



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 20, 2022 • 11:00 AM



Scott Erickson, *House of Belonging*

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)!**

* 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.

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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. Scott Black Johnston

ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Francis • *Barrie Cabena (b. 1933)*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, let me sow pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith; despair, hope; darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:36-42

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Tom Are Jr.

"The Miracle of Kindness"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who comes to us, without delay.

**We believe in a God who knows us by nicknames,
birth names, and "child of the covenant."**

**We believe in a God whose love looks like
miracles, kindness, and everything in between.**

**So we strive to be kind as we strive to love,
and we refuse to believe that that can't make a difference.**

With God's help, we believe.

Amen.

* HYMN 324

For All the Faithful Women

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

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

We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God
William McKie (1901–1984)
Text: Psalm 48:9-10; Psalm 118: 25b

We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God:
In the midst of Thy temple. Alleluya!
O God, according to Thy Name,
So is Thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness:
Alleluya!
We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God:
In the midst of Thy temple.
O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

* 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 439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Esquisses Byzantines: 10. Tu es Petra ("Thou Art the Rock")
Henri Mulet (1878–1967)

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

Barrie Cabena, the composer of this morning's Anthem, is a prolific Australian-Canadian composer with nearly 500 compositions to his credit. He has also written a considerable amount of poetry, some of which is included in his compositions. Dr. Cabena was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1933, and pursued his music education in England at the Royal College of Music with Herbert Howells, among other luminaries of English music. In the mid-1960s, Dr. Cabena immigrated to Canada where he has lived and worked as a composer, performer, and teacher ever since. In *Prayer of St. Francis*, Dr. Cabena uses dramatic musical contrasts to illustrate the various pairs of opposites in the prayer (such as hatred vs. love).

Sir William McKie was also born in Melbourne, Australia (in 1901) and, like Cabena, pursued higher musical education at the Royal College of Music in London. After returning to Australia to serve as director of music at Clifton College in Bristol and as City Organist in Melbourne, McKie made his way back to England in 1938 to become director of music at Magdalen College, Oxford. In 1941, he became organist and Master of the Music at Westminster Abbey where he remained until 1963. During these years, McKie had the great distinction of directing the music for both the royal wedding in 1947 and the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. This morning's Offertory Anthem, *We wait for thy loving-kindness*, O God, was written in 1947 for the marriage of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The original instructions for the marriage ceremony were that it was to be a simple service and not a state occasion, and the King stipulated the service should not last more than fifty-five minutes. McKie's response is a concise piece that nevertheless contains a great deal of power and beauty within its relatively brief dramatic arc.

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

Faithful Departed:

Feb. 9, 2022: Susan Talmage Tisch—beloved wife to Daniel Tisch and mother of Jane, Virginia and Ogden.

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** **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.
- 4 pm** **Worship & Installation.** Sanctuary. A Service of Worship and Installation of the Rev. Dr. Jonah So and the Rev. Sarah A. Speed.
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This Week

- 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.
- Sat Feb 26** **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 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.
- 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!

Next Sunday • Transfiguration Sunday

“Unveiled Faces” • Luke 9:28-36; 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:2

The Rev. Kate Dunn, preaching.

Have you made your Pledge for 2022?

Your generosity to the church has never been more important. We currently have \$2,987,412 committed toward our \$3.1 million goal. If you are one of our 365 pledgers, thank you. If you are still waiting, thank you for sending in your 2022 pledge this week.

Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations

This week concludes our Anti-Racism Response Team video curriculum that explores parts of the church's story to better participate in the Kingdom of God today. Don't miss the Rev. Werner Ramirez Courageous Conversations video at fapc.org and FAPCinNYC, our YouTube Channel.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Final Day! 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.

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

Today at 4 pm. 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.

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

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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*

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Fund the altar flowers

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Rev. Sarah A. Speed

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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

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Let's Connect!

Engage with us

community@fapc.org
212.247.0490 ext 3005

Pray with us

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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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