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

Today, 10:00 a.m., Lincoln Parlor
The stories for Dec. 8 are Tobias Wolff’s “The Rich Brother” and three stories by Wendell Berry, “Making It Home”, “It Wasn’t Me” and “Are You All Right?”

We wish to thank Jenete St. Clair and our NYAPC Brass Ensemble for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the volunteers who serve on the Stewardship Committee.

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.

Gathered for 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, for making friends. For more information, contact Phil Telleyan, pttelleyan@post.harvard.edu.

Community Church – 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 Shamika Bradley at tpacific@communitychurch.org or go to www.communitychurch.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, DC community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits, including Community Church, to further impact DC students. Visit https://mycfd.org to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at grafton.dfc@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 #25839) at https://cfegiving.cfm.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.

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 Robbins, robinseloran@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their communities. 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@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 Seiber, mjs1wan2@gmail.com or Buzzy Tinsell, buzzytinsell@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 (shanbor@mnsu.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 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 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/1OPb9e or contact Helen Anthony, shanbor@mnsu.edu or Paul Dorman, pauldorman@verizon.com.

Worship Service – Are you interested in ushering or a liturgical doing during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yoderjdr@gmail.com (usherling) or Mark Zaineddin at zaineddin@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.

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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 8, 2019
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude
8:45 a.m. “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Traditional

11:00 a.m. "Queen Vidistis Pastores,” from Christmas Cantata
Daniel Pinkham
The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Brass Ensemble
John Powell, Kevin Malone, Trumpets, Will Timmons, Adam McCollrey, Trombones

Silent Meditation
“Christ comes.”
In the word on the street and the word that forgives, Christ comes.
At the end of the day, Christ lives and leads.
God be praised!”

Welcome and Announcements
Introit
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
Tune of Truro

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

*Call to Worship

Leader: God most particular, descending from generalities to show yourself in person, and speak to John the Baptist in a specific time and place,
All: make our love for you as particular and specific as your love for us,
Leader: beginning here, beginning now,
All: through the leveler of mountains and the straightened of crooked ways, Jesus Christ.

*Opening Hymn
#106, “Prepare the Way, O Zion”
Beneden Víg For Herran

Prayer of Confession
Leader: Christ our Savior, save us from today’s capricacies:
All: From the need to have more; and from having our identity and self-worth defined by what we possess—

*Please rise in body or in spirit
Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may be helpful at NYAPC. For the wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment 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 Thiery at josephthiery@gmail.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Alternative Christmas Giving is open from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Parents and brothers in faith are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, helpers offer enlarged copies of the hymns. Please pick one up if it’s helpful to you, or ask a Deacon usher.

Leaders:
Savior Christ, set us free.
All:
From the need to be satisfied without waiting; and from anxiety when material longings are deferred—

Assisted Listening

Silent Confession

Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

**Response

III. The Community Responds to the Word

Sermon Hymn
#36, “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”
Wesleyan New

Affirmation of Faith
(Brief Statement of Faith, sections 5 and 6)

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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
8:45 a.m.
Place circle around the communion table for giving and song. You also invited to sit in the front pew.

11:00 a.m.
“Hodie Christus Natus Est”
Giovanni Gabrieli

*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 Trinity God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, may these gifts be used not for routine religion, but in order to bring about changed lives and a changed world. Amen.

Sending Hymn
#88, (verse 1, 2, 6) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude
8:45 a.m. “Wacht auf, ruft uns die Stimme,” from Cantata BWV 140
J. S. Bach

11:00 a.m. “Gloria in Excelsis Deo,” from Christmas Cantata
Daniel Pinkham

*The silent meditation, call to worship and confession are from Brian Wren, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

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.

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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.