



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 30, 2022 • 11:00 AM



Carmelle Beaugelin, *New World Coming: The Resurrection of Courage*, 2021

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.



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

Views from the Oldest House: 2. Elms • *Ned Rorem* (b. 1923)
A Quaker Reader • *Ned Rorem*
4. "There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil..."
8. "...No darkness at all..."
Organbook I: 3. Song • *Ned Rorem*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Shane Markstrum

Jeremiah 1, Luke 4

One: Come! Hear the call of God:
"Speak of me to my people."

**All: But we are just ordinary folks.
Who will listen?**

One: "I will give you the words.
I will always be with you as you speak
my words of truth and justice and love."

**All: We gather here to worship you,
to praise you for your loving presence,
and to be strengthened for the calling
you have given us.**

* HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

* 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!

The musical notation consists of three staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!' written below each staff. The third staff includes first and second endings.

Music: George Mxadana.
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* 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 Rev. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM

Avinu Malkeinu · Srul Irving Glick (1934–2002)

<i>Avinu, Malkeinu, choneinu vaaneinu, ki ein banu maasim; asei imanu tz'daka vachessed v'hoshieinu. Amein.</i>	Our Father, our King, Be gracious unto us and answer us, For we are wanting in good deeds; Treat us with charity and loving kindness, That we may be saved. Amen.
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

Elder Salome Noufele

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you

something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

"Love Will Find a Way"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Belhar Confession*

We believe

**that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes
to bring about justice and true peace among people;**

**that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute,
the poor and the wronged**

**that God calls the church to follow God in this;
for God brings justice to the oppressed
and gives bread to the hungry;**

**that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
that God supports the downtrodden,
protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows
and blocks the path of the ungodly;**

that for God pure and undefiled religion

is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

**that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good
and to seek the right. Amen.**

* HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

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 ANTHEM

Adonai, Adonai · Srul Irving Glick

<i>Adonai, Adonai, Eil rachum v'chanun, erech apayim, v'rav chesed veemet, notzeir chesed laalafim, v'nakei.</i>	The Lord, the Eternal Is gracious and compassionate, Patient, abounding in lovingkindness and faithfulness, Assuring love for a thousand generations Forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin, And granting pardon.
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* 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

* HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May God Who Creates You · *Louise Skibsted*
May God who creates you give you light;
May God who sustains you make you wise;
May God who protects you give you joy;
May God who surrounds you give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Fifteen Pieces, op. 18: Gloria · *Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

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* · *Rebecca Soelberg, Soprano*

WORSHIP NOTES

Music

The choral pieces this morning are two of five movements from Srul Irving Glick's dramatic song cycle for choir and orchestra entitled *Triumph of the Spirit*. Glick, a Jewish Canadian composer, wrote the cycle in 1996 after recovering from a gunshot wound he received while leaving a choir rehearsal at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Toronto, where he served as cantor. About this traumatic experience Glick wrote, "The sheer perverseness and unexpectedness of this event forced me to reexamine my deepest feelings about life and my place in it. It was then, I realized, and with great impact, that everybody in some way or another struggles against the hardships and adversities in life, and that each personal and spiritual success becomes a 'triumph of the spirit'. This, therefore, became the title and philosophy behind the creation of my new choral work, and continues to be the thrust of my personal and artistic quests in life." *Avinu Malkeinu* and *Adonai, Adonai* are two of the great traditional hymns of the Jewish faith.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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.

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV Patricia L. (DeLue) Glimpse, Wanda Roush Hannan, Maggie Hendrix, Juliet Kaldanie Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Richard J. Lawson, Lauren Ma Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Phyllis Oblander, Dexter Ramcharan, Pauline Sample Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Spencer Robert Smith, Frieda Sompotan Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Betty Ty, Henny Waisapy 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 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.

There will be no Coffee Hour this week out of an abundance of caution for the health of our members due to Covid-19.

This Week

Sat Feb 5 **Meals on Heels Volunteers Needed.** 8:30 am · Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Guidelines on sanitation and social distancing have been implemented for volunteers and recipients. Advance sign up is required by contacting John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org.

Coming Up

Sun Feb 6 **Reframing Climate Change.** 7 pm EST · Zoom. Instructor: Dr. Randy Woodley, co-founder of Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice and Eloheh Seeds. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

Fri Feb 11 **Faire is the Heaven: Music for Double Choir.** 7 pm · Kirkland Chapel & Livestream. Get your tickets at fapc.org/tickets.

Sun Feb 13 **Finding Care.** 9:30 am · Zoom. This program will focus on finding care and will provide perspectives on resources, and things to consider. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

Tue Feb 15 **Employment Advisory: Expert Assessment of Your Resume.** 6:15 pm EST · Zoom. Bring your resume for critique by a panel of experts. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

Fri Feb 25 **Last Friday Meetups.** 7 pm · The LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Youth in grades 6-12, join us for games and Bible Study. Vaccination and Temperature checks are required, no sign up is needed.

Sun Feb 27 **How do you spell Presbyterian?** 12:30 pm · Corning Logan Room. The Rev. Joyce MacKichan Walker, instructor at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, helps us answer important questions about the Presbyterian Church. Proof of vaccination is required for this event.

Wed Mar 2 **Young Adults at the Ash Wednesday Service.** 6:30 pm · Kirkland Chapel. Young adults are invited to embark on a Lenten journey together. For more information, email youngadults@fapc.org.

Next Sunday • Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

“License to Fish” • Luke 5:1-11

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Have you made your Pledge for 2022?

Your generosity to the church has never been more important. We currently have \$2,900,182 committed toward our \$3.1 million goal. If you are one of our 368 pledgers, thank you. If you are still waiting, thank you for sending in your 2022 pledge this week.

Anti-Racism Response Team (ARRT)

The Fifth Avenue Anti-Racism Response Team (ARRT) has created a number of activities that will assist you to reflect and engage on race and faith. Be sure to visit the exhibit in the Chesnut Gallery, "A Timeline: Revisit, Reflect, Rethink." You can also visit fapc.org/exhibit for a virtual version of this timeline. The timeline takes a look at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church's history through the lens of racial equality.

You can also head to fapc.org/arrt. There you will find links to our YouTube Channel, including: the latest 2022 Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations videos and more ARRT resources in the weeks to come, including a podcast with Executive Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Oscar McCloud.

Faire is the Heaven: Music for Double Choir

Tickets are now on sale for Friday, Feb. 11, 7 pm in Kirkland Chapel & Livestream. Dr. Ryan Jackson leads the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir in a slightly larger formation for this spectacular concert of music for double choir. From Renaissance Spain through modern-day America, composers have been captivated by the greater expressive potential of writing choral music in eight parts rather than the traditional four. This immersive and exciting program features Frank Martin's transcendent *Mass for Double Choir* alongside other masterpieces by T.L. de Victoria, William Harris, Eleanor Daley, Timothy Corlis, and Cecilia McDowall. Get your tickets at fapc.org/tickets for either in-person attendance or Livestream. In keeping with Fifth Avenue's current guidelines, the in-person seating capacity for this event will be limited to 50% to allow for physical distancing. All those wishing to attend this concert in person will be required to show proof of vaccination upon arrival, and to properly wear a mask at all times.

Finding Care

The needs of an aging population can change quickly as health scenarios and/or daily routines change. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 9:30 am in Bonnell Hall for the first part of this two part program, focusing on elder care. It is presented in collaboration with Congregational Care and Outreach Ministries. Sign up for this in-person event at fapc.org/events.

Employment Advisory: Expert Assessment of Your Resume

In the job market? Bring your resume for critique by professional coaches, seasoned managers and recruiters will bring their expertise to this month's Employment Advisory. Join us on Zoom Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 6:15 pm EST. This is a virtual event. Please visit fapc.org/events to register and receive a link to participate in this Zoom meeting.

Reframing Climate Change

Taking a wider view of history can help us better understand the challenges of climate change. It can also provide a possible path out of the climate crisis. Dr. Randy Woodley is a recognized leader in the fields of faith and justice. Through his teaching and leadership, he invites people to reframe their worldview. Dr. Woodley is a Cherokee descendant recognized by the Keetoowah Band. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 7 pm EST for this virtual event. Please visit fapc.org/events to register and receive a link to participate in the Zoom meeting.

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Prepare for baptism

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Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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*Thank you for your commitment to
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About the Cover

Carmelle Beaugelin, *New World Coming: The Resurrection of Courage*, 2021. Used with permission. This final installment in her seven-work Lenten Series, *Nina's Liturgy In 7 Last Words* (Spring 2021), draws inspiration from Haitian folk art depictions of spirit (pneuma) and brings into dialogue Christ's resurrection alongside the role that courage plays in challenging normative conditions of legalized oppression. This piece echos the words of the song "New World Coming," as sung by Nina Simone. Carmelle Beaugelin (she/her) is a Haitian-American artist currently residing in Princeton, NJ. She is the Founder and Lead Curating Artist of BeauFolio Studio. Carmelle's Abstract Impressionist visuals draw together intersectional themes related to redemptive transformation, concepts of "home," and Creatio Divina (divine creation). To learn more about the artist and her work or to view the full series visit carmellebeaugelin.com.



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