Welcome to The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member . . .
Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged . . .
Whether you grew up Presbyterian, something else, or without any kind of faith . . .
You are welcome here and you have made us better by being present today.

We are a proud More Light Congregation, welcoming and advocating for the full inclusion of LGBTQIA peoples.

No matter who you are or where you’ve come from, we’re so glad you’re here today.

Coffee and Treat Fellowship
Join us at the back of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service for coffee, treats, conversation, and community.

Restrooms and Accessibility
Restrooms are located through the double red doors next to the lectern, the large golden eagle to the left of the communion table. An accessible entrance with elevators is located on the New York Avenue side of the building. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from our ushers.

Free Parking
On Sundays, free parking is available until 1pm in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue.

Children Are Always Welcome
There is a dedicated space on the H Street side of the sanctuary stocked with children’s bulletins, coloring pages, and books. Our nursery, located on the third floor, is staffed by licensed professional childcare workers and is open from 8:15am-12:30pm. Exit through the doors on either side of the pulpit, and take the elevator or stairs up one floor. During the sermon, adult leaders offer worship words in the Associate Pastor’s Office for children ages 3-10. Please ask an usher if you have any questions—we would love to welcome your little ones into our midst.

Getting to Know Us
The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith in the heart of Washington, D.C., furthering God’s transforming work, challenging the powerful, standing with the oppressed, lifting up the voiceless, and nurturing a safe space for community to form. Through prayer, worship, and conversation, we seek to come together as one in Christ.

If you’d like to learn more about the mission and history of the church, join us for a short tour following the worship service that leaves from the front of the sanctuary at the Lincoln Pew. Interested in learning more about membership? Contact Paul Manz paulmanz@nyapc.org for more information.

If you’d like to volunteer, please contact Eleanor Robins eleanorrobins@nyapc.org.

Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Alice R. Tewell, Associate Pastor

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

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.

March 8, 2020
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Lent

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Prelude
“Lenten Meditation”
Paul Manz

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Based on Psalm 121

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All: My help comes from the Creator, who made heaven and earth.

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All: The Power who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Eternal Love is your keeper and is your shade at your right hand.

All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Holy Spirit will keep you from all evil and will keep your life.

All: God Three in One will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Opening Hymn

#366, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” (verses 1-4)
Hytrydol

Prayer of Confession
Based on Psalm 51

Merciful God,
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(if you would like to make a difference in the life of a student, please contact Tom Karr or ptelfeyan@post.harvard.edu)

Looking Ahead in Worship

Third Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Alice Tewell preaching from John 4:5-42
Congregational Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Reception for Rev. Tewell in Peter Marshall Hall

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020
Rev. Jessica Tate, Director of NEXT Church, will preach at 8:45am and 11:00 a.m. as part of our Lenten Series, “Cultivating & Letting Go.”

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III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

**Response of Praise**

**Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Grace

*Response of Praise*

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

2 Rest to me the joy of your salvation; restore to me the joy of your salvation; restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a, page 9, NRSV

Anthem

“Pie Jesu,” from Requiem

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Klaus St. Clair, Sonja Mast, Soloists

Translation: "Blessed Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them peace. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

John 3:1-17, pages 88, NRSV

Sermon

Doubt Saving Faith

Rev. Alice R. Tewell

Reception of New Members of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

Affirmation of Faith (The Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith, section 2)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offertory

“Domine, Ad Adjuvandum Me, RV 593”

Antonio Vivaldi

Translation: "Oh God, reach out to help me. Oh Lord, hasten to assist me.

8:45 a.m. Please bring your offering forward and then remain around the communion table for the rest of the service.

*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*

God of all creation, all that we are and all that we have belongs to you. In these offerings of our time and treasure, we pray that we might grow closer in faith to you. 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.

*Sending Hymn*

"#802, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” (verses 1-4)

St. Columba

1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction*

*Congregational Response*

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“Marche in D Major”

J.S. Bach

We wish to thank Klaus St. Clair and Sonja Mast for their participation in worship this morning.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God in honor of the NYAPC’s Board of Trustees.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the quiet contemplations of Lent, that it may guide us to peace and calm in our lives, letting go of stress to focus on the meaning of Christ’s sacrifice for us as we embark on this holy journey on the second Sunday of Lent.

Church Office

Interim Church Administrator, Nicole Johnson, works Monday through Friday, with time off on Tuesday afternoons.

Deadline for submissions to the bulletin and The Weekly email are Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. **Please send all bulletin requests to bulletin@nyapc.org.**