

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 • 11:00 AM



Laura James, *Babel Tower*, 2002

**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. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy or someone at our Welcome Table. We have tons of programs and community groups 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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### Welcome

We’d love to Connect! Please scan the QR code or fill out a Connect Card that you will find in your pew. You can fill it out online, or place the card into an offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance.) The folks at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries and programs. Our Sanctuary Doors open at 10 am every Sunday.

### These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print bulletin please ask an usher.

### 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. 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).

### Worship Resources Online

Head to [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) for information about future worship services. Our weekly video service, Light, Leaven & Salt, is available throughout the week at [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray).

### 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.



In light of the Delta variant and rising virus rates in the country and in our city, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church requires its members, visitors, and staff to properly wear a mask.


**We encourage you to follow Christ’s command: “Love Your Neighbor!” Manifest your love by: Wearing a mask at church, distancing, and getting your jab (if you can)!**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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and staff to properly wear a mask.**

*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 *Sicilienne · Mark Sirett (b. 1952)*
- \* CALL TO WORSHIP *Micah 6*  
*Trustee Thomas Pak*
- One: With what shall we come before the Holy One,  
and bow ourselves before God on high?
- All: **God has shown us what is good.**
- One: What does the Holy One require of us,
- All: **but to do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God?**
- One: Let us worship God.
- \* HYMN 619 **Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven**
- \* 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.)
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- 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.

Music: Nikolaus Decius, 1539 - ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH'. Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1522, trans. F. Bland Tucker.  
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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LITANY OF PARTING

**Congregation: May God be with you there.**  
**Children: May God be with you here.**

*Children (pre-K through second grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Church.  
 If this is your child's first time at Fifth Avenue, please come downstairs with them.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

ANTHEM

The Call · *Kenneth Jennings (b. 1925)*  
 Text by George Herbert (1593–1633)

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
 Such a Way, as gives us breath;  
 Such a Truth, as ends all strife;  
 Such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
 Such a Light as shows a feast;  
 Such a Feast, as mends in length;  
 Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
 Such a Joy, as none can move;  
 Such a Love, as none can part;  
 Such a Heart, as joys in love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Genesis 11:1-9*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**"Binary Blues"**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Presbyterian Study Catechism* (1998)

One: What does it mean to say that we human beings are created in the image of God?  
All: **That God created us  
to live together in love and freedom—  
with God, with one another, and with the world.  
Our distinctive capacities—  
reason, imagination, volition and so on—  
are given primarily for this purpose.  
We are created to be loving companions of others  
so that something of God's goodness  
may be reflected in our lives. Amen.**

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

*The Rev. Kate Dunn*

Statement of Ordination  
Presentation of Candidates  
Constitutional Questions  
Prayer of Ordination  
The Lord's Prayer  
Declaration and Charge

\* ORDINATION HYMN 691

**Lord, When I Came into This Life**

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CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Praise the Lord, O My Soul · *Ned Rorem (b. 1923)*  
*Text: Psalm 146*

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers nor in any child of earth,  
For there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
And in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

Whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas,

And all that is in them;

Who keeps his promise forever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
And food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord cares for the stranger;

He sustains the orphan and widow,

But frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,

Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

\* DOXOLOGY

**Hymn 606**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN 307

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

\* 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.

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POSTLUDE

Prelude in B major, op. 7 · Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

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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*  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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The Anthem this morning is a beautiful setting of the famous poem *The Call* by the English poet and cleric, George Herbert. Herbert wrote devotional verse throughout his life, but only after his death in 1633 were his poems published. Referring to his poetry in the ancient tradition as “song,” Herbert used simple and common words, conversational speech rhythms, musical imagery, and witty, unexpected metaphors. His titles are short, sometimes direct, sometimes enigmatic, such as *Discipline*, *Prayer*, and *The Pulley*. In his poetry, Herbert explores his vision of Christian life, “a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul.” Today, critics consider Herbert to be “one of the purest and most ravishing of English poets.” This morning’s setting is by Kenneth Jennings who was, for many years, conductor of the St. Olaf Choir and Professor Emeritus of St. Olaf College.

The composer of the Offertory Anthem is one of the most important living American composers: Ned Rorem. Rorem was born in Richmond, Indiana on October 23, 1923, and spent most of his youth in Chicago. He received his musical training at the American Conservatory of Music, Northwestern University, the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, and the Juilliard School. Particularly renowned for his art songs, Rorem has also composed operas, symphonies, as well as pieces for various chamber ensembles. In 1976, Rorem received the Pulitzer Prize for Music recognizing his suite *Air Music: Ten Etudes of Orchestra*, which was first performed in Cincinnati in December of 1975. Rorem has composed extensively for choir and has written several pieces for solo organ. *Praise the Lord, O My Soul* is a wonderful example of Rorem’s up-tempo and rhythmic choral style – the musical language is fundamentally tonal, with punchy chromaticism that is usually playful, sometimes a bit startling, often resulting in harmonies evocative of jazz.

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Our Fall 2021 banner, “Rise, Refresh, Restore At The Well,” is created by artist Karen Brodie. She was inspired by Fifth Avenue’s journey to return to in-person worship.

Karen shares, “The banner design reminds us we have the deep well of living water before us always to drink of, and find new and restored life in. The well, infused with the Holy Spirit and richly overflowing with abundance reminds us of our participation in building the bricks and mortar of a container. God’s abundance is ever-present and ever refreshing. The well structure reminds us we are a part of this relationship of love too. It, and the water, may remind us of our baptism when we promised to live with God’s help. We are trusting that, like a seed, God offers us all we need to find this healing new life. In this way, we can rise to new life, hearing God’s call and purposefully choosing God’s kingdom. Thanks be to God.”



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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### ***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 that 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).

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

Candy Asman, Phyllis Barr, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley Madeline Bunce, Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Phoebe Chiu Sookjoong Choi, Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas Zakaria El Fatihi, Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV, Patricia L. (DeLue) Glimpse, Wanda Roush Hannan Juliet Kaldanie, Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Richard J. Lawson Lauren Ma, Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Phyllis Oblander, France Owarish Marjorie Quaife, Dexter Ramcharan, David Roring, Jeff Rowbottom, Pauline Sample Robert Scheuer, Taylor Shultz, Spencer Robert Smith, Mark and Chrissy Snyder Frieda Sompotan, Jean Stewart, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Betty Ty Henny Waisapy, Jennifer Wallis-Eifert, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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### ***Faithful Departed***

Sept. 6, 2021: Amira Yunis—beloved wife of Dudley Hancox and beloved mother of Anthony Yunis.

Sept. 7, 2021: Jean Foss—beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Sept. 9, 2021: Nancy Hatch—beloved aunt of Sylvia Winrich and beloved mother to Valencia, Kim, Nathaniel, Ronald, Andrew, and Natalie Winstead.

Sept. 9, 2021: Esther Hendrix—beloved friend of Sylvia Winrich.

Sept. 12, 2021: Frank H. Gibbs—beloved father of Jama Toung, father-in-law of David Toung, and Pop Pop of Sienna & Collin Toung.

Sept. 13, 2021: Mary Lang Edwards—beloved friend of Fifth Avenue, devoted wife of Thomas W. Edwards, Jr., mother of Thomas W. Edwards III and Christopher Edwards.

If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Kristia Tolode ([congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Today

- 9:30 am**      **Little Lambs, Sunday School and Youth Group.** All in the 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.
- 7 pm**         **Rebuilding Joy in Our Lives & Our Relationship To God.** 7 pm · Register for this Webinar at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). Examine Jesus' sayings about joy with Dr. Angella Son, Associate Professor of Psychology and Religion at Drew University.
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### This Week

- Tue Sept 21**    **Employment Advisory.** Tuesday, 6:30 pm · Zoom Meeting. Presentation: The Art and Science of the Interview. Do the right work, before you get the job. Register at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org).
- Fri Sept 24**    **Youth: Last Friday Meetups.** 7:30 pm · LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Let's end the week together! Youth in grades 6-12, join us for games and Bible Study. No sign up needed.
- Sat Sept 25**    **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 Sept 26**    **Rebuilding Jerusalem: A look at Biblical Archeology.** 7 pm · Register for this Webinar at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). Biblical Archeologist Dr. Ron Tappy invites us to journey through Jerusalem.
- Wed Sept 29**    **Bereavement Group.** 7 pm · Zoom Meeting. This fall Fifth Avenue sponsors a 10-week bereavement support group for persons struggling with grief and the aftermath of loss. To register, email Kristia Tolode at [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org).
- Fall Book Club.** 7 pm · Zoom Meeting. Join us for a four-week book discussion on *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez*. Register online at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) or email [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org) for questions.
- Sun Oct 10**     **Deacon's Food Drive.** 9 am · 55th Street entrance. The Deacons will accept your contributions today. Or you may drop your donations at the reception desk during building hours, starting Monday, Oct. 11.

### **Next Sunday • Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

"God's Lumber Yard" • Psalm 118

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

### **Arts & Our Faith**

Join us in the Chesnut Gallery for *Keeping the Faith: Sustaining Our Ministries During the Pandemic*, an exhibit that celebrates the resilience of Fifth Avenue during our 18 months apart.

### **Today: Rebuilding Joy in Our Lives and Our Relationship To God**

In response to this urgent need of joy in our society, this discussion will examine Jesus' sayings about joy, and include theological and psychological responses to the spirituality of joy. Join us at 7 pm this evening. Visit [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) to sign up.

### **Today: Children's Communion Class**

All kids in 3rd through 5th grade are invited to join us for a Communion Class this Fall during our 11 am worship service. We will spend time discovering the history of the Lord's Supper and why we celebrate it. Class begins today, Sept. 19 and runs through Oct. 3. There is no need to sign up, kids may come down to the Christian Education Center following the Litany of Parting.

### **The Art and Science of the Interview, Zoom**

Interviewing for a job is both an art and science. The most important thing to consider is that interviewing for the job is often very different from actually doing the job. Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 pm. Email [employmentadvisory@fapc.org](mailto:employmentadvisory@fapc.org) for more details or check [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) to register.

### **Bereavement Group**

Do you know someone who is struggling with grief and the aftermath of loss? Fifth Avenue will offer a ten-week support group on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 29, via Zoom. The cost is \$120. Email [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org) by Sept. 15 to register.

### **Book Club: The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez**

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 29, join our four-week book discussion on Zoom. We'll explore the history of the U.S. border and policies around citizenship. This book discussion will be led by Frontera de Cristo's, the Rev. Mark Adams and members of the Mission Partner Group. Email [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org) for questions and visit [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) to sign up.

### **Coffee Hour**

When weather permits, Sunday Coffee Hour will be held on the 7th floor Weber Terrace. Volunteers will be stationed at elevators in the Lobby and on the 7th floor to keep the flow of people safe and manage elevator capacity. Masks are required on The Weber Terrace.

### **Save the Date: The Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture**

The Rev. Canon Esau McCaulley, PhD, will deliver our fourth-annual Gotto lecture in the Sanctuary of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Join us Friday, Nov. 3, 2021 in the Sanctuary at 7 pm and on [fapc.org/live](http://fapc.org/live).

### **The Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards**

The 10th Anniversary of the Jones Award Dinner, currently scheduled for October 15, will be rescheduled to an evening in 2022.

### **Tours**

We have currently paused our Tours during this phase of our reopening.

## 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). All of our class offerings are following our Covid-19 protocols and are available online.

### 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 (currently using instruments), 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 essential services. The executive director, John Sheehan, LMSW provides street outreach and welcomes walk-in clients referred by Saint Thomas and St. Patrick's Cathedral to his office at Fifth Avenue. We welcome your donations of bottled water, socks, toiletries and other essentials that our clients need. For more information, contact [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@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 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 online class. Email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/membership](http://fapc.org/membership) to learn more.

## Mission Partners

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 Church of Gethsemane	Holmes Camp & Retreat Center
Search and Care	Parity
Urban Outreach Center NYC	Hands Along the Nile Development Services
WANA Community Resource Center/ RDJ Refugee Shelter	Ministry of Hope Lesotho
West Side Federation for Senior & Supportive Housing	Mission co-workers Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar – US-Mexico Border
Womankind	Mission co-workers Cobbie & Dessa Palm – Philippines
The Farminary Project	Mission co-workers Dan & Elizabeth Turk – Madagascar

## Music + Arts

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 Fifth Avenue Community Choir, an entry-level ensemble that is currently on hold until our reopen Phase 3B. Contact: [music@fapc.org](mailto:music@fapc.org) to learn more. Our Theatre Fellowship offers a mainstage production every spring, staged readings, a cabaret and other events during the year—this ministry is currently on hold. 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

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 Wednesday evening discussion group, 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

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, email [volunteer@fapc.org](mailto:volunteer@fapc.org).

## Women's Association

The Women's Association weekly luncheons are canceled for the 2021 season. The Women's Association Bazaar will not be held inside the Fifth Avenue building. We are looking into the possibility of holding a Bazaar outside on 55th Street. For more information, 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* • Erica Moffett, *Clerk of Session*

Porter Binks, *Assistant Clerk of Session* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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Joyce Hansen  
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Meaghan McFarland  
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Jacky Radifera  
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Class of 2023

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Patrick Obeng-Frimpong  
Emily Sytsma  
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Claire Kedeshian  
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William Stone  
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### The Board of Deacons

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Class of 2022

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Matt Roush  
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### The Board of Trustees

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Class of 2022

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## Worship with Us!

**In-person worship** for the 11 am Sunday service in the Sanctuary.

**Livestreaming worship** of the 11am worship service at [fapc.org/live](https://fapc.org/live). Complete with an attached bulletin, head to [fapc.org/live](https://fapc.org/live) each Sunday starting at 10:45 am and lean into the beauty of worship with Fifth Avenue.

**Light, Leaven & Salt**, our weekly worship video, is available Sundays at 5 pm on [fapc.org/worship](https://fapc.org/worship) to watch anytime during the week. This weekly video features the complete sermon and highlights of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir.

'Fifth Avenue by Phone,' is a recording of the entire 11 am worship service on a phone line which is made available each Monday morning at 212.685.4934.

In light of the Delta variant and rising virus rates in the country and in our city, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church encourages all of its members, friends and staff to follow Christ's command: "Love Your Neighbor!" Manifest your love by: Wearing a mask at church, distancing, and getting your jab (if you can)!

## About the Cover

Laura James, *Babel Tower*, 2002. Used with permission. A self-taught painter and illustrator, James has been working as an artist for 30 years. Her African and Caribbean-American heritage and her love of stories, design and color show up prominently in her work. Painting in two styles she refers to as "sacred" and "secular," James separates and combines the sacrosanct and the ordinary to create a diverse body of work. Two examples of her work are on permanent view at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. *Sermon on the Mount*, commissioned by the church in 2016, hangs in Kirkland Chapel. And *Creation*, a gift of member Sheila Greene, is just outside the Chapel, above the stairway leading to the Christian Education Center. Learn more about her work at [laurajamesart.com](https://laurajamesart.com).



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