Tuesday, December 24, 2019
- Christmas Eve Worship
  - 5:30 p.m. – Family Service
  - 8:00 p.m. – Communion

Sunday, December 29, 2019 – First Sunday After Christmas
- 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 5, 2020 - Epiphany
- 10:00 a.m.
- Ordination/Installation of Church Officers

Participants in Worship

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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. For more information, Contact Phil Telleyan, ptelleyan@poet.harvard.edu.

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 Kerr or Shamina Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

New York Avenue Educational Foundation - The NYAEF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youths in need in the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyaef.org to learn more or contact Brian Schumning at brian.schumning@gmail.com. Shopping at Amazon? Select the NYAEF as your charity-of-choice through this link; https://smile.amazon.com. Federal employees/retirees please consider giving through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #28389) at https://cfcgeben.org/cpc.

Food for the Hungry – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capitol Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Donation baskets are at the rear of the sanctuary and front desk.

Rockcliffe 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, rohbinsclara@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@hotmail.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 Seiber, mjs1wan2@hotmail.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall17@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 shanbanou@msn.com or Taylor Allison taylorallison2007@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, 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 Senior Accountant, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, 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 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit http://bit.ly/1OPHP6e or contact Helen Anthony shanbanou@msn.com or Paul Dorman ptdorman22@gmail.com.

Worship Service – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yoderj@gmail.com (usherings) or Mark Zain eddin at zaineddin@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.

Celebration of Worship
Following Christ into places of brokenness and joy, NYAPC will do justice, treat all with kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with God.
December 22, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude
“In Dulei Jubilo”
Traditional German Carol

Welcome and Announcements

Introit
“Every Valley Shall be Exalted,” from Messiah
G. F. Handel

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: We worship a God of power and grace;
All: so the angels sing,
“Glory to God in the highest heaven!”

Leader: We worship a God who dares to come close to us;
All: so the angels proclaim,
“I am bringing you good news of great joy.”

Leader: We worship a God of miracles and mystery;
All: so the angels insist,
“Nothing will be impossible with God.”

Leader: We worship a God who never leaves us alone;
All: so the angels repeat,
“Do not be afraid.”

*Opening Hymn
#98, “To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary”
Annunciation

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, we need your angels.
We need your angels because this is the truth:
we are almost always afraid.
And when we are afraid, we are not our best selves.
All: When we are afraid, we see enemies all around us;
we say words we don’t really mean;
we develop tunnel vision and lose sight of others.
When we are afraid, we forget how to love like children of the light.
Leader: So send us your angels once again.
Let them whisper into our ears and breathe peace into our hearts.
All: Send us your angels once again, because we do not want to be afraid.

Solemn Confession
Assurance of Grace

*Please sit in body or in spirit
*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#88, (verse 7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Veni Emmanuel
O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The White Family

Leader: …Let us pray.
All: Living Christ, give us faith to trust you,
hope to follow you,
love to live for you,
and wisdom to know you. Amen.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“The Gift”
Traditional, arr. Bob Chilcott

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Heather G. Shortlidge

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#100, “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”
Star of County Down

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: The reign of Christ comes not by conquest, domination, and manipulation,
but by gracious love, gladly given, and willingly received.
The reign of Christ comes near
wherever people covenant together and say:
All: Christ, we are your body: live in our hearts.
Christ, we are your people: govern our lives.
Christ, we are your witnesses: send us out in your name.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming”
Es ist ein Ros’, arr. Kircher
David Clark, Saxophone

*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

Holy God, may these gifts be used
joyfully share your good news with all whom we meet.
Amen.

*Sending Hymn

#113, “Angels We Have Heard on High”
Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing:
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Festival Postlude on “Joy to the World”
Tune of Antioch, arr. Jones

Congregational Meeting

Please remain seated for a brief meeting of the congregation to elect officers
and make suggested changes to the church bylaws. Officer bins and bylaw changes can be found on the bulletin insert.

* The Advent Candle Liturgy and Affirmation of Faith come from Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship by Brian Wren.

We wish to thank Elijah Williams and David Clark for their participation in worship this morning.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the themes of Advent, that we are reminded daily of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, and this week especially remembering Peace—in our hearts, in our world.

Information for Sunday Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors! We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Mission Statement: The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith in the heart of Washington DC, furthering God’s transforming work, 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.

LARGE PRINT bulletins are now available for our worship services, including enlarged copies of the hymns. Please pick one up if it’s helpful to you, or ask a Deacon usher.

Assisted Listening: Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an earphone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Contact Joe Thierry at josephnthierry@gmail.com or 703-568-3158 for more information.

Tours: Meet a tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary following the service to tour the building and learn about our congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Nursery and Quiet Spaces for Families with small children: We are so happy to have infants and children in worship with us. Our nursery, located in Room 317 (3rd Floor), is an option for babies and children 4 and under. Licensed, paid professionals provide care. The nursery is open from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Parents are invited to feed their children in the sanctuary or if you prefer some privacy and a quiet space, we have a dedicated nursing-caregiving room within the library on the 1st floor. There is also space and comfortable chairs in the balcony area (3rd floor) as well as Alice and Stan’s outer office on the 2nd floor (sanctuary level). There is a single stall restroom with a changing table in that space.

Worship and Worship Play: We want children to feel included in worship and believe that they are a vital part of our community of faith. Being in worship together can help children understand God’s love and their identity as children of God. During our worship services, children’s worship bulletins, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, helpers offer Worship Play for ages 3-10.

When bulletins are waved during worship at NYAPC, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other contribution to the service. It is an action, which we learned from our partner church, the First Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Havana, as an alternative to clapping. For the wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and brothers in faith.