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

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for peace and all good things in the New Year, that we will remember to be kind to our neighbors near and far, count our blessings, and love one another in God's great creation.

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@post.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 Shamika 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, DC community. Annually, it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots nonprofits. Contact Community Club, to further impact DC students. Visit https://nyae.org to learn more or contact Brian Schimming at nyae@byu.edu. 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://cfccgiving.opm.gov.

Food for the Hungry – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large non-profit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Donations can be left at the rear of the Sanctuary and front desk.

Radiolife Room Ministry – Come join our handsome 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, 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 Seiber, mseiber@nyac.org.

Triangule 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, mseiber2@email.com or Barry Tindall, bartindall@gmail.com.

NYAEC’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 (shanthon@ncsu.edu) or Taylor Allison (tayallison97@gmail.com).

NYAEC Parent’s Lighthouse – For more information about ministry for infants to high schoolers, or to be added to the e-mail list, contact Associate Pastor Alice Tewell (alice.tewell@nyac.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 Jamerson, the church Senior Accountant, Helen Anthony, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Alice Tewell, the Associate 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 beginning and then 15-20 minutes after, to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details, visit http://bit.ly/1OFPh6r or contact Helen Anthony shanthon@ncsu.edu or Paul Dornan jdhornan@nyac.org.

Worship Service – Are you interested in ushering or serving as a liturgist during Sunday service? Please contact John Yoder at yjcowel@gmail.com (usher) or Mark Zaineddinn at zaineddinn@gmail.com (liturgy) for more information.

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Celebration of Worship
Fellowing Christ into places of brokenness and joy, NYAPC will do justice, treat all with kindness and mercy, and walk humbly with God.

January 5, 2020
10:00 a.m. Epiphany

Prelude – “Les Bergeries” François Coppeurin le Grand

Welcome and Announcements

Introit – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”

*Tune of “In Dulci Jubilo,” 14th Century German Carol

* Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gatherings for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, God said,
People: “Let there be light!”
Leader: In the beginning was the Word,
People: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Leader: In the beginning there was a story,
People: full of reconciliation and redemption,
Leader: grace and Good News, light and life.

*Opening Hymn

#151, (verses 1, 2, 5) “We Three Kings of Orient Are”
Kings of Orient

Prayer of Confession

Shine your light, O God, into the darkness of old superstitions and the dogmas which refuse to fade away easily;
Shine your light, O God, into the darkness of pride in the half truths that have masqueraded as wisdom;
Shine your light, O God, into the darkness of entrenched evil that hates the light and tries to dispose of it;
Shine your light, O God, into the darkness of apathy that cannot be bothered to open up the shutters.
Shine your light, O God, into all the dark places of this world.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

*Response

#134, (verse 4) “Joy to the World”

Antioch

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.

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

First Lesson and Epiphany Pageant
Matthew 2:1-12, pages 1-2, NRSV

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem**
“Ding Dong Merrily on High”
Traditional English Carol

**Time for Children and Their Friends**

**Second Lesson**
Matthew 2:13-23, page 2, NRSV

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**
Rev. Alice Rose Tewell

**III. The Community Responds to the Word**

*Sermon Hymn* #129, “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Es Ist Ein’ Ros’

*Affirmation of Faith* (A Christmas Carol from Latin America)

We believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the Gospel which began in Bethlehem.
We believe in the One whose spirit glorified a small village, of whose coming the shepherds saw the sign, and for whom there was no room in the inn.
We believe in the One whose life changed the course of history, for whom the kings of the earth had no power, and who was not understood by the proud.
We believe in the One to whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind and the leprous gave welcome and accepted as Savior.
We believe in the One who, with love, changed the hearts of the proud, and with his life, showed that it is more important to serve than to be served, and that the greatest joy is in giving your life for others.
We believe in peace, which means justice among all peoples and nations and love among all.
We believe in reconciliation, forgiveness and the transforming power of the gospel.
We believe that Christmas is strength and power, and that this world can change if, with humility and faith, we kneel before the manger. Amen.

**Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**
“Torches, Torches”
Traditional French Carol

**Response**
#121, (verse 4) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
St. Louis

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

*Prayer of Dedication*

Holy God, we give you thanks for these gifts representing our hard work, our time, and our hope found in you. We pray that these gifts may enliven our hearts and embolden our bodies so that we may serve you by deeply showing up to those in need of your love and care. Amen.

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

Invitation to the Table

Hymn
#147, (verse 1-2) “The First Nowell”
Traditional

1 The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Litany of Thanksgiving

**Leader:** God is with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us open our hearts.

**People:** We open them up to our God.

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

**People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Bright shining God, inner light of all faithful souls, we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art. We rejoice that you have made us in your image and call us to live in your limitless love. You sent your only child, our morning star, to light a way in our heart and lead us to justice and peace. Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives. Each daybreak you call us to feel the hungry, bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed, heal the brokenhearted, bind up their wounds, and keep watch for the dawn of your kingdom on earth. For all of this we give you thanks. And we praise you, joining our voices with all life on earth and the company of believers, who forever sing your hymns to proclaim the glory of your name.

Response

#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”
Argentina Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!
By your Spirit bless this bread and this cup that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us. Shine your light and your love on the offering of our fires, even now as we pray the prayer Christ taught.

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 Distributions 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. Glutten 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 pews.

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

*Sending Hymn* #152, “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?”
Puer Nobis Nascitur

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?
’Tis sent to announce a newborn king;
glad tidings of our God to bring.

2 ’Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, “From Jacob shall a star proceed,”
and lo! the eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord’s command.

3 While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord conveys
and urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light.

4 O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.

*Commissions to Ministry and Benediction*