

Fifth Avenue  
Presbyterian  
Church



**JULY 5, 2009**  
**CELEBRATION OF HOLY  
COMMUNION**

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you:  
as the Father hath sent me, even so I send you.

— *John 20:21*

Mission is the Church in love with the whole  
world!

— Charles L. Slattery

**This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.**

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**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**10:00 AM**

*As people enter the sanctuary they are encouraged to greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love. When the prelude begins all are invited to begin personal preparation for worship. Please silence mobile phones, pagers and other electronic devices.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: Movements from *The 4th of July: a Grand Military Sonata*

*James Hewitt (1770–1827)*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Brunilda Fernandez

Liturgist: O sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God from the ends of the earth!

**Ministers:\*\* God who created us now says, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you;**

Liturgist: “I have called you by name, you are mine.

**Ministers: “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;**

Liturgist: “And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**Ministers:\*\* “For I am the Lord your God, your Savior. You are precious in my eyes.”**

**All: O sing to the Lord a new song and declare God’s praise!**

\*HYMN 262: God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Candidate Cheni Khonje

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God of shepherding love, we are born into the world alone. And at the end of our journey, we also depart this world in solitude. During the precious years in between though, we have the gift of countless opportunities to befriend each other. Jesus instructed his disciples to travel light, to take nothing with them for the journey save a shepherd’s staff, the symbol of your shepherding care and their responsibility to care for others. In all else he told them to rely on the welcome and kindness of others, and to discount the security that comes from possessions. Forgive us God for our unwillingness and failure to follow our Lord’s direction, and cleanse us of our sin. Help us this day to walk in the ways of Christ and his original disciples, who taught us to value love and our responsibility to others above all else. Grant us the freedom of spirit that comes from truly traveling light, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn #138, stanza 3)**

Choir and Congregation

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

\* Please stand.

\*\* All Christians are Ministers of the Faith.

The community stands to sing the hymns at the sounding of the first notes from the organ.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Ministers:\*\* And also with you.**

\*\*\* Latecomers' Seating

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Randolph L.C. Weber

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BAPTISM

\*CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's Church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

Choir and Congregation

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our king;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children – joyfully now God's praises we sing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Candidate Khonje

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 48

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 6:1-13

Rev. Weber

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Ministers:\*\* Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Traveling Light"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From *A Brief Statement of Faith* of the PC(USA)

**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 Jesus from the dead,**

**vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,**

**delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn #138, stanza 4)

Choir and Congregation

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

*William Billings (1746–1800)*

Let tyrants shake their iron rod,  
And Slav'ry clank her galling chains,  
We fear them not, we trust in God,  
New England's God forever reigns.

Hail happy place where freedom stands,  
And liberty erects its throne;  
Where fraud, and cruel slavery's bands  
And tyranny are never known.

In this free state we would rejoice,  
And dwell forevermore in peace;  
And praise our God with cheerful voice,  
Who makes our thrall and bondage cease.

What grateful Off'ring shall we bring?  
What shall we render to the Lord?  
Loud Halleluiahs let us Sing,  
And praise his name on ev'ry Chord.

\*DOXOLOGY: Hymnal #592

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Elder Fernandez

\*SUNG AMEN: Hymnal #586

Choir and Congregation

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Boyd Lowry

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion:

*O salutaris hostia  
quae caeli pandis ostium,  
bella premunt hostilia:  
da robur, fer auxilium*

*Uni trinoque Domino  
sit sempiterna gloria,  
qui vitam sine termino  
nobis donet in patria.*

*Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)*

O saving victim  
who opens the gate of heaven,  
hostile wars press on us:  
give strength, bring aid.

To the Lord, three in one,  
be everlasting glory,  
for life without end  
he gives us his Kingdom.

Halley Gilbert, *Soprano*

\*HYMN 564: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Weber

ORGAN POSTLUDE: The Washington Post

*John Philip Sousa (1854–1932)*

The Musicians for this morning:  
Mitchell Crawford, *Interim Director for Music Ministries*  
The Choir of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 12

10:00 AM

**THE REV. PAUL T. ROCK**

## SUMMER WORSHIP

Sundays at 10:00 AM

**THE REV. JANICE SMITH AMMON**

Princeton Theological Seminary

July 19

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**THE REV. KATHARINE C. DUNN**

July 26

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**THE REV. RICHARD GIBBONS**

First Presbyterian Church of

Greenville, SC

August 2

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**THE REV. KATHARINE C. DUNN**

August 9

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**THE REV. DR. J. OSCAR McCLOUD**

FAPC's Associate Pastor Emeritus

August 16

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**THE REV. PAUL T. ROCK**

August 23

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**THE REV. RANDOLPH L.C. WEBER**

August 30

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**THE REV. DR. NORA TUBBS TISDALE**

Yale Divinity School

September 6

## FAPC NEWS

### Baptized Today

Oleg Kurbatskiy

### A Note About the Offertory Anthem

Among the patriotic anthems sung during the American Revolutionary War, only Yankee Doodle was more popular than William Billings' "Let tyrants shake their iron rod." Billings wrote the first version of the song for his 1770 songbook *The New England Psalm Singer*, and made improvements for the version in his *The Singing Master's Assistant* (1778). It is the latter version that is best known today.

### Thank You!

A gigantic "Thank You!" goes to the 41 FAPC volunteers who contributed to the homeless picnic by donating food, serving the meal, and being present to share fellowship with one another and the 105 homeless men and women who joined us for FAPC's tenth annual picnic in the Park. If you would like to learn more about our homeless ministry or participate in some aspect of this ministry, please contact Joe Vedella (917.297.8940 or [jvedella@fapc.org](mailto:jvedella@fapc.org)).

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

### Photos

As a kindness to fellow worshippers, please do not take flash photos during worship services.

### Welcome!

Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church; we are blessed to have you here. If you would like more information about the church, including how to become a member, please fill out a "Welcome" card located in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate. Please feel free to join us again at any of our Sunday services.

### **Parking for Sunday Services**

The parking arrangement with the garage at 51 West 56th Street (second garage on the left between 5th and 6th Avenues) now includes Saturday and Sunday up to 10 hours and weekday evenings, 5:30-10:30 pm, for \$9. SUVs and any oversized vehicles are charged \$10 extra, bringing the total to \$19. Parking tickets must be stamped at the church, no exceptions. Please see an usher to get your ticket stamped.

### **Large-Print Hymnals Are Available**

Large-print hymnals, with text but no music notation, are available. Please ask one of the ushers.

### **Hearing Enhancement Equipment Available**

Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service more clearly. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit at the rear of the sanctuary.

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT FAPC**

### **Coffee Hour**

Come for coffee hour from 11:15 am-12:30 pm on the 2nd floor. Your hosts are members of the Women's Association.

### **Check Out Books for Summer Reading/Reflection and Spirituality Growth**

Starting today the Library Cart Volunteers will be on Summer Vacation. The Library will be open today and on the first Sunday in August to help check out books. At other times, please return books to the front desk. We thank all the recent donors of new and gently used books: each has made important contributions to FAPC's expanding collection of books on Spiritual Life, Christian Life, and Christian Theology, etc. For more information, please contact Carole White ([cwhite@fapc.org](mailto:cwhite@fapc.org)).

## **THIS WEEK AT FAPC**

### **Monday-Friday: Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 12:30-1:30 pm. All are welcome.

### **Wednesday: Up@7**

Up@7 is a small group for young professionals that meet at 7:00 am on Wednesdays. First-time participants welcome! Contact [nextministries@fapc.org](mailto:nextministries@fapc.org) for more information.

## **FOR KIDS (OF MANY AGES)**

### **Kindership Childcare**

Our Kindership program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and small children during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children. Childcare is available on Sundays during the 10:00 am service for infants and children.

### **Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir meets on Sundays at 10:30 am in the CEC. New members and all singers in grades 1 through 5 are welcome. For more information, please contact Eugenia Oi Yan Yau ([eyau@fapc.org](mailto:eyau@fapc.org) or 212.247.0490, ext. 3068).

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School is available for children ages three through fifth grade during the Sunday Morning worship. Students are studying the role children play in many miracle stories of the Bible. For more information please contact Jacob Bolton ([jbolton@fapc.org](mailto:jbolton@fapc.org)).

### **August 17-21: Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

The time to begin signing up for VBS is upon us! This year's theme will be "Clean Water for all of God's Children" and will celebrate God's gift of water and the blessing of water in our lives. It will also highlight issues of conservation and the lack of clean water in countries throughout the world. Come join us for a fabulous week of fun and fellowship! VBS will take place August 17-21, 9:30 am-12:00 Noon. The cost is \$30 per child or \$50 per family. All children ages 3½ to 12 are welcome. Please contact [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org) to register or volunteer.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Homeless Shelter

The shelter provides a safe, comfortable environment for 12 men who are currently awaiting NYC housing. Male and female volunteers are needed to host them in the early evening and especially overnight in our shelter. Training is provided. (Overnight hosts have private sleeping quarters.) Please contact Joe Vedella (917.297.8940 or [jvedella@fapc.org](mailto:jvedella@fapc.org)).

### Lend an Arm to a Fellow Church Member

The Deacons' Transportation Committee is looking for volunteers to assist members in getting to and from church services on Sunday. You do not need a car to participate in this meaningful service. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact William Wanek (718.458.9345).

### Meals on Heels

Volunteers are needed each Saturday morning to help prepare and deliver hot meals for some of our city's homebound elderly. Come to Bonnell Hall, 2nd floor, at 9:30 am to help prepare or at 11:00 am to deliver. For information, contact Bob Brennan ([april24bob@aol.com](mailto:april24bob@aol.com)).

### Summer Choir

During the summer months, the FAPC Choir gathers for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am in Jones Auditorium on the third floor of the parish house. There is no audition to sing with the Choir and all who have a voice to raise are welcomed through regular attendance. An eclectic selection of exciting and meaningful music for worship is planned for this year and you are cordially invited to come sing with us. For more information, contact Mitchell Crawford, Interim Director of Music Ministries ([mcrawford@fapc.org](mailto:mcrawford@fapc.org) or 212.247.0490).

### Homeless Ministries

We continue our ministry of "befriending" the people who sleep on the church steps. Volunteers are needed for the early morning wake-up and coffee from 5:30-7:00 am and for the evening 7:00-8:30 pm. Training will be provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Joe Vedella ([jvedella@fapc.org](mailto:jvedella@fapc.org) or 917.297.8940).

### Summer Cleaning for "Joy of Christmas" Bazaar

Summer is closet cleaning time! The Women's Association needs donations of your gently used or new clothing, art work, jewelry, collectible china, etc. in preparation for the fall bazaar. No books, toys, electrical items or pots and pans, please. Donations are to be marked "Women's Association" and can be dropped off at the reception desk. If you need a merchandise pick-up, please contact the Women's Association office (212.247.0490, ext. 3041, or [Wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:Wassoc@fapc.org)) to schedule an appointment. Thank you in advance for your support.

### October 11-17: Hurricane Gustav Mission Trip

Join the FAPC mission trip to Pearlinton, MS on Columbus Day week, October 11-17, 2009, as the team works with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to rebuild hurricane damaged houses to standards that will help homes survive future storms. So much work remains but the number of volunteers has dropped to a trickle. The cost is only \$495, a small price for a priceless benefit to families who need to know they have not been forgotten. For more information, contact Tim Eddy (212.534.4196 or [TIMOEDDY1@aol.com](mailto:TIMOEDDY1@aol.com)).

## PASTORAL AND CARE GIVING SERVICES

### A Time of Prayer

After Sunday morning worship services, deacons and Stephen Ministers wearing white stoles are available in front of the sanctuary to pray with you. Your prayer will be kept confidential unless you request that it be shared with the pastoral staff. You may also get a blue prayer request card at the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

### Care Giving

We want to provide the best possible pastoral care to our faith community. If you or a member you know are going through a difficult time, please call the Rev. Kate Dunn or Emily Dunlap, our church social worker (212.247.0490). Every Sunday morning, deacons and Stephen Ministers are also here to extend the care giving arms of our church. Please feel free to ask them questions or share your joys and concerns. Each deacon wears a white flower and gold name tag, and Stephen Ministers wear a blue name badge.

### **Sunday Flowers**

Would you like to share the good news of a birth, marriage, or graduation with the FAPC church family? Or memorialize a loved one? We invite you to share the events in your life by purchasing and dedicating the weekly floral arrangement in front of the pulpit. Please contact Diana Kypar for information ([dkypar@fapc.org](mailto:dkypar@fapc.org) or 212.247.0490).

## **STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Offering Envelopes**

For the convenience of pledgers and contributors, offering envelopes will now be sent out every two months, instead of once a year. If you donate to the church online or would prefer not to receive them, please contact Jannett Harris at the Business Office (212.247.0490 or [jharris@fapc.org](mailto:jharris@fapc.org)). You may also go online ([www.fapc.org](http://www.fapc.org)) to make this request: select "Update Member Profile" and then "e-mail list subscriptions" to check the box that says "Do Not Mail Me Offering Envelopes". We cannot thank you enough for your financial support.

### **Your Art at the Shop?**

The Shop at FAPC (formerly the FAPC Gift Shop) will be expanding our product offering this fall to offer note cards and new postcards. We are hoping our church family will participate in the creation of these note cards and postcards by submitting photographs and artwork for consideration for the project. Submission forms with all information can be picked up in The Shop. Any photo or artwork submitted will not be returned and will become the sole property of FAPC, and any sales revenues will be the sole property of FAPC. Recognition, however, will be given to the artist/photographer. The deadline for submitting is August 15th. The Shop at FAPC will make selections and the artist/photographers that are selected will be notified by Sept. 1. For more information or to volunteer in The Shop, contact Mary Jo Keeble ([mjkeebble@nyc.rr.com](mailto:mjkeebble@nyc.rr.com)).

### **The Shop at FAPC**

The FAPC Gift Shop is open for business! Stop by and check out our new jewelry -- we have new, larger Fish and Loaves pendants not to mention our new, recycled tote bags made from our own Bicentennial Banner, plus great Summer reading materials- books selected by our Pastors. The shop is open every Sunday after the 10:00 am service. If you can't get to the shop, check us out online (<http://fapc.org/store/>). For more information or to volunteer in the Shop, contact Mary Jo Keeble ([mjkeebble@nyc.rr.com](mailto:mjkeebble@nyc.rr.com))

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **July 17: Fifth Avenue Fellowship Club**

Please join the Fifth Avenue Fellowship Club for a "Seasons of Love" performance by member Willie-Mae Perry. It will take place at 7:30 pm in Saint Peter's Church on the corner of 54<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue. All are welcome to attend. The suggested donation is \$25. Please RSVP by July 12 to Tom Crowfis (212.879.0569).

### **July 18: New2NY (20s/30s): Pizza at Grimaldi's**

Please join the young adults of New2NY for dinner at Grimaldi's Pizzeria at 5:00 pm on Saturday, July 18! Located at 19 Old Fulton Street, under the Brooklyn Bridge, this is one of the most famous pizzerias in NYC. Be prepared to wait to get in - it'll be worth it! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Amanda DeMeola ([ademeola@hotmail.com](mailto:ademeola@hotmail.com)).

### **July 19: City Club (45+) Pot Luck Picnic**

The City Club is having a Potluck Picnic July 19th from 1:00-5:00 pm in the Schildwachter's backyard in Yonkers, NY. It is easy to get there by express bus up Madison Avenue or Metro North. Please bring your favorite appetizer, side dish, dessert or something for the grill, to share. It will be a tasting feast so bring your appetites. The cost is \$5. Please RSVP no later than July 16th to Wendy Schildwachter (914.835.7600 ext. 132 or [wschildwachter@richtravel.com](mailto:wschildwachter@richtravel.com)).

## July 5, 2009

- 8:45 FAPC Choir: *Jones Auditorium, 3rd floor*  
9:30 Child Care (Infants): *Room 1, LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center (CEC)*  
Child Care (Toddlers): *Room 2, CEC*  
10:00 **Worship Service: *Sanctuary***  
Sunday School (Age 3 to Grade 5): *Rooms 4, 7, and 10-13, CEC*  
10:30 Children's Choir (Grades 6 to 12): *Rooms 5 and 8, CEC*  
11:00 The Shop at FAPC Open: *Gallery*  
11:15 Coffee Hour: *Bonnell Hall, 2nd Floor*

### Building Hours:

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday, Thursday and Friday

8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday

## FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Paul T. Rock, *Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Randolph L.C. Weber, *Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Katharine C. Dunn, *Temporary Supply Pastor*

The Rev. Helen E. Jackson, *Parish Visitor*

The Rev. Dr. J. Oscar McCloud, *Associate Pastor Emeritus*

Mr. Mitchell Crawford, *Interim Director of Music Ministries*

Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director of Music for Family Ministries*

Mr. Jacob Bolton, *Director of Family Ministries*

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