to 9, by contacting Phil Telfeyan, telfeyan@post.harvard.edu.

Every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 pm, the church hosts Community Club, the longest ongoing free tutoring program for DC public school students. If you’d like to make a difference in the life of a student, please contact Tom Karr or Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org.

Monday through Friday, the Downtown Day Services Center is open in the church’s lower level, providing showers, laundry facilities, a hot lunch, permanent housing support, and wraparound services. Visit https://www.downtowndc.org/program/thsc-center/ for more information.

Sunday Morning Worship, Fellowship, and Education
On December 29, January 5 and 12 we will have one worship service at 10:00am. On January 26th we will return to our regular schedule of two services at 8:45am and 11:00am, with Christian Education for children, youth, and adults at 10:00am. Coffee and treats are offered after worship in the back of the sanctuary.

Get Connected
If you’d like to be included in the pastor’s weekly email, outlining upcoming events, please indicate on the Welcome Pads found on the ends of the pews or by sending an email to our Church Administrator, Jasmine Jowers Pratt at jasmine.pruitt@nyapc.org. Check out our website (www.nyapc.org) for more information on events for youth and young adults as well as bible studies, musical opportunities, and international mission partnerships.
*Response of Praise

#134 (verse 4), "Joy to the World!"
Amtoch
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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Leader: ...So tonight, we light the Christ candle as a reminder that so many years ago,
All: a child was born—and that child was love, and that love is here today. The Word of God was made flesh, and dwells among us. Thanks be to God for a love like that, a love forever in pursuit of you and me.

Response
#106, Prepare the Way, O Zion
Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Great One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O best is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.

The Gift of Hope
Isaiah 7:14; 40:3-5 Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah
Carol #88, (verse 1) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Veni Emmanuel

The Gift of Faith
Luke 1:26-38 The angel, Gabriel, visits Mary
Anthem “Star Carol”
John Rutter
Matthew 1:18-21 An angel visits Joseph
Carol #104, (verses 1, 3) “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”
Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

The Gift of Peace
Carol #115, (verses 1, 3) “Away in a Manger”
Mueller

The Gift of Joy
Luke 2:8-20 The angels announce the good news
*Carol #119, (verses 1, 3) “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Mendelssohn

*Response
#143, (verse 4) “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
Regent Square
4 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!
The Offering
Offertory “Still, Still, Still”
German Carol, arr. Ledger

*Prayer of Dedication
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Christmas Eve Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Leader: Holy One, Holy Three—Author, Word, and Breath you unfolded time and space and created us to love and be loved, to live on this earth, and tend to it for your glory.
All: With all our heart we praise you and thank you.
Leader: Holy One, Holy Three—Lover, Beloved, and Energy of Love, you became human in Jesus, whose love goes beyond our limits; reaching out to good and bad alike and calling us to practice peace, mercy, and kindness; to forgive as we have been forgiven; and to love even our enemies.
All: With all our heart we praise you and thank you.
Leader: Holy One, Holy Three—Giver, Given, and Giffting, as we share this bread and cup, we remember how Jesus died for us, bore our sins in his body on the tree, defeated the powers of this age, and lives among us here and now, breaking our dividing walls and giving us good news.
All: With all our heart we praise you and thank you.
Leader: Holy Spirit, power and presence of Holy Three, Holy One, make this bread and cup our communion in the Risen Christ. And with all your people we join our voices together, using our own language as we say the prayer of Jesus...
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
All are welcome to partake in the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. It does not matter who you are or what you believe, God welcomes you and so do we. Please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup, returning to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten free bread and a separate chalice is located between the servers, please indicate if you’d like that option. For anyone unable to come forward, servers will bring the sacrament to you in the pew.

Prayer After Communion
Leader: Living God, Holy One, Holy Three, thank you for feeding us at this table.
All: As we go, keep us close to you, trusting in your love, and bearing the good news of Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Christmas Candles
Ushers and pastors will share light from the Christ Candle. Please carefully pass the light on to those around you. Please blow out your candles after the benediction and place them in the baskets provided as you exit the sanctuary.

* Carol #122, (verse 1-3) “Silent Night, Holy Night”
Stille Nacht

1 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright ‘round you virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Benediction and Sending
We wish to thank Jenete St. Clair, Whitney McColeby and the Sanctuary Choir for their participation in worship this evening.