



FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019 • 11:00 AM



Good King Wenceslas look'd out,  
On the Feast of Stephen;  
When the snow lay round about,  
Deep, and crisp, and even:  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
Though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight,  
Gath'ring winter fuel.

—John Mason Neale



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

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*  
("Sleepers, wake! The Watch are Calling"), BWV 645  
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder Amanda DeMeola*

One: Rejoice in the Lord always.  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice.**  
One: Again, I say "rejoice!"  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice!**  
One: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
**All: We are ready to share kindness and love.**  
One: This is good! For the Lord is near!  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice;  
for God is with us!**

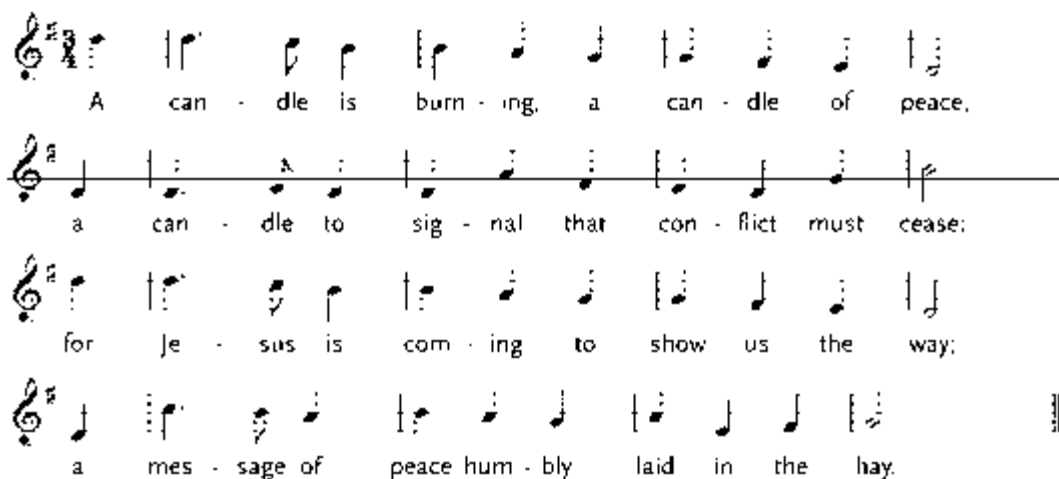
### \* HYMN 87

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

### \* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Abby and Jake Myers*

### \* SUNG RESPONSE



A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of peace,  
a can - dle to sig - nal that con - flict must cease;  
for Je - sus is com - ing to show us the way;  
a mes - sage of peace hum - bly laid in the hay.

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### \* 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 joins, singing once.)

Musical notation for the sung response. The first line shows the melody for 'Kyrie eleison' with lyrics 'Kyrie eleison'. The second line shows the melody for 'Christe eleison' with lyrics 'Christe eleison'.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Musical notation for the response of praise. The first line has lyrics 'People look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the year.' The second line has lyrics 'Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.' The third line has lyrics 'People look east and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.'

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

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ANTHEM

Good King Wenceslas • *Traditional, arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*  
*Text by J.M. Neale (1818–1866)*

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even:  
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight, gath'ring winter fuel.

“Hither, page, and stand by me, if you know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?”  
“Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,  
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain.”

“Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine-logs hither:  
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither.”  
Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together:  
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,  
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.”

“Mark my footsteps, good my page; tread now in them boldly:  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,  
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Isaiah 11:1-9*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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

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SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“Good King Wenceslas”**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.**

\* HYMN 104

**O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Kate Dunn*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*(“...and forgive us our debts...”)*

THE OFFERING

*You may text your offering to 646.491.8331*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Thou the Central Orb • *Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

*Text: H.R. Bramley (1833–1917)*

O thou the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High,  
Eternal Light of this our wintry world,  
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,  
Hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
As stars about thy throne,  
set in the height of God’s ordaining counsel,  
As thy sight gives measured grace to each,  
Thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with thee,  
Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,  
Now pure within, pure within. Amen.

\* DOXOLOGY

***Hymn 606***

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\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN 93

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes • *Mark G. Sirett (b. 1952)*  
*Text: Anonymous*

Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by any din of drums,  
Nor his manners, nor his airs,  
Nor by anything he wears.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by his crown or by his gown,  
But his coming known shall be,  
By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland* ("Savior of the Nations, Come"),  
BWV 661 • *J.S. Bach*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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The Anthem this morning is by Charles Wood, a great Victorian composer of Irish descent. In 1883, Wood was a student in the inaugural class of the newly instituted Royal College of Music in London. He studied composition with Charles Villiers Stanford and Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, widely considered to be the great-grandfathers of the modern English choral tradition. Wood went on to teach composition himself at the college, as well as at Cambridge University, and he counted Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells among his pupils. Although Wood served as the director of music at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, he spent much of his early career writing larger-scale works for stage and orchestra. It was not until later in life that Wood turned to the composition of church music. "O Thou the Central Orb" is a wonderful example of Wood's work in this style, featuring masterful choral writing above a stirring and expressive organ accompaniment. The final "Amen," following a brief organ interlude, is enormously powerful in its simplicity, a testament to Wood's outstanding sensitivity to text and musical form.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mee Yung Ng,  
beloved mother of Mary Ng.***

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### ***Please pray for:***

Candy Asman, Phyllis Barr, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Phoebe Chiu, 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

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](mailto:lhurst@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

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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 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.
- 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** **Adult Education: A Conversation about Madagascar with Elizabeth Turk.** Corning Logan Room.
- 2:30 pm** **The Joe Vedella Christmas Dinner.** Bonnell Hall.
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### This Week

- Mon Dec 9** **Women's Association Needlework Group.** 11 am – Romeyn Room.  
**Shelter Family Christmas Party.** 6 pm – Christian Education Center.
- Tue Dec 10** **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.
- Wed Dec 11** **Blue Christmas Prayer Service.** 6:30 pm – Kirkland Chapel. The Rev. Kate Dunn and the Rev. Helen Jackson, presiding.
- Thu Dec 12** **FAPC Community Choir Rehearsal.** 6 pm – Jones Auditorium. All are welcome.
- Fri Dec 13** **Staff Christmas Celebration.** Building closed.  
**20s+30s Christmas Party.** 6:30 pm – Corning Logan Room.
- Sat Dec 14** **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)).  
**Saturday Advent Tours.** 11 am – 1 pm. From the Fifth Avenue entrance.

### Coming Up

- Wed Dec 18** **Homeless Persons' Memorial Day.** 4:30 pm – Bonnell Hall. Hosted by Care for the Homeless and Urban Pathways.

### **Next Sunday • Third Sunday of Advent**

"The Canticle of the Turning" • Luke 1:46-55  
*Seminarian Casey Aldridge, preaching. 9:30 am, Kirkland Chapel*  
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Children's Choir & Youth present the Christmas Pageant,  
*The Last Noel*, at the 11 am service in the Sanctuary.

**Baptized Today**

Eleanor Wren Tongue, daughter of Jeneca Parker-Tongue and Robbyn Tongue (9:30 am).

**Today: A Conversation with Our Madagascar Mission Partner**

Elizabeth Turk spends most of her time in Madagascar, pursuing a range of life-saving ministries with the support of this congregation. But today, she is here at Fifth Avenue with a first-hand report on all that she and her husband, Dan, are achieving—and the challenges they face—in this remote and remarkable part of Africa. Come welcome Elizabeth at 12:30 pm in the Corning Logan Room.

**Wednesday: Blue Christmas**

Last year, with NBC News in the house, we filled Kirkland Chapel for our Blue Christmas service of contemplation and prayer. This year, let's do it again—without the cameras. Blue Christmas invites you to step away from the busyness of this season and rest in the watchful quiet of Advent. The service begins at 6:30 pm, led by the Rev. Kate Dunn and the Rev. Helen Jackson.

**Friday: 20s+30s Holiday Party**

This week the 20s+30s of Fifth Avenue gather for a Friday the 13th Christmas Party (now there's a scary combination) at 6:30 pm in the Corning Logan Room. Come with a white elephant gift (\$15 maximum) and let's celebrate! RSVP: Werner Ramirez ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)).

**Next Sunday: The Christmas Pageant, Cider Sing + More**

Next Sunday (Dec. 15) is Pageant Sunday, and we are doing things a little differently this year. At 9:30 am, we offer our usual Sunday worship in Kirkland Chapel. Seminarian Casey Aldridge is our preacher. The Christmas Pageant will be featured at the 11 am service only. Join us in the Sanctuary as the Children's Choir and Youth present *The Last Noel*, a re-telling of the Nativity that reminds us that Christ the Savior is born in the last place you'd expect! Following worship, join us on the Fifth Avenue steps for Cider Sing, our way of bringing the joy of the season to our neighbors. All voices are welcome, starting at 12:30 pm. Finally, at 1 pm, members and friends of our Youth Group are invited to Bonnell Hall for holiday baking with expert chef April Fellers (aka Pastor Werner's wife).

**Send Us Your Christmas Flower Memorials**

We invite you to honor the memory of departed family members and loved ones with a donation to the Flower Fund. Your loved one's name will appear in the memorial listing in the bulletins on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and on Christmas Day. Please send your loved one's name along with a donation no later than Monday morning, Dec. 16, to Lance Hurst ([lhurst@fapc.org](mailto:lhurst@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3007). The suggested donation is \$25 for each listing. Your donations will help to provide flowers for worship throughout the year.

**Here's Your Year-End Checklist!**

Yes, Advent is a time of waiting. But there are some productive things you can do while you wait.

**First: Submit your 2020 pledge**, if you haven't already. Go to [fapc.org/pledge](https://fapc.org/pledge) and help us fund our ministries for the coming year! **Second: Fulfill your 2019 pledge**, if you have a balance outstanding. If you didn't receive a statement a few weeks ago, contact Richard Schexnider in our business office ([rschexnider@fapc.org](mailto:rschexnider@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3044). **Third: Help us identify the next officer class!** If you, or another member you know, would make an outstanding Elder, Deacon or Trustee, go to [fapc.org/officer-elections](https://fapc.org/officer-elections) and submit the officer recommendation form. You have until Dec. 31 to check off every item on this list!

## 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).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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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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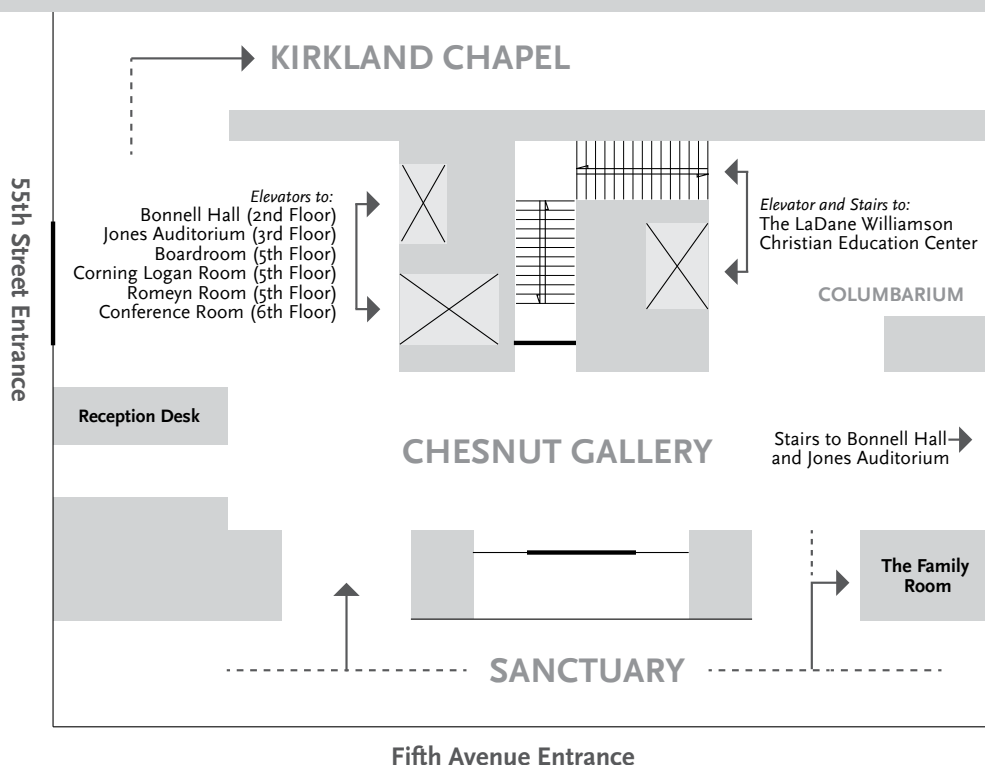
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