



FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018



Kate Cosgrove, *Nativity Three*, 2014

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Take a tour of the church. Have a cup of coffee with us. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy. There are tons of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston
Senior Pastor

If You Are New Here

Please fill out the Welcome card you will find in your pew. (The ushers can also provide one.) Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Visitors Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the Welcome card online at fapc.org/welcome. The folks at the Visitors Table can provide you with information about our ministries and programs, volunteer opportunities, and the history of this congregation, which has served New York City since 1808. We also invite you on a guided tour of the church, starting from the rear of the Sanctuary shortly after the service.

These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print bulletin or a hearing-enhancement device, please ask an usher. You may return the hearing-enhancement device to the rear of the Chapel or Sanctuary after the service.

Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome! The ushers can provide a worship bag or children’s Bible to keep your child engaged. (You may return these materials at the end of the service.) If you need to step out to attend to your child, we invite you to use our Family Room, located at the north end of the Gallery, just outside the Sanctuary (check the map on the back of the bulletin for the location). We also provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am until 12:30 pm, downstairs in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at fapc.org/grow.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Deacons (wearing white stoles) are available to pray with you after the service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. You may submit prayer requests online at fapc.org/pray.

Help With Parking

We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park for up to three hours, seven days a week. Ask for discount coupons at the 55th Street reception desk.



Worship Resources Online

You will find information about future worship services (including the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday) at fapc.org/worship. Recorded sermons are available at fapc.org/sermons and via podcast on iTunes. This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at fapc.org/pray.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.
Please **silence all electronic devices** and **do not take flash photos** during the service.

PRELUDE

Variations on *In dulci jubilo*
("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!")
Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Alex Yanos (9:30 am)
Deacon Meghan Shea (11 am)

One: Rejoice in the Lord always,
and again I say, Rejoice!
All: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.
One: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!
**All: Our praises ascend to God
for the mighty things God has done.**
One: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!
**All: Surely God blesses and saves us.
Hallelujah! Praise be to God. Amen.**

* HYMN 140

Once In Royal David's City

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Albert, Isabella, Harrison and Kellie Picallo (9:30 am)
Erik, Lila and Megan Lindstrand (11 am)

* SUNG RESPONSE

A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of joy,
a can - dle to wel - come brave Ma - ry's new boy.
Our hearts filled with won - der, and eyes light and glow
as joy bright-ens win - ter like sun - shine on snow.

Music: James R. Murray, 1887 - AWAY IN A MANGER. Text: Sandra Dean © 1986 Sandra Dean.
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell (9:30 am)
The Rev. Kate Dunn (11 am)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Reflection and Confession

* SUNG RESPONSE

(Cantor sings once; then the congregation joins, singing once.)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Peo-ple look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the year.
Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
Peo-ple look east and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

SOLO

The Little Road to Bethlehem • *Michael Head (1900–1976)*
Text by Margaret Rose (b. 1936)

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
The lambs were coming homewards, one by one,
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them
Along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door, as I drew nigh,
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang about the lambs at close of day
And rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheep-bell rang,
“The lambs are coming home,” sweet Mary sang,
“Your Star of gold is shining in the sky,
So sleep, my little King, go lullaby.”

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
The lambs were coming homewards, one by one,
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them
Along the little road to Bethlehem.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (SEE INSERT)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Belonging to God: A First Catechism

One: Who are you?

All: **I am a child of God.**

One: What does it mean to be a child of God?

All: **That I belong to God, who loves me.**

* HYMN 115

Away in a Manger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (“...and forgive us our debts...”)

THE OFFERING *You may text your offering to 646.491.8331*

OFFERTORY SOLO *The Holy Boy • John Ireland (1879–1962), text by Herbert S. Brown*

Lowly, laid in a manger, with oxen brooding nigh,
The Heavenly Babe is lying his Maiden Mother by.
Lo! the wayfaring sages, who journeyed far through the wild,
Now worship, silent, adoring, the Boy, the Heavenly Child!

Leave your work and your playtime,
 and kneel in homage and prayer,
The Prince of Love is smiling asleep in his cradle there!
Bend your heart to the wonder, the birth, the mystery mild,
And worship, silent, adoring, the Boy, the Heavenly Child.

Dim the light of the lantern, and bare the mean abode,
Yet gold and myrrh and incense proclaim the Son of God.
Lowly, laid in a manger by virgin undefiled,
Come worship, silent, adoring, the Boy, the Heavenly Child.

* DOXOLOGY ***Hymn 606***

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN 147 **The First Nowell** (*verses 1, 2, 4 and 6*)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata on Il est né, le divin Enfant*
 (*“He is born, the divine child”*) • *Denis Bédard*

The ministry of music this morning is offered by:
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*
Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Christina Kay, *Soprano*

Room For Christmas

by Mark Burrows

Family Ministries Christmas Pageant

With some additional carols and minor dramatic twists (edited by Eugenia Oi Yan Yau)

It is the week before the church pageant, and the cast of children is determined to bring new life to the Christmas story. But with a bossy angel, wisecracking shepherds, unruly sheep and know-it-all wisemen, will they get it together in time? Will the Christmas pageant be a complete flop? Or will the children somehow discover the true joy and wonder of Christmas by making room for what really matters?

Song #1

Running Out of Room • Mark Burrows

There isn't any time for laughter; there isn't any time for cheer.
There's traffic at the mall, the worst I can recall.
This is the most frenetic time of year.

Refrain

*We're running out of room for Christmas.
There's only eight more shopping days to go.
We're busy buying stuff. Will it ever be enough?
This whole season has us running to and fro.
We're running out of room for Christmas. So many different parties to attend.
We're running out of room for Christmas. When will this busy season ever end?*

We're putting on a Christmas pageant, but it isn't any fun.
Our minds are overburdened with the million little errands left to run. *Refrain.*
When will it ever end?!

Song #2

What Do We Do for Christmas? • Mark Burrows

How do we tell an old, old story that's been told so much before?
How do we make it sound exciting? Can we give it something more?

We know the carols, know the rhymes. We've heard it all a million times.
What do we do to make it feel like new? What do we do with Christmas?

If we want a change of pace, we could add a high-speed chase. Just imagine what our friends will say. Amp it up with rock guitars. When we're done we'll all be stars. Gotta give some new life to this play.

How do we tell an old, old story? What do we do with Christmas?

Song #3

Carol Medley • Traditional

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.

The First Nowell

Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels, we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Song #4

Shaggy, Smelly Sheep • Ed Kee and Pete Carlson

Shepherds have a life that's like no other,
but not the kind of life that you might think.
It's not a bed of roses, for we have to hold our noses.
There's one thing 'bout this job that really stinks!

Shaggy, smelly sheep.
They need someone to lead them, or they'll quickly lose their way.
It's our job to feed them and to keep the wolves at bay.
It's a job we plan to keep, watchin' shaggy, smelly sheep.

It's the only job we've ever had, but it's really not that *baaaaad*.
Shaggy, smelly sheep. Stinks!

Song #5

There Was Love, incorporating Away in the Manger • Mark Burrows

Before there were shepherds out in the field keeping watch over flocks by night.
Before there were wisemen from distant lands guided on by a star so bright.
Before there were angels to sing the song, one Voice was singing all along.

Refrain

*Before you and I, or the stars in the sky, there was Light,
there was Life, there was Love.*

Speaker

In the beginning, before anything had ever been made, he was there with God. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. Refrain.

Song #6

Room In My Heart • Mark Burrows

I'm making room in my heart for love.
Room for the baby. No, I don't mean maybe.
Room in my heart for love.

I'm making room in my heart for peace.
Room for the baby. No, I don't mean maybe.
Room in my heart for peace.

I'm making room in my heart for joy.
Room for the baby. No, I don't mean maybe.
Room in my heart for joy.

Song #7**In the Bleak Midwinter • Traditional**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow; in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed, the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Cast: What can I give him, poor as I am?

Congregation: If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

All: If I were a wise man, I would do my part,

Yet what I can't, I give him: give...

Song #8**Running Out of Room (Reprise) • Mark Burrows**

We're running out of room for Christmas.
There's only eight more shopping days to go.
We're busy buying stuff. Will it ever be enough?
This whole season has us running to and fro.
We're running out of room for Christmas. So many different parties to attend.
We're running out of room for Christmas. When will this busy season ever end?

Conclusion of the Pageant

***On behalf of the music program of Family Ministries, we extend a heartfelt THANK YOU
to all the families, volunteers and friends who put forth many hours to make this pageant possible!***

Cast

Musicians: Jee Eun Ahn, Nathan Bailey, Spencer Roberson, Bryan Rombot & Will Sytsma

Helpers: Jacqueline Lovci & Addison Sansone

Children's Choir Volunteers: Will Hubbard, Myles Langaigne, Zach Omoso & Nova Palaquibay

Music Director: Eugenia Oi Yan Yau

Assistant Directors: Miyu Yokota, Pak Ling Cheung & Shanade Hernandez

Cast	9:30 am Service	11 am Service
Angel	Truett Napolitano	Olivia Lovci
Narrator	Logan Rodgers	Colin Toung
Innkeeper	Hunter Rodgers	Ethan PaVon
Mary	Iranja Randriamahafehy	Avery Sansone
Joseph	Vivian Collier	Derek Lee
Wiseman 1	Lincoln Borrero	Sienna Toung
Wiseman 2	August Markstrum	Angus Roberson
Wiseman 3	Dylan Bailey	Aidan Olvera
Shepherd 1	Oscar Borrero	Oscar Borrero
Shepherd 2	James Westpheling	James Westpheling
Shepherd 3	Russo Napolitano	Russo Napolitano
Sheep 1	Suri Wong	Suri Wong
Sheep 2	Abigail Silalahi	Abigail Silalahi
Sheep 3	Victoria Markstrum	Victoria Markstrum
Sheep 4	Elliot Collier	Elliot Collier
Donkey	Jack Sorapan	Jack Sorapan
Dinosaur	Henry James Kurbatskiy	Henry James Kurbatskiy
	Matteo Castro, Bruno Hennig, Anton Hennig, Oskar Hennig Mirabelle Liu, Adam Sullivan, Teddy Sullivan, Joanna Sytsma Harrison Tongue, Remi Wong, Andrew Young & Caroline Young	
Angel Choir	Derek Lee, Olivia Lovci, Ethan PaVon Aidan Olvera, Angus Roberson Avery Sansone, Colin Toung & Sienna Toung	Dylan Bailey, Lincoln Borrero Vivian Collier, August Markstrum Truett Napolitano Iranja Randriamahafehy Logan Rodgers, Hunter Rodgers & Avery Sansone
Lambs	Benjamin Arandia, Callum Basham, Ella Guardado, Sequoia Hughlett Henry Daniel Ionescu, John Kashani, Saan Kashani, Emory Kenton Foster Koehler, Fulton Koehler, Ilsa Mahrer, Caroline O'Brien, Lizzy O'Brien Amelie Powell, Henry Powell, Noa Powell, Colton Rogers, Knowles Ryerson Harrison Sansone, Katherine Slemmer, Connell Strickland, Logan Strickland Charles Westpheling & Lucas Zhang	

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Phyllis Barr, Neta Beberino, Barbara Berner, Helen Betzaia, Britta Cabanos
Ella Calderon, Sookjoong Choi, Alan Chorun, Miriam Coleman, Dr. Johanna Cook
Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Nancy Dawkins, Lisa Donofrio, Athanassia Doucas
Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV, Wanda Roush Hannan, Nancy Hatch, Patricia Henry
Bill Jones, Juliet Kaldanie, Susan Kempler, Louis Sterling King, Richard J. Lawson
Stephanie Le Cornec, Jorge Martinez, Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Jean Meek Barker
Bernadette Micchelli, Phyllis Oblander, Marjorie Quaife, Jeff Rowbottom, Pauline Sample
Taylor Shultz, Eric Smith, Spencer Robert Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Rocco Tannehill
Steve Teelucksingh, Susan Tobiason, Stevanus & Henry Waisapy, Johnnie Walker
James & Barbara Wallace, Jennifer Wallis-Eifert, Xavier Pinga Wanto, Warren White
Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

Faithful Departed

Dec. 4, 2018: Ronald Ernest Hoffman—beloved husband of Priscilla Hoffman, beloved father of Karl Hoffman and wife, Sarah, beloved grandfather of Frederick and Conrad Hoffman, and beloved long-term member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. *The family will host a reception on Saturday, Jan. 5. Details will be announced.*

If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Lance Hurst (lhurst@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

Caregiving Ministries

Fifth Avenue provides space for several community-based ministries and programs. All are open to members and friends of the church. Check the lobby monitor for specific room locations.

Alcoholics Anonymous + AA Beginners

Monday – Thursday, 12:30 pm • ny-aa.org

Al-Anon

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 12:30 pm • nycalanon.org

The Compassionate Friends: A support group for grieving families

Second & fourth Tuesdays, 7 pm • compassionatefriends.org

Fifth Avenue Ecumenical Outreach: Social services for persons experiencing homelessness

Monday – Thursday, 2–5 pm • Contact: John Sheehan, LMSW (jsheehan@fapc.org)

Health Advocates for Older People

Strength & weight exercise class • Wednesdays, 11 am • hafop.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

- 9 am** **Coffee Cart.** Bonnell Hall. Continues until 1 pm.
- 9:30 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary.
When Christmas Sings the Blues. Corning Logan Room. Instructor: Ellen Theg, Bereavement Center of Westchester.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary.
- 12:15 pm** **Fifth Avenue Caroling.** Fifth Avenue steps.
Meet & Greet. The Gallery. All are invited (visitors especially!) to join the pastors, staff and fellow members for conversation and coffee after worship.
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This Week

- Mon Dec 17** **Women's Association Needlework Group.** 11 am – Romeyn Room.
- Tue Dec 18** **Women's Association Luncheon.** 12 pm – Bonnell Hall. Join us for Christmas music, a delicious lunch and the Christmas grab bag (\$5-10). Followed by **Bridge** at 1:30 pm.
Women's Association Speaking English. 1:30 pm – Corning Logan Room.
Travelers Christmas Eve. 6:30 pm – Kirkland Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- Sat Dec 22** **Meals on Heels.** 9:30 am – Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).
Saturday Advent Tours. 11 am – 1 pm. From the Fifth Avenue entrance.

Coming Up

- Sun Dec 23** **Historical & Architectural Tour.** 12:15 pm – Kirkland Chapel.
- Mon Dec 24** **Family Ministries Christmas Eve.** 4 pm – Sanctuary. Music begins at 3:30 pm. Werner Ramirez & Jaime Staehle, presiding.
Early Candlelight Service. 7:30 pm – Sanctuary. Music begins at 7 pm. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
Late Candlelight Service. 11 pm – Sanctuary. Music begins at 10:30 pm. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- Tue Dec 25** **Christmas Day Lessons & Carols.** 11 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Werner Ramirez and the Rev. Kate Dunn, presiding. *There is no 9:30 am service on Christmas Day.*
- Wed Dec 26** **Christmas holiday.** Building closed.
- Sun Dec 30** **Worship.** 11 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Kellie Picallo, preaching.
There is no 9:30 am service today.

Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday of Advent
"Christmas at Luke's House" • Luke 2:1-16
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Our Schedule of Christmas Services

On Tuesday (Dec. 18) we celebrate **Travelers Christmas Eve**, a service for those who will be on the road over Christmas and want to welcome the Nativity with their Fifth Avenue family. The service begins at 6:30 pm in Kirkland Chapel. Next Sunday (Dec. 23), we will observe the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** with services at 9:30 am in Kirkland Chapel and 11 am in the Sanctuary. The following day, we offer **Family Ministries Christmas Eve** at 4 pm, and **Christmas Eve candlelight services** at 7:30 and 11 pm. All services are in the Sanctuary. Music begins one-half hour before each Christmas Eve service. On **Christmas Day**, we will have our traditional Lessons & Carols at 11 am in the Sanctuary. On Dec. 30, the **First Sunday after Christmas Day**, we will have just one service, at 11 am in the Sanctuary. The Rev. Kellie Picallo, parish associate, will preach. Pick up an Advent brochure or see fapc.org/worship for complete details on our Christmas worship calendar.

Today: Fifth Avenue Caroling

This afternoon we invite you to join us on the Fifth Avenue steps at 12:15 for Fifth Avenue Caroling, as we bring the joy of the season to passersby. Come be part of this holiday tradition!

Tomorrow Is the Deadline for Christmas Flower Memorials

We invite you to honor your loved ones with a contribution to the Flower Fund. Your loved one's name will appear in the memorial listing in the bulletins next Sunday and on Christmas Day. Please send your loved one's name along with a donation by tomorrow morning (Dec. 17) to Lance Hurst (lhurst@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3007). The suggested donation is \$25 for each memorial, which helps to provide flowers for worship throughout the year.

Wednesday: Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

On Wednesday (Dec. 19) Fifth Avenue hosts the Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, a city-wide observance commemorating individuals without stable housing who died during the past year. The event (co-sponsored by Care for the Homeless and Urban Pathways) begins with supper at 4:30 pm in Bonnell Hall, with the remembrance service at 5:30. All are welcome, but registration is requested. See fapc.org/events for details and online registration.

Nominating Committee Seeks Officer Candidates

The Nominating Committee is looking for your recommendations for the Officer Class of 2022 (to serve a three-year term), and for members-at-large on the 2020 Nominating Committee (a one-year term). Details on the officer nomination process, including an online recommendation form, are available at fapc.org/officers. You may also pick up a paper form at the reception desk. The Nominating Committee will consider all recommendations received by year-end.

Replay of the Gotto Lecture with Jonathan Haidt

For those who missed the first Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture on Oct. 25 (or those who want to hear it again), we have a replay posted on fapc.org. The video will be available this week only.

Reminder! Fulfill Your 2018 Pledge by Dec. 31

The end of the tax year is just two weeks away. If you plan to make a tax-deductible gift to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, or you have not fulfilled your 2018 pledge, or you plan to fulfill all or part of your capital campaign pledge, please do so by Monday, Dec. 31. Thank you!

GETTING CONNECTED

Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. The Employment Advisory program offers monthly seminars on career-related issues. All classes are free and open to all, with no registration required. Information on upcoming classes is available at fapc.org/learning.

Community Life

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church offers an array of opportunities for community fellowship. We gather for congregation-wide events (such as Homecoming and the traditional Thanksgiving luncheon) several times a year. Community groups offer an opportunity for more intimate engagement within this large congregation. Many of our groups gather neighbors from a particular part of the city; others focus on spiritual questions particular to women, 20s/30s, older adults, couples, new members, parents and the LGBTQ community. Our social clubs—City Club, *CouplesPlus!* and the Fifth Avenue Fellowship Club—gather for dinners and cocktail parties, museum and theater outings, and other social events throughout the year. Learn more about all of these opportunities at fapc.org/community. Contact: communitylife@fapc.org.

Congregational Care

If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also submit prayer requests at fapc.org/pray. Contact: congregationalcare@fapc.org.

Family Ministries

Family Ministries brings together people of diverse backgrounds and families of all definitions to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. We offer Sunday School, Youth Group, Children's Choir, Little Lambs (programming for infants to toddlers), community groups for parents, FAPC-U (our college ministry), Vacation Bible School and special events all year long. Learn more (and register your child) at fapc.org/grow. Contact: familyministries@fapc.org.

Membership

Our new members classes provide an introduction to Christianity and the Presbyterian tradition. The Believing and Belonging class provides an orientation to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. We welcome new members into the congregation on the Sunday following the Believing and Belonging class. Learn more about membership, including the schedule of upcoming classes, at fapc.org/members. Contact: membership@fapc.org.

20s+30s

20s+30s is a diverse group of curious, adventurous people who are centered in our faith. We offer a number of programs to make you feel at home—our Sunday afternoon discussion group, service projects, social events, retreats and more. Join us! We're online at fapc.org/20s30s and on Instagram @FAPC20s30s. Contact: youngadults@fapc.org.

Mission Partners

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church supports a diverse group of mission partners whose missions and ministries align closely with our own. We invite you to get to know them:

The Bowery Mission	Jan Hus Presbyterian Church	Operation Exodus
The Bridge	& Neighborhood House	Parity
Church of Gethsemane	Ministry of Hope – Lesotho	Presbyterian Senior Services
Hands Along the Nile	Mission co-workers Cobbie &	Search and Care
Development Services	Dessa Palm – Philippines	West Side Federation for Senior
Holmes Presbyterian Camp	Mission co-workers Dan &	& Supportive Housing
& Conference Center	Elizabeth Turk – Madagascar	Womankind

We offer many volunteer opportunities through our mission partners as well. Read more at fapc.org/mission-partners. Contact: outreach@fapc.org.

Music + Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the FAPC Community Choir, an entry-level ensemble that meets on Thursday evenings for rehearsal and fellowship. Contact: music@fapc.org. Our Theatre Fellowship offers a mainstage production every spring, and staged readings, a cabaret and other events during the year. Contact: theatre@fapc.org. The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation.

Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, host in the David B. Skinner Shelter, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit fapc.org/volunteer or email volunteer@fapc.org.

CLERGY & STAFF

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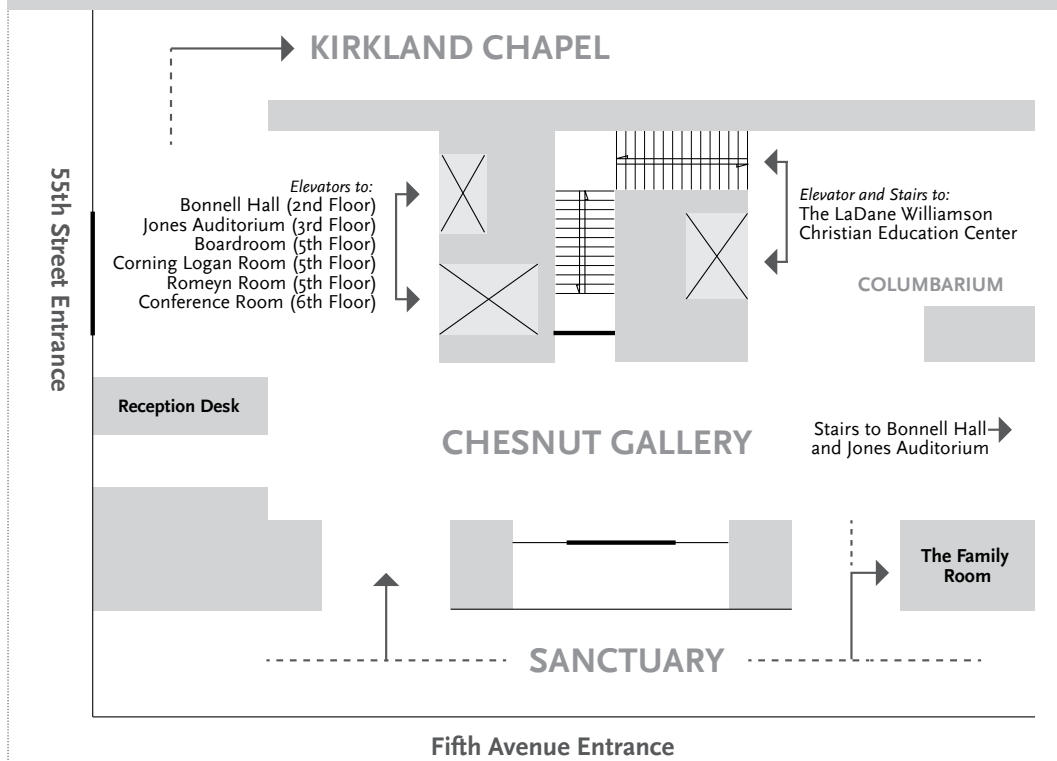
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