LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Please join us!

- **Sunday, January 5, 2020 - Epiphany**
  - 10:00 a.m.

- **Sunday, January 12, 2020**
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - Ordination/Installation of Church Officers

### 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, ptele@scott.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 Karr 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 youth in need in the Washington, D.C. community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to classroom nonprofits, including Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyaeftc.org to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at nyaeftc@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 #258399) at https://cfcgiving.opm.gov.

**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 baskets are at the rear of the Sanctuary and front desk.

**RushLife Rooms 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, eleanorrobins@hotmail.com.

**The Peace Candle** – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregation. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the peace card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, m1tuan76@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, m1tuan76@gmail.com or Barry Tisdall, barrytisdall@yahoo.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 (shantwo@ncscu.edu) or Taylor Allston (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).

### **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 gathering and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit http://bit.ly/1O9Pb6e or contact Helen Anthony shantwo@ncscu.edu or Paul Dornan pauldornan@gmail.com.

**Worship Service** – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at vodrie@gmail.com (ushering) or Mark Zaieddin at zaieddin@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 29, 2019**

10:00 a.m.

**First Sunday After Christmas**

**Prelude**

"Angels, We Have Heard on High"

Arr. John Gibson

**NYAPC Flute Choir**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Introt

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

Traditional English

**Lincoln Chimes**

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We who followed the star

**All:** let us shine with God’s light!

**Leader:** We who knelt at the throne

**All:** let us kneel in the temple of the Lord.

**Leader:** We who welcomed the Christ child

**All:** let us sing with glad hearts, and rejoice that God is in our midst.

**Opening Hymn**

#143, “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Regent Square

**Prayer of Confession**

You came in weakness, Mighty God: forgive our grasping for power.

You came in humility, Prince of Peace: forgive us for wanting more than others.

You came in poverty, Everlasting One: forgive us when we do not see your family members sleeping on our streets.

You came in gentleness, Wonderful Counselor: forgive us for the pain we cause others.

You came in humility, Prince of Peace: forgive us for the pain we cause others.

**Joy, NYAPC will do justice, treat all with kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with God.**

Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today:

You came in gentleness, Wonderful Counselor:

You came in poverty, Everlasting One:

You came in humility, Prince of Peace:

You came in weakness, Mighty God:

You came in gentleness, Wonderful Counselor:

You came in poverty, Everlasting One:

You came in humility, Prince of Peace:

You came in weakness, Mighty God:

*Please rise in body or in spirit*
II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
Matthew 1:1-17, page 1, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“God Rest You Merry”
Traditional English Carol, arr. Williams

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson
Matthew 1:18-25, page 1, NRSV
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
#145, “What Child Is This”
Greensleeves

*Affirmation of Faith
(A Declaration of Faith 10.5)
In Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possible now
in the world, in the church, and in our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.

God makes himself known in Jesus Christ.
Jesus’ involvement in the human condition
is God’s involvement.

Jesus’ compassion for all kinds of people is God’s compassion.
Jesus’ demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God’s demand.

Jesus’ willingness to suffer rejection is God’s willingness.
Jesus’ love for the very people who reject him is God’s love.

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
“Shepherds in the Field Abiding”
Traditional French Carol, arr. Willockes

*Response
#132, (verse 3) “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
In Dulci Jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the health and endurance of those who are experiencing homelessness during this season of extreme weather.

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 ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Contact Joe Thierry at josephthierry@gmail.com or 703-568-518 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 place, we have a dedicated nursing-pumping-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.

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We wish to thank the NYAPC Flute Choir for their special music this morning.