



# FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PLEDGE SUNDAY

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J. Stacy Utley, *Church Folk*

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://fapc.org/worship). Recorded sermons are available at [fapc.org/sermons](http://fapc.org/sermons) and via podcast on iTunes. This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://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

*Sinfonia from Nun danket alle Gott*  
(“Now Thank We All Our God”), BWV 79 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Twalema Khonje*

*from Psalm 100*

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness.**

One: Come into God’s presence with singing!

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God,**

One: whose mercy is everlasting;

**All: and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

One: Let us worship Almighty God, tender and just.

### \* HYMN 367

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Kate Dunn*

### \* 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.**

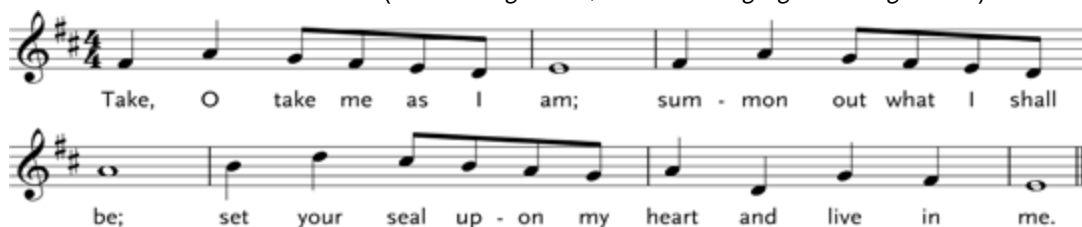
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**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.)



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Music: John L. Bell, 1995. Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995.  
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### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, - jah!

Music: George Mxadana.  
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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

*The Combined Choirs of  
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church*

Down to the River to Pray • *Traditional, arr. Sheldon Curry*

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O children, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down.  
O children, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down...  
O brothers, let's go down...  
O fathers, let's go down...  
O mothers, let's go down...  
O sinners, let's go down...

*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

*The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

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ANTHEM

Set Me as a Seal • *René Clausen (b. 1953)*

*Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,  
For love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love;  
Neither can the floods drown it.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*1 Thessalonians 5:15-22*

See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“Learning to Love the Good”**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Romans 8:26-28*

**The Spirit helps us in our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
but that very Spirit intercedes  
with sighs too deep for words.  
And God, who searches the heart,  
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,  
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints  
according to the will of God.  
We know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God’s purpose. Amen.**

\* HYMN 652

**A Grateful Heart**

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT

*Kathy Henderson and Chris Strickland, Pledge Campaign Co-chairs*

THE OFFERING

*You may text your offering to 646.491.8331*

ACT OF COMMITMENT

*Congregants with pledge cards are asked to come forward using the center aisle. Please place your cards in the baskets. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher, who will accept your card.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Promise of Living, from *The Tender Land*  
Aaron Copland (1900–1990)  
Text by Horace Everett (1927–2001)

The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving  
Is born of our loving our friends and our labor.  
The promise of growing with faith and with knowing  
Is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.  
The promise of living, the promise of growing  
Is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.

For many a year we've known these fields  
And known all the work that makes them yield,  
Are you ready to lend a hand?  
We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand.  
By working together we'll bring in the harvest,  
The blessings of harvest.

We plant each row with seeds of grain,  
And Providence sends us the sun and the rain,  
By lending a hand, by lending an arm  
Bring out from the farm the blessings of harvest.

Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain,  
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain,  
O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful  
To the Lord for his blessing.

The promise of ending in right understanding  
Is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.  
The promise of living, the promise of growing,  
The promise of ending is labor and sharing and loving.

\* DOXOLOGY

**Hymn 606**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(*"...and forgive us our debts..."*)

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN 643

**Now Thank We All Our God**

\* BENEDICTION

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

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\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Grace of Christ • *William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)*  
*Text by John Newton (1725–1807)*

May the grace of Christ our Savior,  
And our Maker's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
Held together by the Word,  
And possess in rich communion  
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE

*Nun danket alle Gott* ("Now Thank We All Our God")  
*Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)*

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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*  
Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Peter Argondizza, *Guitar* • Rowland Moseley, *Piano*  
Children's Choir & Youth • Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director*

### **The Paschal Candle**

Today Christians mark the end of the liturgical season that follows Pentecost (often called Ordinary Time). Today we focus on the victory of the crucified and risen Christ. We look back to Easter and forward to the coming of Christ.

On Easter Sunday, we lit the Paschal Candle to represent the new light of the resurrection, which banishes the death and darkness of Good Friday. Today, on Christ the King Sunday, we will remove the Paschal Candle from the Sanctuary.

With this act, we acknowledge that we remain imperfect people in an imperfect world. We acknowledge that God's work is not yet done. And we prepare for the season of Advent, during which we will wait once again for the coming of Christ into our hearts and our world.

## WORSHIP NOTES

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This morning's Anthem is by René Clausen, an American composer, conductor of the Concordia Choir and professor of music at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. His works are widely performed by choirs throughout the country, and many of his pieces have been recorded. Among his many accolades, a recording of his works, *Life & Breath: Choral Works by René Clausen*, received three awards at the 55th Grammy Awards in 2013.

Clausen composed *Set Me as a Seal* during a time of painful loss. In his own words, "Some time ago my wife suffered four consecutive miscarriages. She finally carried a child into the fifth month, all was well, and the doctor suggested she undergo an amniocentesis, as she was past 35. During the procedure the doctor inserted the needle accidentally into the umbilical cord, and killed the baby in her womb. As she was so far along, she had to deliver the dead baby normally. For some reason I will never understand, the hospital placed her in a birthing room on the maternity floor, directly next to the nursery. As she underwent the labor through the night, we heard the crying babies next door in the nursery.

"I wrote *Set Me as a Seal* the next evening. Normally, when I am asked about the 'inspiration' process, I laugh and deny inspiration in favor of work and effort. In this case, however, I just sat down and wrote the piece. I don't know what is wrapped up inside these few, simple notes. I can say actually very little about the piece. Whenever I return to it, however, I am struck by the phrase 'for love is strong as death,' because when I wrote it my actual feeling was 'for love is stronger than death'; abiding, all-encompassing love absorbs even the pain of death. If the piece is about anything, it is about the simple but powerful conviction of permanent love that seeks to overflow the boundary between life and death."

The Offertory Anthem is a powerful chorus from Aaron Copland's opera *The Tender Land*, which tells the story of a farm family in the Midwest. Copland was inspired to write this opera after viewing the Depression-era photographs of Walker Evans and reading James Agee's *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*. He wrote the work between 1952 and 1954 for the NBC Television Opera Workshop with the intention of its being presented on television, but it was rejected by the producers. Eventually, the work had its premiere on April 1, 1954, at the New York City Opera. "The Promise of Living" is perhaps *The Tender Land's* most famous excerpt. Originally composed for vocal quintet and orchestra, the arrangement heard this morning is Copland's famous anthem arrangement for five-part choir accompanied by piano duet.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dolores Olive Jordan Kojak  
by her daughter Dawn Kojak.***

***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  
Bernhard Schindler, 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

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***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](http://ny-aa.org)

**Al-Anon**

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 12:30 pm • [nycalanon.org](http://nycalanon.org)

**The Compassionate Friends: A support group for grieving families**

Second & fourth Tuesdays, 7 pm • [compassionatefriends.org](http://compassionatefriends.org)

**Health Advocates for Older People**

Strength & weight exercise class • Wednesdays, 11 am • [hafop.org](http://hafop.org)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Today

- 9 am** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. Continues until 1 pm.
- 9:30 am** **Worship.** Kirkland Chapel.  
**Little Lambs & Sunday School.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.  
**Youth Group.** Boardroom.
- 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.
- 12:15 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.
- 12:30 pm** **Thanksgiving Luncheon.** Bonnell Hall. Walk-ins welcome! Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 13 and younger.
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### This Week

- Mon Nov 25** **Women's Association Needlework Group.** 11 am – Romeyn Room.
- Tue Nov 26** **Women's Association Luncheon.** 12 pm – Bonnell Hall.  
Followed by **Bridge** at 1:30 pm.  
**Women's Association Speaking English.** 1:30 pm – Corning Logan Room.
- Thu Nov 28** **Volunteer with Meals on Heels on Thanksgiving.** 9:30 am – Bonnell Hall.  
Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).
- Sat Nov 30** **Meals on Heels.** 9:30 am – Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Dec 1** **Family Ministries Advent Festival.** 9:30 am – Christian Education Center.  
**Historical & Architectural Tour.** 12:15 pm – Kirkland Chapel. Led by Gail Crane and Derek Maddalena.
- Fri Dec 6 & Sat Dec 7** **Carols by Candlelight: The Advent Concert.** 7 pm – Kirkland Chapel. Tickets available in the Gallery and at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).
- Sat Dec 7** **Women's Association Christmas Tea.** 3:30 pm – Bonnell Hall.
- Sun Dec 8** **Adult Education: A Conversation about Madagascar with Elizabeth Turk.** 12:30 pm – Corning Logan Room. Elizabeth and Dan Turk are mission co-workers of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

### **Next Sunday • First Sunday of Advent**

A Service of Advent Carols & Hymns • 11 am, Sanctuary  
*There is no 9:30 am service today.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Today Is Pledge Sunday!**

Today marks the conclusion of our fall stewardship campaign, Great Is Thy Faithfulness. We invite you to join the procession in today's service (just after the Offering) and drop your pledge cards at the communion table to show your support for the mission and ministries of this church in 2020. If you have not submitted your pledge, this is an ideal time to do it! Pledge cards are available in the pews and from the ushers. And if you are not ready today, know that we will gratefully accept pledges into the new year as we build toward our \$3 million goal. Thank you for your generosity and your faithfulness!

### **Today: Join Us for a Thanksgiving Feast**

If you didn't reserve a seat at this afternoon's Thanksgiving luncheon, it's not too late! The lunch starts at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall, and walk-ins are welcome. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 13 and younger.

### **This Week: Two Volunteer Opportunities for Thanksgiving**

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](mailto:mmarwill@projectfind.org), or sign up at [projectfind.org](http://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 service on Nov. 30. Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

### **Advent Begins with a Festival and Service of Music**

Next Sunday, Dec. 1, is the First Sunday of Advent, and we are opening the season with two first-time events. We invite all families to join us for an Advent Festival, where we will create Advent wreaths, Christmas ornaments, Nativity scenes and more. The Festival begins at 9:30 am in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Then we will gather as one family for a Service of Advent Carols & Hymns, starting at 11 am in the Sanctuary. *There will be no 9:30 am service next Sunday.* For details on the coming season, visit [fapc.org/advent](http://fapc.org/advent), or pick up a copy of our Advent brochure.

### **Tickets on Sale for the Advent Concert**

Tickets are on sale in the Chesnut Gallery today for Carols by Candlelight, the Advent concert by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Chamber Choir. Two performances are scheduled at 7 pm on Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7, in Kirkland Chapel. The evening includes choral music, congregational singing and seasonal readings by Jeanne Lehman, with hot cider and cookies afterward. Tickets start at \$15 and will be available today and next Sunday in the Gallery and online at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).

### **Call for Volunteers for the Joe Vedella Dinner + Shelter Family Party**

Outreach Ministries seeks volunteers for two of our biggest events of the year—the Joe Vedella Dinner and the Shelter Family Christmas Party. On Sunday, Dec. 8, we will serve a holiday feast to our neighbors living on the streets. We need servers, table hosts and help with many other tasks. On Monday, Dec. 9, come spend time with children living in city shelters—invite them to the bouncy house, lead arts and crafts, pass around presents and introduce them to Santa! To sign up for either of these events, contact Meredith Fleck ([homelessevents@fapc.org](mailto:homelessevents@fapc.org)).

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### Adult Education

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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. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org).

### Community Life

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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church offers an array of opportunities for fellowship. We gather for congregation-wide events (such as Homecoming and the 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](http://fapc.org). Contact: [community@fapc.org](mailto:community@fapc.org).

### Congregational Care

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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/prayer-requests](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests). Contact: [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org).

### Family Ministries

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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, Vacation Bible School and special events all year long. Learn more (and register your child) at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). Contact: [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org).

### Fifth Avenue Ecumenical Outreach Partnership

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The Ecumenical Outreach Partnership is a collaboration among three midtown congregations – Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Working together, we are able to increase the level of support we provide to men and women experiencing homelessness and others in need of social services. The executive director, John Sheehan, LMSW, pursues street outreach and serves walk-in clients and individuals referred by Saint Thomas and St. Patrick's from his office at Fifth Avenue. We welcome your donations of warm clothing, bottled water, socks, toiletries and other essentials that our clients need. For more information, see [fapc.org/ecumenical-outreach](http://fapc.org/ecumenical-outreach). Contact: John Sheehan ([jsheehan@fapc.org](mailto:jsheehan@fapc.org)).

### Membership

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When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. From the moment you walk through our doors, we invite you to be a part of our community. We want to learn your name, listen to your questions, and hear your story. Every step of the way, we choose you. In membership, you choose us. Through our *Believing and Belonging* seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the

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Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition, and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this may be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming class. Email Morgan King ([mking@fapc.org](mailto:mking@fapc.org)) or visit [fapc.org/membership](http://fapc.org/membership) to learn more.

### Mission Partners

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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church supports a diverse group of mission partners whose missions and ministries align closely with our own. Read more at [fapc.org/mission-partners](http://fapc.org/mission-partners).

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

### Music + Arts

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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. Contact: [music@fapc.org](mailto:music@fapc.org). Our Theatre Fellowship offers a mainstage production every spring, staged readings, a cabaret and other events during the year. Contact: [theatre@fapc.org](mailto: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.

### 20s+30s

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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 (Embrace), service projects, social events, retreats and more. Join us! We're online at [fapc.org/20s-30s](http://fapc.org/20s-30s) and on Instagram @FAPC20s30s. Contact: [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).

### Volunteering

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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](http://fapc.org/volunteer) or email [volunteer@fapc.org](mailto:volunteer@fapc.org).

### Women's Association

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The Women's Association invites the women (and men!) of the congregation to our program of education, service, prayer and benevolence. Our Tuesday luncheons (\$15, Bonnell Hall), featuring guest speakers and entertainment, are open to all. Our programs are listed every Sunday in the bulletin's Calendar of Events. Contact: [wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org).

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**Schedule an event**

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**Add a name to the prayer list** • Lance Hurst, [lhurst@fapc.org](mailto:lhurst@fapc.org)

**Arrange a private tour** • Judy Moseley, [tours@fapc.org](mailto:tours@fapc.org)

**Hire our caterer** • Rodrigo Rosas, [rodrigo@roxoevents.com](mailto:rodrigo@roxoevents.com)

**Notify us of a death or illness** • Lance Hurst, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)

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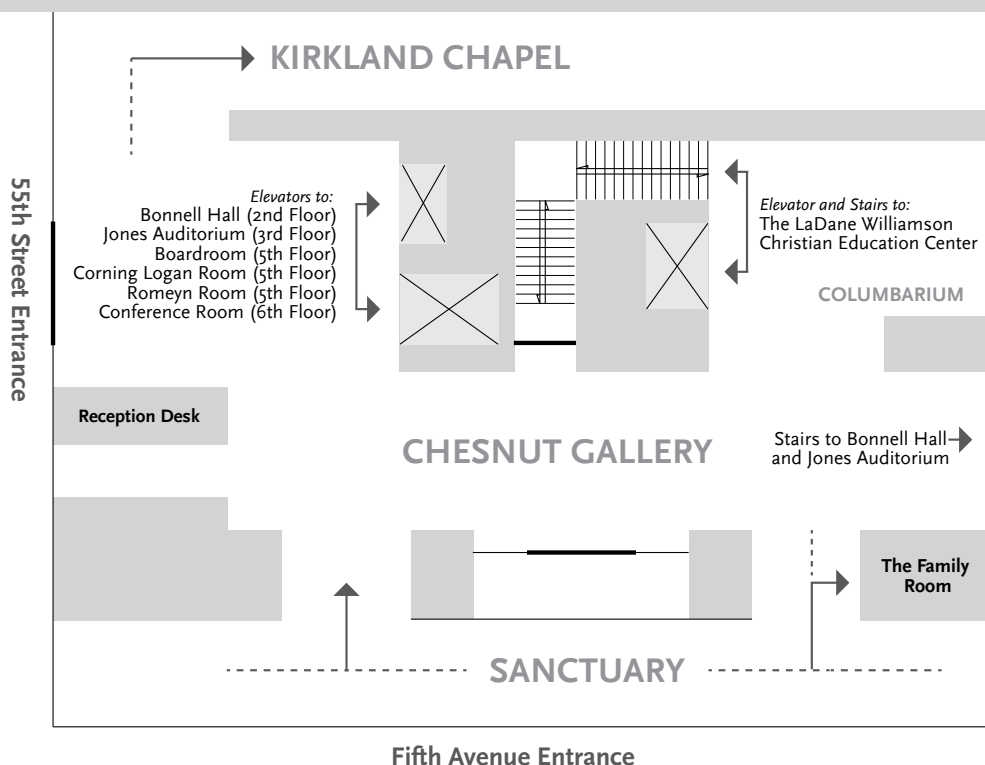
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## Building Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8 am to 6 pm • Tuesday: 8 am to 9 pm  
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