

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

In 1928, London hymn-writer, Eleanor Farjeon, wrote an Advent poem and set it to a lively French tune. The new words and older music were well-paired. “People, Look East” quickly became a “popular carol.”

It remains one of our favorite Advent hymns.

“People, Look East” is cheery. It draws us into the excitement of this season. “People, Look East” is inspiring. It encourages us to get ready—to prepare our hearts and our homes for the One who comes.

“People, Look East” is going to be our guide this Advent.

My friends, 2020 has been a tough year. Some compare the last twelve months to a dumpster fire! I’m there. And if you are like me, all this turmoil has your soul yearning for a season devoted to wonder and peace. We are eager to sing “People, Look East.”

Join us this season as we ground ourselves in faith’s perennial hope. Join us as together we sing God’s Advent promise: “Love is on the way.”

Senior Pastor
Scott Black Johnston

Sunday, Nov. 29 • First Sunday of Advent

“Love, the guest, is on the way.”

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching

Sunday, Dec. 6 • Second Sunday of Advent

“Love, the rose, is on the way.”

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching

Sunday, Dec. 13 • Third Sunday of Advent

“Love, the bird, is on the way.”

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching

Sunday, Dec. 20 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Love, the star, is on the way.”

The Rev. Kate Dunn, preaching

Thursday, Dec. 24 • Family Christmas Eve Service

Carols, stories and a mini Christmas Pageant for pre-school and elementary school children together with their families.

Thursday, Dec. 24 • Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

“Love, the Lord, is on the way.”

Light candles and settle in to hear the story of Christ’s birth and to sing the wonder of this night with the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir.

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching

Sunday, Dec. 27 • First Sunday after Christmas

*“For My Eyes Have Seen
Your Salvation”*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Family Ministries Virtual Advent Festival

Sunday, Nov. 29 • 10:30 am

Kick off the season at our Virtual Advent Festival! Kids will be sent packages of fun crafts to do while we hear stories, do activities and maybe even sing some carols! We'd love to see everyone online. The cost for the craft package is just \$10. Register at fapc.org/advent-festival.

Carols by Candlelight

Friday, Dec. 4 • 7 pm

The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Chamber Choir with Patrick Kreeger, Organ, Directed by Ryan Jackson
The Chamber Choir of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church presents a virtual hour of choral music and Christmas carols filmed in the candlelit beauty of Kirkland Chapel. Broadway star Jeanne Lehman complements the evening with seasonal poetry. Join us as the arts illumine the wonder and majesty of Jesus' birth.

20s+30s Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 12 • 8 pm

Let's celebrate the season together! Although we won't be able to meet in person, we have found ways to celebrate in style virtually. Join us for our very first virtual Christmas party. Confirm you will be joining the fun and email youngadults@fapc.org.

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 13 • 10 am

Join us on zoom for our annual Christmas party with a special Christmas Pajama Contest. Confirm you'll be joining in the fun and email wramirez@fapc.org to sign up.

'People Look East' Advent Reader

Journey through Advent with a daily readings from our uniquely Fifth Avenue devotional. This reader includes excerpts from Advent and Christmas sermons preached at the church throughout its history. Sign-up to receive each day's devotional (or download the entire reader) at fapc.org/advent.

SERVICE

Christmas Day Service Opportunity

On Christmas Day, our Meals on Heels volunteers will deliver home-cooked holiday meals to our homebound neighbors. Are you able to volunteer to deliver a NYC meal? If can help, email moh@fapc.org. Volunteers will be asked to come to the 55th Street lobby at 11:30 am. Social distancing and PPE protocols have been developed and will be applied as per the CDC guidelines. Advance sign-up is required.