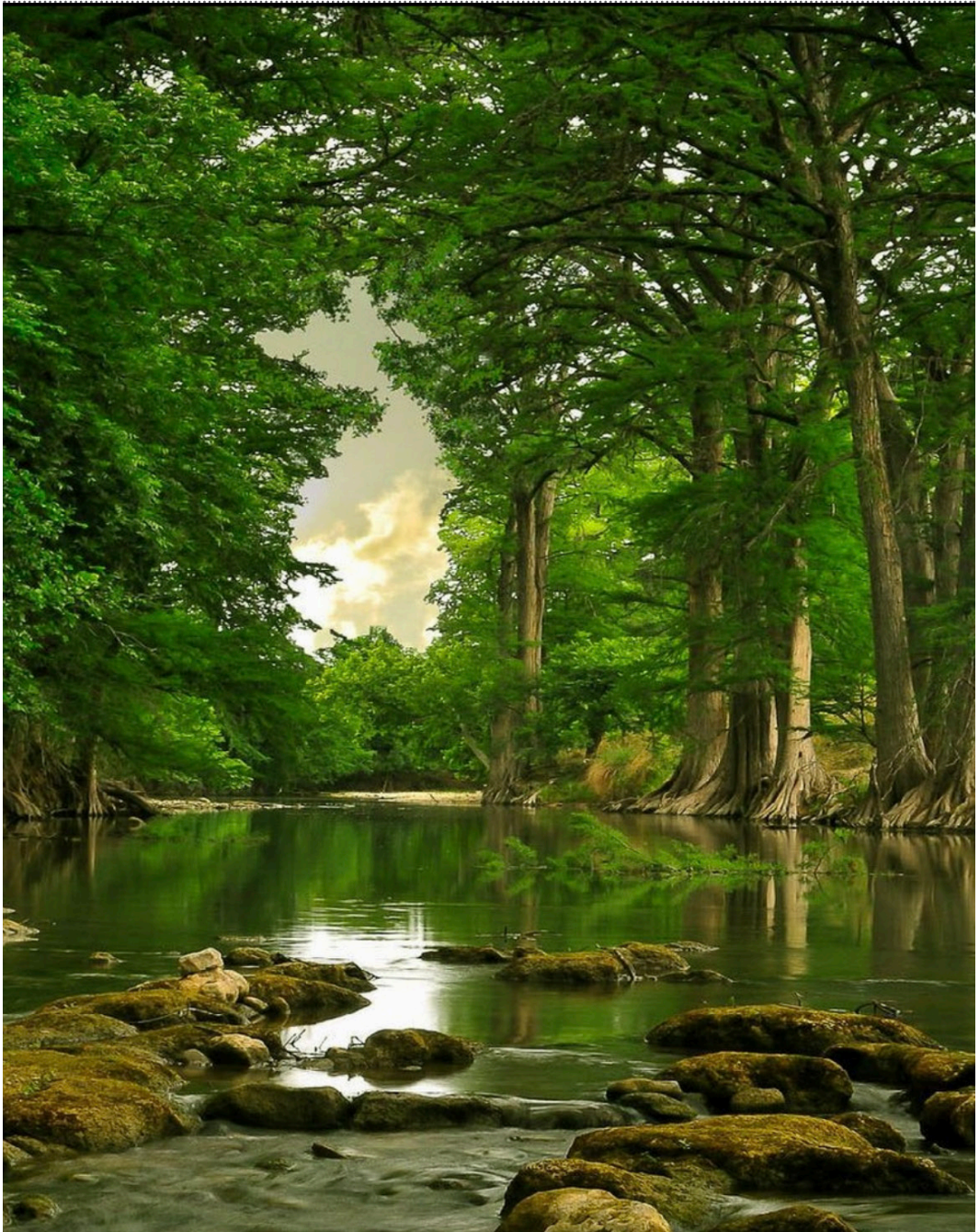


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 13, 2022 • 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.



In response to the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church strongly recommends that **all worshippers (five years old and up) be fully vaccinated 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

Chorale Preludes, op. 122: 1. Mein Jesu, der du mich
("My Jesus Calls to Me") · *Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)*
Prelude in G major, op. 37 no. 2 · *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Deacon Lori Lauman*

from Psalm 119

One: Happy are those whose way is blameless,

All: who walk in the law of the Lord.

One: Happy are those who keep the Lord's decrees,

All: who seek the Lord with their whole heart.

One: Let us worship God,
who shows us the way and who gives us joy.

* HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to 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

* SUNG RESPONSE

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Cantor Chri - ste e - lei - son. *All* Chri - ste e - lei - son.
Cantor Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.
Vic-tory is ours; vic-tory is ours through God who loves us. us.

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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

Beati quorum via • C.V. Stanford (1852–1924)

Text: Psalm 119:1

*Beati quorum via integra est, Blessed are those who live with integrity
qui ambulant in lege Domini. who walk in the law of the Lord.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Chaff”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, we believe you are at work in our lives.
Help our unbelief.
If we hold fast to the word of life,
You promise we will stand tall
like trees planted alongside cool water.
Help us to hold fast.
Amen.

* HYMN 64

I Long for Your Commandments

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Sarah 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

Blessed are all they that fear Him, from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)
Text: Psalm 128:1 and Psalm 112:4

Blessed are all they that fear him,
They ever walk in the ways of peace.
Through darkness riseth light,
Light to the upright.
He is gracious, compassionate;
He is righteous.

* 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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*
Text by R. Gordon Nodwell

May the blessing of God be upon you.
May God's love light all your way.
May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.
May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major, op. 37, no. 2 • *Felix Mendelssohn*

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

Music

The Anthem is a very famous setting by one of the great-grandfathers of English choral music, Charles Villiers Stanford. *Beati quorum via* ("Blessed are those"), is the second in a set of three motets for unaccompanied choir, composed around 1892 and published in 1905. The motets are dedicated to Alan Gray and the choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, and are widely considered to be amongst Stanford's finest choral compositions. In particular, the elegant six-voice part writing in *Beati quorum via* ensure its place as one of Stanford's most exquisite compositions for unaccompanied choir.

The Offertory Anthem comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, an English-language oratorio written in 1846 for a music festival in Birmingham, England. This piece was composed in the spirit of Mendelssohn's Baroque predecessors Bach and Handel, whose music he loved. In 1829, Mendelssohn had organized the first performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion since the composer's death and was instrumental in bringing this and other Bach works to widespread popularity. *Elijah* depicts various events in the life of the Biblical prophet, and many of the texts are drawn from the first and second book of Kings, as well as the Psalms. "Blessed are all they that fear Him" (originally "Blessed are the men that fear Him") is one of the most well-known and frequently performed choruses from this beloved oratorio.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

***Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Lang Olson Edwards,
mother of Chris Edwards, by his friends from Bible study***

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

- 9:30 am** **Finding Care.** Bonnell Hall.
Little Lambs. All in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
The Word is Out. Boardroom.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends. Coffee hour takes place in Bonnell Hall, located on the second floor of the Church House. A temperature check and proof of vaccination are required to attend. All unvaccinated children under 5 years old should be masked if possible.
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This Week

- Sat Feb 19** **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 20** **The Word is Out.** 9:30 am · Boardroom. All are welcome to a Community Group for LGBTQ people of faith facilitated by John Kern and Porter Binks. Join us for fellowship!
- 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. Led by the Rev. Joyce MacKichan Walker, instructor at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. Proof of vaccination is required for this event.
- Sun Mar 6** **Believing & Belonging Membership Class, Session 1.** 9:30 am · Corning Logan Room. These sessions are perfect for anyone looking to become a member, or those who just want to know more about our community. Visit fapc.org/events to sign-up.
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Next Sunday • Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

“The Miracle of Kindness” • Acts 9:36-42

Guest preacher, *The Rev. Thomas Are, Jr.*

Have you made your Pledge for 2022?

Your generosity to the church has never been more important. We currently have \$2,975,544 committed toward our \$3.1 million goal. If you are one of our 392 pledgers, thank you. If you are still waiting, thank you for sending in your 2022 pledge this week.

Anti-Racism Response Team (ARRT)

Join us for a Special Edition of our Crossroads Podcast with the Rev. Dr. Oscar McCloud. For this continuing series of Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations, podcast host Jaime Staehle sits down with members of the Fifth Avenue Anti-Racism Response Team and Fifth Avenue Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Oscar McCloud to talk about race and equity in the Presbyterian Church. Don't miss this compelling podcast and download at Apple Podcast or at fapc.org/podcasts.

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Rams? The Bengals? At the Souper Bowl of Caring, everyone wins! The Super Bowl is the largest food consumption day of the year. Our Fifth Avenue Youth Group has responded by supporting the national effort 'Souper Bowl of Caring,' that raises funds to support local hunger initiatives. This year, our youth has again selected A Place at the Table, our weekly program that provides food and street services. To donate, head to fapc.org/give and look for the 'Souper Bowl of Caring' dropdown to make a donation from Feb. 13 – 20.

Expert Assessment of Your Resume

Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 6:15 pm. 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. This is a virtual event. Please visit fapc.org/events to register and receive a link to participate in the Zoom meeting.

A Service of Worship and Installation of the Rev. Dr. Jonah So and the Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Next Sunday you are invited to the Installation of the Rev. Dr. Jonah So and the Rev. Sarah A. Speed to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. This joyful worship service is open to all members and friends of our community and the Presbytery. Join us in-person in the Sanctuary or on Livestream at fapc.org/live as we officially install our new Executive Pastor and Associate Pastor of Young Adults & Membership to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Sunday, Feb. 20 at 4 pm.

Deacon's Clothing Drive

One month away! The annual Deacon's Clothing Drive, benefiting Fifth Avenue's Ecumenical Outreach Partnership and the Urban Outreach Center at Avenue Church begins the week of March 13. Look for more details in upcoming church communications.

How do you spell Presbyterian? And other Important Questions

Did you know the Presbyterian church has a government similar to that of the United States? What makes us different from other denominations? Join us for a compelling event led by one of our denominations leading polity teachers, Rev. Joyce MacKichan Walker. Sunday, Feb. 27 at 12:30 pm in the Corning Logan Room. This is an in-person event. Please visit fapc.org/events to register.

New Member Believing & Belonging Membership Class

Have you have been looking for a place to belong, a way to grow deeper in your faith, or a community to call home? On March 6 our three-week membership class—Believing & Belonging begins. Please visit fapc.org/events to register for these in-person Sunday 9:30 am classes.

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*

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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*

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, *Parish Associate*

The Rev. Dr. J. Oscar McCloud, *Associate Pastor Emeritus*

The Rev. Randy Weber, *Associate Pastor Emeritus*

Christine Boyle, *Director of Outreach & Missions*



Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music & Fine Arts Ministries*

Donna Ketchledge, *Program Coordinator & Assistant to the Executive Pastor*

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Fund the altar flowers

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Prepare for baptism

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

Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

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

Request a bulletin announcement • bulletin@fapc.org

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

We Livestream each worship service. From time to time, we may be taking video or a photo in the church house (interior and exterior). By your presence, you grant Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast your image or likeness that may be taken of you for use in communication related to the church. If you prefer to not sit in a visible area during our Livestream service, please notify an Usher or Greeter. Please contact Kellie Picallo, Director of Communications and Development at communications@fapc.org if you have questions or concerns.

Let's Connect!

Engage with us

community@fapc.org
212.247.0490 ext 3005

Pray with us

[@fapc.org](https://www.instagram.com/fapc.org)
212.247.0490 ext 3007

Serve with us

outreach@fapc.org
212.247.0490 ext 3006

● \$2,975,544
● Goal \$3.1M

God is at Work. This is the Season of Promise.

We are 96% toward our goal. If you have not pledged, or you find you can increase your pledge, we would love to hear from you.

Every pledge ensures that our mission and ministries will be fully funded in 2022.

You may return your pledge card by mail or drop it in the offering plate, pledge online at [fapc.org/pledge](https://www.fapc.org/pledge), or call the Fifth Avenue Business Office at 212.247.0490, ext 3018.

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