



FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 2019 • 10:00 AM



Anton Raphael Mengs, *The Dream of St. Joseph*, 1774

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. 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

Musical Clocks Suite
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809), arr. E. Power Biggs

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Charlotte Frankowski

Joel 2:28

One: God spoke through the Prophet Joel saying:
I will pour forth my spirit upon all people.

All: Your sons and daughters shall prophesy;

One: The young shall see visions,

All: The old shall dream dreams.

One: Come, let us worship God!

* HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

* 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 sings once.)




To you, O God, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.---

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth_ from heav - en,
 And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
 We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry
 thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morgan King, M.Div.

SOLO

Et incarnatus est from Mass in C minor
W.A. Mozart (1756–1791)

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto, He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
ex Maria virgine; et homo factus est. From the Virgin Mary; and was made man.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 1:18-25*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and

you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen

**“The Decision to Marry Mary
(Christmas in August, Part 2)”**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Iona Abbey Worship Book, Scotland

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
Into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God’s new community of hope. Amen.**

* HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Seminarian Casey Aldridge

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(“...and forgive us our debts...”)

THE OFFERING

You may text your offering to 646.491.8331

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Laudate Dominum from Vesperae solennes de confessore
W.A. Mozart, text: Psalm 117*

<i>Laudate Dominum omnes gentes</i>	Praise the Lord, all nations;
<i>Laudate eum, omnes populi</i>	Praise him, all people.
<i>Quoniam confirmata est</i>	For he has bestowed
<i>Super nos misericordia eius,</i>	His mercy upon us,
<i>Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.</i>	And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
<i>Amen.</i>	Amen.

* DOXOLOGY	Hymn 606
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	
* HYMN 326	For All the Saints
* BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	<i>Carillon de Westminster • Louis Vierne (1870–1937)</i>

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* • Cait Frizzell, *Soprano*

WORSHIP NOTES

The solo this morning, *Et incarnatus est*, is one of the great treasures of the sacred solo repertoire. It is a movement from the larger Creed section in Mozart's *Mass in C minor*. It is to posterity's lasting disappointment that Mozart did not complete his two greatest liturgical works: the *Requiem* and the C minor Mass. The former, of course, was left incomplete because of Mozart's death. But the Mass seems to have been the victim of the upheaval in Mozart's life caused by his resignation from the service of the Archbishop of Salzburg and his marriage (against his father's wishes) to Constanze Weber in 1782 (who herself sang the soprano parts at the work's premiere in 1783). It is not known how the missing sections were filled in in this performance; it is possible they were omitted altogether, spoken, or sung to different music. At any rate, the completed portions of the Mass are glorious, and it is a masterpiece.

Mozart composed two settings of the Vespers: the *Vesperae Solennes de Dominica*, K. 321 of 1779, and the *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*, K. 339 of 1780. The title of the setting from which today's solo comes, *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*, indicates that the work was composed to honor a saint (*confessore*), and that the piece is accompanied by orchestra (*solennes*). Historians disagree as to which saint the composition honors, but some scholars propose that the *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* may have been composed for Sept. 24, the feast day of St. Rupert (660?–710), the patron saint of Salzburg, where Mozart was living and working.

The *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* was the last work Mozart wrote for a controlling, taskmaster employer, Archbishop Colloredo. This Vespers service stays well under the 45-minute time limit created by the Archbishop, but the music is spirited and free-flowing. It pays some homage to the original chants that would have been part of the service, but is wonderfully innovative in its interplay among chorus, soloists and accompaniment. The fifth movement, *Laudate Dominum*, is the most famous movement of the work and one of the most lyrical and beautiful soprano solos in all of Mozart's compositions. It is a gentle hymn of praise, with a soaring, expressive melody for the soloist, accompanied by liquid, flowing instrumental lines.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Flowers are given to the glory of God by an anonymous donor in honor of God's love.

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
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Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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

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 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.
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***Sunday School and Children's Church are on hiatus until September.
Little Lambs continues through the summer.***

This Week

- Tue Aug 27** **20s+30s Outing: Mets!** 7 pm – Citi Field. Meet at the stadium. Reserve your \$20 ticket today! Contact: Werner Ramirez (youngadults@fapc.org).
- Sat Aug 31** **Meals on Heels.** 9:30 am – Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

Coming Up

- Sun Sept 1** **Worship.** 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Randy Weber, preaching.
- Mon Sept 2** **Labor Day holiday.** Building closed.
- Sun Sept 8** **Worship – Homecoming.** 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-congregation 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.
- Tue Sept 17** **Employment Advisory.** 6:30 pm – Corning Logan Room. Program: Professional Networking for Success.
- Thu Sept 19** **Open House: Fifth Avenue.** 6:30 pm – Bonnell Hall. A first-time event for anyone looking to get more involved in church. Contact: Morgan King (mking@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3005).
- Sat Sept 21** **20s+30s Fall Kickoff: Scavenger Hunt!** 3 pm – Curry Church House. A young-adult outing to begin the new program year! RSVP to Werner Ramirez (wramirez@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3013).

Next Sunday • Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

“We Won’t Get Fooled Again!” • Matthew 10:16-23

The Rev. Randy Weber, preaching.

Homecoming Is Just Two Weeks Away

Homecoming—the festive start of our new program year—is happening on 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 traditional Homecoming celebration, following worship in Bonnell Hall. Remember—Homecoming is an excellent day to introduce friends and family to Fifth Avenue!

Next Sunday: Randy Weber Is Back

Our preacher for next Sunday (Sept. 1) is our ever-popular Associate Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Randy Weber. Randy served as an associate pastor here for 26 years before his retirement in 2017. Randy and his wife, Cindy, and daughter Laura now live in Broomfield, Colorado, and worship at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Boulder. Please join us next week to welcome Randy back home to Fifth Avenue!

Friday: Youth End-of-Summer Party

All Fifth Avenue youth are invited to an end-of-summer party starting at 6:30 pm this Friday (Aug. 30). Meet us on the fourth floor of the Church House for pizza and games! RSVP: Werner Ramirez (wramirez@fapc.org).

When Does Fall Programming Begin?

As we prepare for another program year at Fifth Avenue, here are some dates you'll want to know. All Women's Association programs resume the week of Sept. 9. Sunday School and Youth Group resume on Sunday, Sept. 15. The FAPC Community Choir returns for its first rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 12. The 2019–20 concert season begins on Sunday, Sept. 15, with an organ recital by Ryan Jackson. Our 20s+30s group kicks off the fall with a Saturday afternoon scavenger hunt on Sept. 21. And Adult Education classes are back starting on Sunday, Sept. 22. For details on these events and more, pick up the latest copy of *The VOICE* or visit fapc.org/events.

Fall Bereavement Group to Begin Sept. 25

This fall Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will once again 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 Wednesdays from Sept. 25 through Dec. 18, from 7 to 8:30 pm. 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 Presbyterian Church, 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 with you 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).

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • Greg Dow, *Clerk of Session*

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The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor*

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or adoption**

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Fund the altar flowers

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Join the church

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Make a donation

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Plan your wedding

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Prepare for baptism

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**Remember the church
in your planned giving**

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Schedule an event

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Add a name to the prayer list • Lance Hurst, lhurst@fapc.org

Arrange a private tour • Judy Moseley, tours@fapc.org

Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

Notify us of a death or illness • Lance Hurst, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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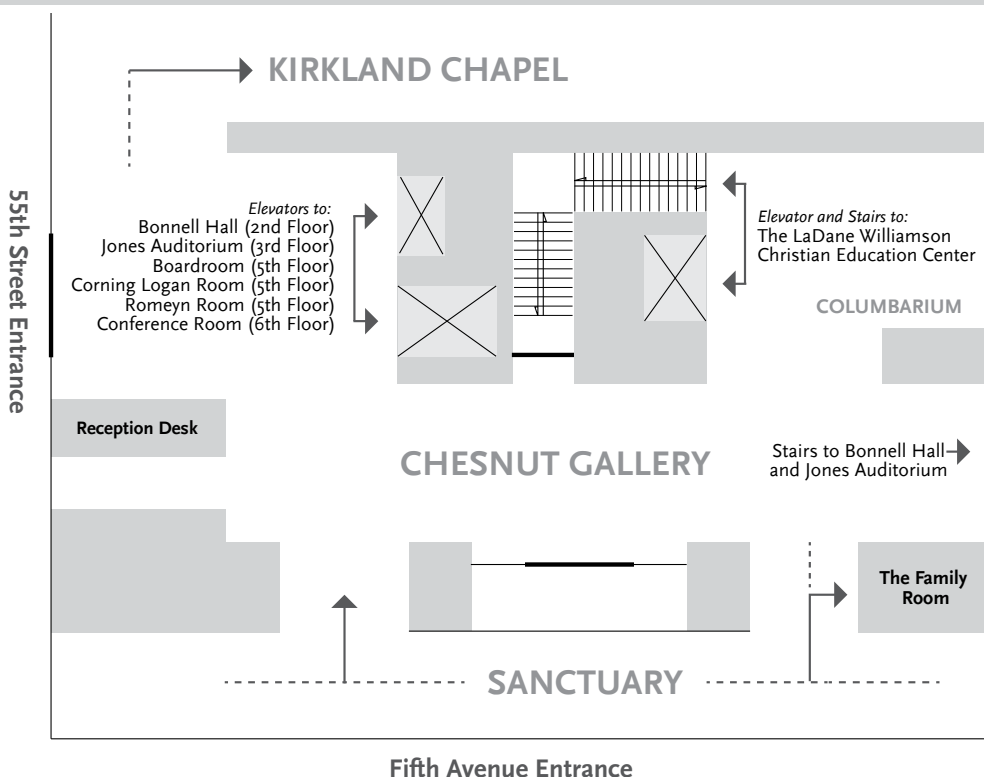
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Are You Reading David Brooks?

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.



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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