

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 22, 2018 • 10:00 AM



Banksy, Girl with Balloons, 2005-2007

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. 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 11:30 am, 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 Monday–Friday from 5 pm -12 am, or anytime until 1 am on Saturday, Sunday and holidays (12 hours maximum). Ask for discount coupons at the 55th Street entrance.



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

Prelude in G major, BWV 541 • J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Vijay Wijesundera One: God has called us to this place of peace and quiet.

All: We come, eager for rest and hope.

One: The Lord is always with us,

offering us refreshment for our souls.

All: Let us partake of this wondrous gift.

One: It is the gift of the Lord's love for us.

Come and rest.

All: Praise God for the absolute compassion

of God's love.

* HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

* CALL TO CONFESSION Morgan King

* 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.

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Silent Reflection and Confession

* SUNG RESPONSE

(Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

thanks

One:

The peace of Christ be with you.

and

Spi

rit.

All:

And also with you.

Son.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

and praise.

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.

Choir and Congregation

* SUNG RESPONSE

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

En Prière • Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924) Solo

> If the voice of a child can reach you, O my Father, listen to the prayer of Jesus, on his knees before you!

If you have chosen me to teach your laws on earth, I will know how to serve you, noble King of kings, O Light!

On my lips, Lord, place the salutary truth,

In order that he who doubts should with humility revere you! Do not abandon me, give me the necessary gentleness, To ease suffering, to relieve sorrow, the misery! Reveal yourself to me, Lord, in whom I believe and hope: For you I wish to suffer and to die on the cross, at Calvary!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

"Breaking Down Dividing Walls"

* Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. Amen.

* HYMN 300 We Are One in the Spirit

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alex Aiello, Summer Intern

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

THE OFFERING You may text your offering to 646.491.8331

OFFERTORY ANTHEM St. John Passion, BWV 245: IX. Ich folge dir gleichfalls

("I Follow You Likewise") • J.S. Bach
I follow you likewise with happy steps

and do not leave you, my Life, my Light. Pursue your journey, and don't stop,

continue to draw me on, to push me, to urge me.

* Doxology Hymn 606

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in G major, BWV 541 • J.S. Bach

The ministry of music this morning is offered by: Patrick Kreeger, Associate Organist • Kat Supina, Soloist

WORSHIP NOTES

Gabriel Fauré's *En Prière* (1890), a simple yet vivid song, has become popular not only in sacred settings, but in concert halls as well. The accompaniment, primarily consisting of arpeggios, supports the flowing vocal line. At times the vocalist ventures into unsuspecting tonalities, allowing listeners to remain focused on the text and soloist.

The St. John and St. Matthew Passions are some of Johann Sebastian Bach's greatest musical contributions, and arguably some of the greatest choral literature in circulation. The former work was the first passion Bach composed while serving at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig. While a similar, often sacred genre also existed during this time—the oratorio—the passion conveyed a specific story: the Passion of Christ. *Ich folge dir gleichfalls* is a joyful excerpt from the St. John Passion, and has many wonderful moments of dialogue between the accompaniment and soloist. Particularly, the vocalist has an ascending chromatic line periodically throughout the movement, emphasizing the text, "push and urge me on."

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, Margaret G. Cruikshank, William Cuffee, Nancy Dawkins, Lisa Donofrio Athanassia Doucas, Roy Duttweiler, Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV, Wanda Roush Hannan Nancy Hatch, Patricia Henry, Mary Holden, 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, Barbara Millar, Phyllis Oblander Marjorie Quaife, Jeff Rowbottom, Pauline Sample, Taylor Shultz, Eric Smith Spencer Robert Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Rocco Tannehill, Steve Teelucksingh, Susan Tobiason Stevanus & Henny Waisapy, Johnnie Walker, Jennifer Wallis-Eifert, Warren White Dolores Wheeler, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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

9:30 am Coffee Cart. Bonnell Hall. Continues until 12 pm.

Little Lambs. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

10 am

Worship. Sanctuary.

11:15 pm

Meet & Greet. The Gallery. All are invited (visitors especially!) to join the pastors, staff and fellow members for conversation and coffee after worship.

Tour the Church. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.

Sunday School and Children's Church are hiatus until September.

Little Lambs continues through the summer.

This Week

Thu July 26 Cooking with Shelter Guests. 5:30 pm – Bonnell Hall & David B. Skinner Shelter.

Contact: Rusty Breedlove (rustybreedlove@gmail.com).

Sat July 28 Meals on Heels. 9:30 am – Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to

homebound seniors. Contact: Bob Brennan (moh@fapc.org).

Coming Up

Sun July 29 Worship. 10 am – Sanctuary. Christopher Romine, M.Div., preaching.

Evening Worship at the Bowery Mission. 4:45 pm - 227 Bowery. Volunteers lead worship and serve dinner to residents of this historic mission on the Lower East Side. The Rev. Kellie Picallo, preaching. Directions available at the reception desk and at fapc.org/bowery. For this month only, our Bowery Mission ministry is on the

fifth Sunday of the month, rather than the fourth.

Wed Aug 1 Pizza with Pastors. 12 pm – Romeyn Room. Everyone's invited to this summer

fellowship event! RSVP to Morgan King (mking@fapc.org).

Sun Aug 5 Worship. 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Kellie Picallo, preaching.

The Role of Shelter in Community. 11:30 am – Jones Auditorium. Catherine Trapani, executive director, Homeless Services United.

Sun Aug 12 Worship. 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Kate Dunn, preaching.

Mon Aug 13- Vacation Bible School. 9:30 am to 12 pm – LaDane Williamson Christian

Fri Aug 17 Education Center. Contact: Jaime Staehle (familyministries@fapc.org).

Sun Aug 19 Worship. 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, preaching.

Next Sunday • Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Gathering: A Ministry of Reconciliation"
Acts 18:9-17; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Christopher Romine, M.Div., preaching.

Baptized Today

Chloe Ann Le'yah Moffett, daughter of Erica Moffett.

Have You Registered for Vacation Bible School?

"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" is the theme of Vacation Bible School 2018, coming up Aug. 13-17 in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. All children from age 3 (and potty-trained) to entering fifth-graders are invited to a weeklong adventure filled with sciency-fun gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats. VBS meets from 9:30 am until 12 pm each day. Church membership is not required, so invite neighbors and friends to come along! Online registration is at fapc.org/vbs, or contact Jaime Staehle (jstaehle@fapc.org).

Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help!

If you have a heart for the children of our congregation, please consider how you can help us get ready for one of our biggest weeks of the year. We'll be decorating the Christian Education Center on three upcoming afternoons—Monday, July 30, 1:30 to 4:30 pm; Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1:30 to 4:30 pm; and Sunday, Aug. 12, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We're also having our final volunteer meeting on Aug. 12. If you'd like to be part of Vacation Bible School, we are still looking for snack leaders, crew leaders (similar to a camp counselor) and a recreation leader. Contact: Jaime Staehle (jstaehle@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3003).

Other Summertime Volunteer Opportunities

Summer is a quieter time at the church, yet many of our volunteer programs continue at full steam. If you are looking to get involved, here are some opportunities to consider. Our monthly worship and dinner service at **The Bowery Mission** happens on the fourth Sunday of the month—except for this month, when we'll gather next Sunday (July 29). On the second Thursday of the month, volunteers serve dinner and share fellowship with elderly New Yorkers at the **Project FIND** Coffeehouse. **Cooking with Shelter Guests,** another monthly ministry, is happening this Thursday, July 26. And of course, **Meals on Heels** continues to prepare and deliver meals to the homebound every Saturday morning, and the **David B. Skinner Shelter** needs early evening and overnight hosts every night of the year. Learn more about all of these opportunities at *fapc.org/volunteer* or contact Séamus Campbell, director of Outreach Ministries (*scampbell@fapc.org*, 212.247.0490 ext 3012).

Coming Up: The Role of Shelter in Community

On Sunday, Aug. 5, Fifth Avenue will observe Homelessness and Affordable Housing Sunday. One of our new parish associates, the Rev. Kellie Picallo, will preach in our pulpit that morning for the first time. Following worship, we invite you to a special presentation, "The Role of Shelter in Community." Catherine Trapani, executive director of Homeless Services United, will discuss the city's efforts to address the crisis of homelessness in New York and how nonprofit providers are helping to make progress on the ground. Homeless Services United is a membership organization representing mission-driven nonprofit homeless services providers. Her presentation will take place at 11:30 am in Jones Auditorium.

This Fall: Bereavement Support at Fifth Avenue

This fall Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will again offer a 10-week Bereavement Support Group for persons struggling with grief and the aftermath of loss. The group will be led by Ellen Theg, a licensed psychotherapist and experienced bereavement counselor. It will meet on Wednesday evenings from Sept. 26 through Dec. 5. The cost is \$120 for the full program, and enrollment is limited to 10 persons. To register, contact Lance Hurst (*lhurst@fapc.org*, 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, Moderator • Matt Roush, Clerk of Session Greg Dow, Assistant Clerk of Session • The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell, Executive Pastor The Rev. Kate Dunn, Associate Pastor • The Rev. Werner Ramirez, Associate Pastor

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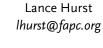
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Fund the altar flowers

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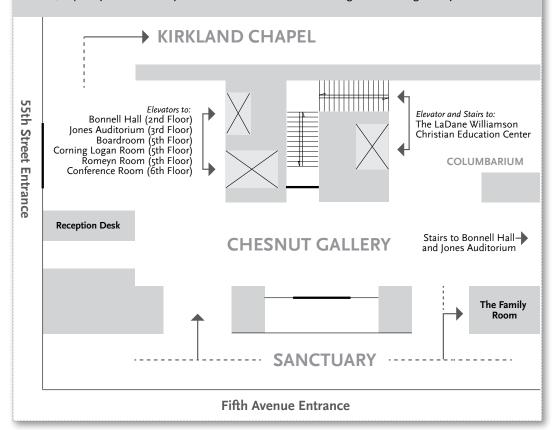
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Follow Our Summer Instagram Project

Following the success of last year's "100 Things I Love about FAPC," we have a launched a new campaign for the summer. "Why We Serve" focuses on the many, diverse service opportunities at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church (most of them active all summer long), and celebrates the faithful volunteers who keep them rolling. Follow us on Instagram at @fapc_nyc, and share your own volunteer stories, using the hashtag #WhyWeServe.



Visit Us During the Week

The Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and Columbarium are open seven days a week for prayer and reflection.

Summer Building Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8 am to 5 pm • Tuesday: 8 am to 9 pm Saturday & Sunday: 8 am to 1 pm







