

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 11, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Photograph of worship at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco (*episcopalliturgy.org*, Nov. 18, 2016)

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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. 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, programs and volunteer opportunities. 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 in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, but you may want to take advantage of the first 10 rows on the far north side, which we have equipped for families with young children. You will find children's Bibles and children's worship bulletins in the pews, as well as easy access to our Family Room, located just outside the Sanctuary. (See the map on the back of the bulletin for the exact location.) If you are attending worship in Kirkland Chapel, the ushers can provide a worship bag to keep your child engaged. (You may return these materials at the end of the service.) We also provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am until 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at *fapc.org*.

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/prayer-requests*.

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	Plymouth Suite: IV. Salix • Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)		
* Call to Worship	from Psalm 46		
Elder Jeanne Pape	One:	God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.	
	All:	Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;	
	One:	Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.	
	All:	There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;	
	One:	God will help it when the morning dawns. Let us worship God.	
* Нүмл 20	All Things Bright and Beautiful		
* CALL TO CONFESSION Morgan King, M.Div.			
* 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 Refle	ction and Confession	
* Sung Response	(Cantor sing	gs once; then the congregation sings once.)	
To you, O God,	l lift my	soul, to you, I lift my soul.	

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* Assurance of Pardon



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* Passing of the Peace	One:	The peace of Christ be with you.
	All:	And also with you.

Announcements

Solo

Bist du bei mir, geh ich mit Freuden ("If You Are With Me, I Go With Joy"), BWV 508 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Bist du bei mir,	If you are with me,
geh' ich mit Freuden zum Sterben	I will gladly go to my death
und zu meiner Ruh'.	and to my rest.
Ach, wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende, es drückten	Ah, how pleasant would my end be
deine lieben	if your dear, fair hands
Hände mir die getreuen Augen zu!	shut my faithful eyes!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

One[.]

This is the Word of God¹ for the People of God

	All:	This is the word of God; for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon The Rev. Kate Dunn	"Searchin	"Searching for Home"	
* Affirmation of Faith	Romans 8:3	5, 37-39	
	One:	Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress? Or persecution or famine? Or nakedness or peril or sword?	
	All:	 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For we are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. 	
* Нүмn 730	I Sing a Sor	I Sing a Song of the Saints of God	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Beverly Dempsey			
The Lord's Prayer	("…and forg	("and forgive us our debts") You may text your offering to 646.491.8331	
The Offering	You may tex		

Offertory Anthem		St. John Passion, BWV 245: <i>Ich folge dir gleichfalls</i> ("I Follow You With Happy Steps") J.S. Bach		
	Ich folge dir gleichfall Und lasse dich nicht, Mein Leben, mein Lie Befördre den Lauf, Und höre nicht auf, Selbst an mir zu zieh zu schieben, zu bitter	en,	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.	
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* Offertory	r Prayer			
* Нуми 339		Lift Every Voice and Sing		
* Benedicti	ON			
Postlude Ply		Plymouth Suite: III. Char	ymouth Suite: III. Chanty—Percy Whitlock	
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Worship Notes

Bist du bei mir is an aria within a group of works collectively known as the *Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach.* Bach wrote and compiled various works for this collection honoring his second wife. This aria seems to be inspired by a work of the same name from Gottfried Stölzel's opera *Diomedes.*

Ich folge dir gleichfalls is a movement from Bach's St. John Passion, BWV 245. This was Bach's first composition after he began work at the distinguished St. Thomas Church in Leipzig. Though the entire Passion incorporates various musical configurations, including hymns and chorales, arias such as *Ich folge* represent an observer meditating on the meaning of the Passion story.

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Phyllis Barr, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Sookjoong Choi, Miriam Coleman, Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock William Cuffee, Nancy Dawkins, 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, Joyce Nolen, Phyllis Oblander, Marjorie Quaife Jeff Rowbottom, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Taylor Shultz, Spencer Robert Smith Frieda Sompotan, Jean Stewart, Rocco Tannehill, Steve Teelucksingh, Harold Tither, Arthur Tobiason Susan Tobiason, Stevanus & Henny Waisapy, Johnnie Walker, James & Barbara Wallace Jennifer Wallis-Eifert, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Lesley Wood Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

Faithful Departed:

July 30, 2019: Matt Sheehan—beloved cousin of Meg Sheehan.

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*

Health Advocates for Older People Strength & weight exercise class • Wednesdays, 11 am • *hafop.org*

Calendar of Events

Тодаү	
9:30 am	Coffee Cart. Bonnell Hall. Continues until 12 pm.
	Little Lambs. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
10 am	Worship. Sanctuary.
11:15 am	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	
Sat Aug 17	Meals on Heels. 9:30 am – Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (<i>moh@fapc.org</i>).
	Memorial Service for Zoe Lazarides. 10:30 am – Kirkland Chapel. The Rev. Kate Dunn, presiding.
Coming Up	
Tue Aug 20	Employment Advisory. 6:30 pm – LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Program: Speed Networking: Ramp Up Your Network for the Fall.
Thu Aug 22	Cooking with Shelter Guests. 6 pm – Bonnell Hall. Help prepare and enjoy a home-cooked supper with guests in the David B. Skinner Shelter. Contact: Rusty Breedlove (<i>rustybreedlove@gmail.com</i>).
Sun Aug 25	Worship. 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Pattie Kitchen, preaching.
Tue Aug 27	205+305 Outing: Mets! 7 pm – Citi Field. Meet at the stadium. Reserve your \$20 ticket today! Contact: Werner Ramirez (<i>youngadults@fapc.org</i>).
Sun Sept 1	Worship. 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Randy Weber, preaching.
Sun Sept 8	Faith in Song: 200 Years of Music Ministry. 9 am – Chesnut Gallery. The Arts & Our Faith Committee debuts a new historical exhibition.
	Worship. 11 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching. There is no 9:30 am service today.
	Homecoming Celebration. 12:30 pm – Bonnell Hall. Our annual, all-congregatior celebration marking the start of a new program year.
Sun Sept 15	Worship. 9:30 am – Kirkland Chapel; 11 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
	Organ Recital - Ryan Jackson. 1 pm – Sanctuary.
	Next Sunday • Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
	"Two Truths" • Mark 4:35-41
	The Rev. Kellie Picallo, preaching.

So When Is Homecoming?

Glad you asked! Homecoming is less than a month away—Sunday, Sept. 8. That morning, we will worship at 11 am in the Sanctuary. (There will be no early service.) Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston and Executive Pastor Charlene Han Powell will be back from their summer sabbaticals, and we will launch a new sermon series for the fall. And of course, you won't want to miss the annual Homecoming celebration, following worship in Bonnell Hall. Look for details about our fall calendar in the upcoming issue of *The VOICE* and at *fapc.org*.

Saturday: Memorial Service for Zoe Lazarides

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will host a memorial service on Saturday (Aug. 17) for longtime member Zoe Lazarides. Zoe, a member of the church for 19 years, died on June 9 at age 89. The service will begin at 10:30 am in Kirkland Chapel, with the Rev. Kate Dunn presiding.

20s+30s: Let's Go 'Meet the Mets!'

Our 20s+30s group has a fun end-of-summer event coming up. On Tuesday, Aug. 27, we'll head to Citi Field to cheer on the Mets vs. the Chicago Cubs. The game starts at 7:10 pm. We have a limited number of \$20 tickets available, so RSVP ASAP and meet us at the stadium! Contact: Werner Ramirez (*youngadults@fapc.org*).

Fall Bereavement Group to Begin Sept. 25

This fall Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church once again will sponsor a 10-week support group, led by bereavement counselor Ellen Theg, for persons struggling with grief and the aftermath of loss. The group will meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm from Sept. 25 through Dec. 18. The cost is \$120 for the full program, and enrollment is limited to 10 persons. To register, contact Lance Hurst (*congregationalcare@fapc.org*, 212.247.0490 ext 3007). Financial assistance is available if needed.

Open House and Fall Membership Classes

If you are new to Fifth Avenue, or if you are a member who's interested in getting more involved in this community, we have an event coming up that's just for you. On Thursday, Sept. 19, come to our first-ever Open House Fifth Avenue. Our pastors and senior staff will be on hand to talk about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities. And if you are considering membership, we'll talk with you about that, too. The Open House is set for 6:30 pm in Jones Auditorium. Our fall membership classes will take place on Sunday, Sept. 29, and Sunday, Oct. 6. See *fapc.org/membership* for details, or contact Morgan King (*mking@fapc.org*, 212.247.0490 ext 3005).

Summer Clearance: Donate Your Goods to the Bazaar!

It's never too early to donate merchandise for the Women's Association Holiday Bazaar. We will gratefully accept your donations all year long. If you have new or gently used clothing, handbags and accessories, jewelry and stationery, art and photography, crystal and table linens, please leave your donations with the 55th Street reception desk. (No books, furniture, electronics or kitchenware, please.) The 2019 Bazaar is happening Thursday and Friday, Nov. 7-8.

Are You Reading David Brooks?

The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life, by *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, is the selection for this fall's congregation book-read. Purchase your copy at *smile.amazon.com*, and the church will receive a portion of the proceeds. And mark your calendars for Wednesday, Oct. 30, when Brooks will deliver the second-annual Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture, at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Details on this major fall event will be announced in September.

Officers by Class

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • Greg Dow, *Clerk of Session* Jane Hong, *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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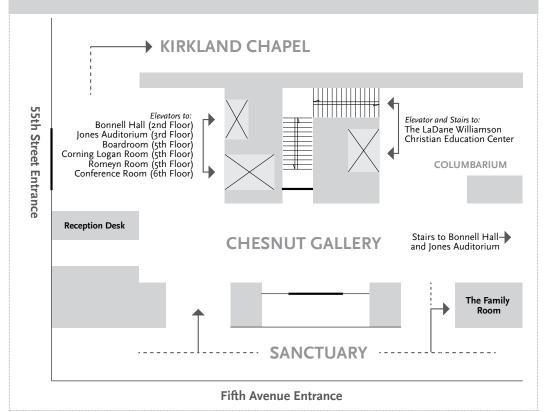
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About the Cover

The Dancing Saints is a monumental icon that wraps around the rotunda of St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. Created in 2009 by the artist Mark Dukes, the icon features 90 saints (along with a dancing Christ), ranging from traditional saints such as Teresa of Avila and Francis of Assisi to such contemporary figures as Anne Frank and Malcolm X. *The Dancing Saints* features prominently in the liturgy and life of the church. Learn more about this remarkable work of sacred art at *saintgregorys.org/the-dancing-saints.html.*



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



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