

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 10, 2019 • 11:00 AM



Harrison Picallo speaking out against gun violence in schools, March 14, 2018. Image courtesy of Werner Ramirez.

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

Sonata no. 4 in B-flat major: Allegretto Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder David DePugh

One: Welcome this day to a celebration

of hope and abundance.

All: We have come from a busy week.

We have been pulled this way and that,

with demands on our lives, our time, our energy.

One: Come and rest in the Lord,

who heals and restores you.

All: We need this restoration in our lives.

One: Pour out your needs to the Lord,

who will always hear and respond.

All: Lord, we praise you and seek your calming spirit.

* HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell

* 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.)

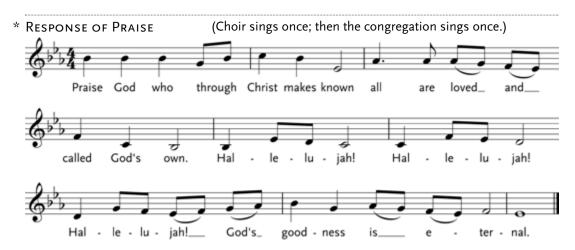




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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM FAPC Community Choir

O Praise the Lord, Ye Children • Robert J. Powell (b. 1932) Text by E.H. Plumptre (1821–1891)

O praise the Lord, ye children, Praise God, give thanks and sing With cheerful voice, both full and strong, To God your Lord and King.

Lift high your free exulting song, Your clear hosannas raise, Send forth the hymns our parents loved, The psalms of ancient days.

Now sing with all the Angel choirs, With all the saints on earth; Pour out the songs of joy and bliss, Sing all with love and mirth.

All praise to God who reigns on high, The Lord, whom we adore, The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore.

Children (pre-K through second grade) are invited to the front of the Sanctuary to depart for Children's Church. If this is your child's first time in Children's Church, please fill out the purple label in the pew rack and affix to your child's back.

LITANY OF PARTING Congregation: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

Announcements

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT Elder Osanna Urbay

ANTHEM Alleluia • Randall Thompson (1899–1984)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Werner Ramirez & Elder Harrison Picallo

"Learning to Love Youth"

* Affirmation of Faith

From the Statements of Faith of Our 2018 & 2019 Confirmands

We believe that there is one true God,

who is revealed in the Trinity.

We believe that the Trinity consists of God the Father our Creator, God the Son our Healer, and God the Holy Spirit our Sustainer.

We humans are special, each and every one of us,

for we are made in the image of God.

We believe Jesus saved us from our sins and saved us out of love. We need salvation from our sins, which Jesus died for.

We are truly loved.

We believe that the Christian life includes

going into your community and sharing the good news of Jesus,

loving others, giving to the poor,

giving shelter to those without homes, and caring for the sick. Amen.

* HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Kellie Picallo

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

THE OFFERING You may text your offering to 646.491.8331

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Kumbaya • Traditional folk song, arr. Nicholas McKaig (b. 1988)

Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya! Oh, my Lord, kumbaya! Someone's laughing, Lord... Someone's crying, Lord... Someone's praying, Lord... Someone's singing, Lord...

* Doxology Hymn 606

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN 697 Take My Life

* BENEDICTION

Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.

* CHORAL RESPONSE May God Who Creates You • Louise Skibsted

May God who creates you give you light; May God who sustains you make you wise; May God who protects you give you joy; May God who surrounds you give you peace.

POSTLUDE Sonata no. 4 in B-flat major: Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

The ministry of music this morning is offered by:
The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir • FAPC Community Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries
Elliott James Encarnación, Tenor

WORSHIP NOTES

The Offertory Anthem is a fresh and exciting take on the well-known folk song "Kumbaya," by the young American composer Nicholas McKaig. Although the song is familiar, its history has often been misunderstood. "Kumbaya" was written as "Come by Here" by Martin V. Frey in the 1930s. A missionary couple traveling to Angola taught the song to the people there. The words were changed to their native dialect, and "Kumbaya" was born. When the song returned to the United States, it retained the new words and has since been thought to be a folk song of South African origin titled "Kumbaya"!

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Phyllis Barr, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Sookjoong Choi, Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock William Cuffee, Nancy Dawkins, Athanassia Doucas, Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV Patricia L. (DeLue) Glimpse, 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, Mark & Chrissy Snyder, 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, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

Faithful Departed

Nov. 3, 2019: Jean Mankit Hong-Wong—beloved wife of Roland Po Wong, beloved mother of Annie Cheng, Philip Wong and Linda Wong, beloved mother-in-law of Calvin Cheng and Georgianna Wong, beloved grandmother of Alison Chen, Kimberly Cheng and Keziah Wong, beloved grandmother-in-law of Johnson Chen, and beloved great-grandmother of Miles Roland Chen.

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 am Coffee Hour. Bonnell Hall. Continues until 1 pm.

9:30 am Worship. Kirkland Chapel.

Christmas Angel Tree Project. Curry Church House.

Little Lambs, Sunday School and Youth Group. All in the LaDane Williamson

Christian Education Center.

10:15 am Children's Choir. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

11 am Worship. Sanctuary.

11:15 am Children's Church. Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.

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.

12:30 pm Lunch & Listen: Renaissance Polyphony. Kirkland Chapel.

This Week

Mon Nov 11 Women's Association Needlework Group. 11 am – Romeyn Room.

Tue Nov 12 Women's Association Luncheon. 12 pm – Bonnell Hall. Program: Lance Hurst,

congregational care & outreach coordinator, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Followed by Bridge at 1:30 pm.

Women's Association Speaking English. 1:30 pm – Corning Logan Room.

Women's Association Prayer Group. 5:30 pm - Romeyn Room.

Thu Nov 14 Eighth Annual William S. Perper Faith-Health Symposium. 9 am – Curry Church

House. Walk-in registration at 8 am.

FAPC Community Choir Rehearsal. 6 pm – Jones Auditorium. All are welcome.

Fri Nov 15 Parents Night Out. 5:30 pm – Corning Logan Room. RSVP to Jaime Staehle

(familyministries@fapc.org).

Sat Nov 16 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 Nov 17 Report from the Mexican Border. 12:30 pm – Bonnell Hall. Members of the

October mission trip to southern Arizona share their experiences.

Tue Nov 19 Beer & Hymn Sing. 6:30 pm – LaDane Williamson Christian Education

Center. You must be 21 years or older to participate. The cost is \$10. Contact:

community@fapc.org.

Next Sunday • Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Learning to Love Truth" • Exodus 20:16; Psalm 51:1-12

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Today: Lunch + Listen with the Chamber Choir

Fifth Avenue soprano Christina Kay and lutenist Peter Argondizza will perform a half-hour concert of delightful Renaissance music this afternoon as our popular Lunch + Listen series returns. Join us in Kirkland Chapel following the 11 am service for a complimentary sandwich and drink, then sit back and enjoy the music!

Today: The Christmas Angel Trees Are Here

Today and next Sunday (Nov. 17), the Christmas Angel Trees are on display in the Narthex and the 55th Street entrance. Through this project, the Deacons gather holiday presents for children of incarcerated parents. Choose an ornament from the trees with a child's sizes and gift requests, then return your ornament and unwrapped gifts on Sunday, Dec. 1. You may also drop off your gifts during the week of Nov. 24. Thank you for helping to make a child's Christmas special!

Thursday: Join Us for the Perper Faith-Health Symposium

Understanding Substance Abuse Disorder: A Community Approach to Healing is the theme of the eighth-annual William S. Perper Symposium, hosted by Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church on Thursday (Nov. 14). Experts from Johns Hopkins University and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will address issues in spiritual care and medicine during this day-long event, which is free and open to all. Advance registration is closed, but walk-ins are welcome to register at 8 am. The program begins at 9.

Friday: Parents Night Out!

On Friday evening (Nov. 15), parents of young children are invited to drop the kids off in the Christian Education Center then come upstairs for a fun night out with only adults in the room! We'll meet at 5:30 pm in the Corning Logan Room for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and conversation, while the kids enjoy pizza and a movie. The suggested donation is \$20 per family, and RSVPs are required. Contact: Jaime Staehle (familyministries@fapc.org).

Get Your Tickets for the Thanksgiving Luncheon

Congregational Life volunteers are in the Gallery today selling tickets to the Thanksgiving luncheon, coming up on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 13 and younger (cash, checks and credit cards accepted). Contact: *community@fapc.org.* We hope to see you at this congregation-wide celebration!

Two Opportunities for Thanksgiving Volunteers

Project FIND (a heritage mission partner) needs volunteers to deliver Thanksgiving meals to the elderly and to persons experiencing homelessness. If you can serve on Wednesday afternoon (Nov. 27) or Thursday morning (Nov. 28), email *mmarwill@projectfind.org* or sign up at *projectfind.org*. Our Meals on Heels ministry also will prepare and deliver home-cooked meals to homebound neighbors on Thanksgiving Day. If you'd like to help with preparations, come to Bonnell Hall at 9:30 am. If you'd like to deliver, please arrive by 11 am. Volunteers are also needed for the regular Saturday meal service on Nov. 30. Contact: John Wyatt (*moh@fapc.org*).

Registration Opens for the 2020 Women's Winter Sabbath

In Conversation with Women of the Bible is the theme of the next Women's Winter Sabbath, set for Jan. 24-26 at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, New Jersey. Associate Pastor Kate Dunn and Parish Associate Kellie Picallo will lead this retreat of rest, prayer and community. Register at fapc.org/wws, or contact Lance Hurst (Ihurst@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, Moderator • Greg Dow, Clerk of Session lane 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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Remember the church in your planned giving

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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 Request a bulletin announcement • Tim Palmer Curl, tpalmer@fapc.org Update contact information in our database • Diego Cardona, dcardona@fapc.org

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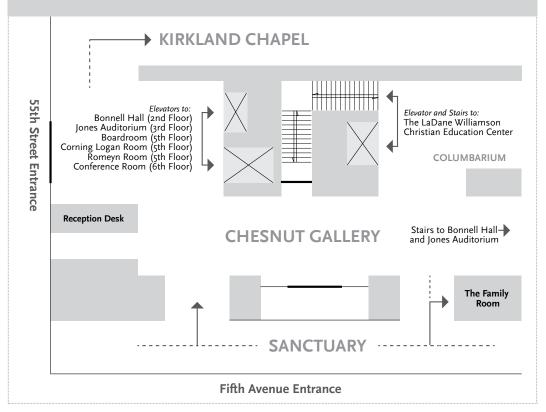
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Great Is Thy Faithfulness: The 2020 Pledge Campaign has received \$1,398,630 in pledges from 160 households, putting us 47% toward our goal of \$3 million. Thank you! If you did not receive your pledge materials in the mail, please pick up a brochure at either entrance.

You may return your pledge card by mail or drop it in the offering plate. You may also pledge online at *fapc.org/pledge*, or contact Tim Palmer Curl, director of Communications and Development (*tpalmer@fapc.org*, 212.247.0490 ext 3001). Thank you for your faithfulness to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church!



Visit Us During the Week

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

Building Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8 am to 6 pm • Tuesday: 8 am to 9 pm Saturday: 8 am to 1 pm • Sunday: 8 am to 2:30 pm







