



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 26, 2021 • 11:00 AM



This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. 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

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.

Worship Resources Online

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

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 response to the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church requires that **all worshippers (five years old and up) be fully vaccinated and present proof of vaccination (at least two shots and at least fourteen days away from the second shot) and properly wear a mask at all times.**

We encourage you to follow Christ’s command: “Love Your Neighbor!” Manifest your love by: Wearing a mask, distancing, and getting your jab or booster (as directed by your doctor)!

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.*

We ask that you properly wear a mask at all times.

PRELUDE

The Huron Carol · Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Sylvia Winrich

One: We waited.

All: And imagined a savior.

One: We imagined power.

All: One like the world but stronger and on our side.

One: We imagined a king on a white horse
wielding a sword.

All: We got a baby born in a stable among the livestock.

One: We imagined the work done for us
through the destruction of our enemies.

**All: We receive a baby who will teach us our calling
to seek reconciliation and to love expansively.**

One: Praise be to God
for the unexpected babe of Bethlehem.

All: Praise to the wisdom of love. Amen!

* HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

* 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

* SONG RESPONSE

O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us we pray;
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.
 We hear the Christ-mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em-man - u - el!

Music: Lewis Henry Redner, 1868 - ST. LOUIS. Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Music: German folk tune, 14th century - IN DULCI JUBILO. Text: Medieval Latin, trans. John Mason Neale, 1853.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LITANY OF PARTING

All: May God be with you there.
 Children: May God be with you here.

*Children (pre-K through fifth 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 FIRST LESSON*John 1:1-14**Deacon Sylvia Winrich*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

* HYMN 144

In the Bleak Midwinter**THE SECOND LESSON***Matthew 1:18-25**The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

* HYMN 147

The First Nowell (verses 1, 2, 4, and 6)**THE THIRD LESSON***Luke 2:1-7**The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

* HYMN 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

SOLO

Schlafendes Jesuskind ("Sleeping Christ child") · Hugo Wolf (1860–1903)

*Sohn der Jungfrau, Himmelskind! am Boden
Auf dem Holz der Schmerzen eingeschlafen,
Das der fromme Meister, sinnvoll spielend,
Deinen leichten Träumen unterlegte;
Blume du, noch in der Knospe dämmernd
Eingehüllt die Herrlichkeit des Vaters!
O wer sehen könnte, welche Bilder
Hinter dieser Stirne, diesen schwarzen
Wimpern sich in sanfterm Wechsel malen!*

Son of the Virgin, child of Heaven, lying on the floor
Asleep on the wood of suffering
That the pious painter has placed—
A meaningful allusion—under your light dreams;
You flower, even in the bud, darkling and sheathed,
Still the glory of God the Father!
O, who could see, behind this brow, these dark lashes,
What softly-changing pictures are being painted!
Son of the Virgin, child of Heaven!

THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

Deacon Sylvia Winrich

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

* HYMN 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

THE FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

* HYMN 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

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

MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

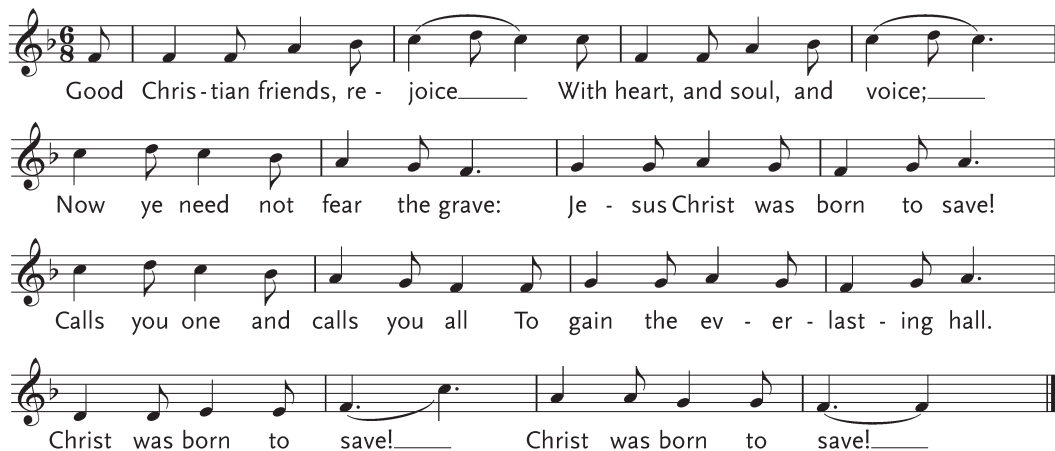
"Those Who Dream...Get Lost"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Study Catechism

**No one will be lost who can be saved.
The limits to salvation, whatever they may be,
are known only to God.
Three truths above all are certain.
God is a holy God who is not to be trifled with.
No one will be saved except by grace alone.
And no judge could possibly be more gracious
than our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE



Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice_____ With heart, and soul, and voice;_____

Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ was born to save!_____ Christ was born to save!_____

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY SOLO

*The Holy Boy · John Ireland (1879–1962)
Text by Herbert S. Brown*

Lowly, laid in a manger, with oxen brooding nigh,
The Heavenly Babe is lying His Maiden Mother by.
Lo! the wayfaring sages, who journeyed far through the wild,
Now worship, silent, adoring, the Boy, the Heavenly Child!

Leave your work and your playtime,
and kneel in homage and prayer,
The Prince of Love is smiling a sleep in His cradle there!
Bend your heart to the wonder, the birth, the mystery mild,
And worship, silent, adoring, the Boy, the Heavenly Child.

Dim the light of the lantern, and bare the mean abode,
Yet gold and myrrh and incense proclaim the Son of God.
Lowly, laid in a manger by virgin undefiled,
Come worship, silent, adoring, the Boy, the Heavenly Child.

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Psalm 98

Deacon Sylvia Winrich

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

* HYMN 40 Joy to the World

* BENEDICTION

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*
Christopher Seefeldt, *Bass*

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Please pray for:

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, 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.
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This Week

- Sat Jan 1** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am · Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

Coming Up

- Wed Jan 5** **20s + 30s Community Group: New Year's Celebration.** 7 pm · Corning Logan Room. Kick off the new year with an in-person gathering to reflect and hope.
- Sun Jan 9** **The Word is Out.** 9:30 am · 5th floor Board Room. All are welcome to this community group for LGBTQ+ people of faith.
- Worship.** 11 am · Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- Sun Jan 16** **Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations.** 9:30 am · Bonnell Hall. An introduction to the focus of Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations for 2022. Proof of vaccination is required for this event and light snacks will be served. Please register at fapc.org/events.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday.** 11 am · Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, preaching.
- Confirmation Classes Begin.** 12:30 pm. Register at fapc.org/confirmation.
- Believing and Belonging: Digital New Member Class (Session 1).** 2 pm EST · Zoom. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed. Register at fapc.org/events. Email membership@fapc.org for more information.
- Sun Jan 23** **The Word is Out.** 9:30 am · 5th floor Board Room. All are welcome to this community group for LGBTQ+ people of faith.
- Worship.** 11 am · Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- Believing and Belonging: Digital New Member Class (Session 2).** 2 pm EST · Zoom. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed. Register at fapc.org/events. Email membership@fapc.org for more information.
- An Introduction to Reformed Theology.** 6 pm EST · Webinar. Instructor: Dr. Cynthia Rigby, W.C. Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Theological Seminary. Register at fapc.org/events.

Next Sunday • Second Sunday After Christmas
"Those Who Dream... Look for God" • Matthew 2:1-12
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.

20s + 30s Community Group: New Year's Celebration

Every Wednesday night the 20s + 30s gather at 7 pm, either on zoom or in person, for fellowship, conversation and study. Kick off the new year on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 7 pm with an in person gathering to reflect on who we've been in the past, as well as to discuss who we hope to be, the ways we hope to grow, and the things we want to focus on in the coming year.

2022 Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 9:30 am for an important discussion as the Anti-Racism Response Team (ARRT) and Adult Education share the 2022 focus for Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations. We'll provide details for a month long social action challenge as well as a project here at Fifth Avenue. We'll also hear from PC(USA) leaders about what it means to be a Matthew 25 Church. Proof of vaccination is required for this event and light snacks will be served. Please register at fapc.org/events.

Confirmation Class 2022

Families of youth in 7th grade and above, sign up now for the 2022 Confirmation Class beginning Sunday, Jan. 16 until March 6. Each week at 12:30 pm confirmands will learn the basics of Christian belief, explore and ask questions about their faith. A weekend retreat is included in the Confirmation experience. Sign up at fapc.org/confirmation.

Believing and Belonging: Digital New Member Class

If you are interested in planting deeper roots at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, we hope you'll join us in this winter's Digital Believing & Belonging New Member Class on Sunday Jan. 16 and Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2 pm. These classes, led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed, will focus on building relationships, sharing our faith journeys, and learning more about Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. If you are seeking an in person membership experience, we will have an in person class in March! Register at fapc.org/events or email membership@fapc.org for more information.

An Introduction to Reformed Theology (Webinar)

Ever wonder what it means, really, to be part of the "Reformed Christian tradition"? In this webinar we will explore central theological emphases of the Reformed tradition. Join us on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 6 pm as we ask the pressing question: "So what?" What are the basics of Reformed theology, and why do they matter to us and this world? Dr. Cynthia Rigby is the W.C. Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Theological Seminary. Please register at fapc.org/events.

Faith in an Exhausted World

What does it mean to rest? How can our faith and the Sabbath be a resource as a restorative practice to fatigue and the environment? Join Outreach Ministries and our Mission Partner, The Farminary, on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6 pm for an evening of restorative care as we talk about fatigue, from political to pandemic to work. Nate Stucky, executive director of The Farminary, will use scripture as a guidepost for rest and restoration in an exhausted world. Register at fapc.org/events.

Women's Winter Sabbath (Offsite)

On Friday, Jan. 28 join the Rev. Kate Dunn, the Rev. Sarah A. Speed, and our director of Christian education Jaime Staehle at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, for a weekend of Bible study, worship, and personal reflection. For details and the itinerary of this fun and restorative retreat, register at fapc.org/sabbath. The cost is \$225 and space is limited. Please register by Jan. 7.

GETTING CONNECTED

Adult Education

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

Congregational Care

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. Contact: congregationalcare@fapc.org.

Family Ministries

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. Contact: familyministries@fapc.org.

Fifth Avenue Ecumenical Outreach Partnership

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 program 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. For more information, contact outreach@fapc.org.

Membership

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 or visit fapc.org/membership to learn more.

Mission Partners

Fifth Avenue's mission partners are companions in making the world a better place—a place more in tune with God's vision of who we might be. Our partners' missions run parallel to our church's own mission and vision.

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 hiatus. Contact: 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 hiatus. Contact: 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 and on Instagram @FAPC20s30s. Contact: 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, 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.

Women's Association

All Women's Association programs are currently on hiatus.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • Erica Moffett, *Clerk of Session*

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CLERGY & STAFF



The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Family Ministries*

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed *Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*



The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*

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Announce a birth or adoption

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Fund the altar flowers

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Add a name to the prayer list • Kristia Tolode, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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Notify us of a death or illness • Kristia Tolode, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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