



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

ASH WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 2, 2022

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Nikolaos Gyzis, *Repentance*, 1875

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**This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.**

## 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

*O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*  
("O Mankind, Mourn Your Great Sins"), BWV 622  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### \* INVITATION TO AN OBSERVANCE OF LENT

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston* One: Gracious God,  
you breathed into your creature of dust  
the breath of life;  
you create us in your image  
to live in communion with you  
and with one another.  
Call forth our prayers and devotion,  
bless us by your Holy Spirit  
that we may turn with confidence in your mercy  
and follow Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in whose name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

### \* HYMN 166

#### **Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So (12 pm)*  
*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed (6:30 pm)*

#### **Joel 2:1-5 & 12-16**

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Fire devours in front of them, and behind them a flame burns. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, but after them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. They have the appearance of horses, and like war-horses they charge. As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

(Cantor sings the verses; the congregation sings the refrain.)



The sac - ri - fice you ac - cept, O God, is a hum - ble spir - it.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
In your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
And cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses,  
And my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
So you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

**Refrain**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
A sinner from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
And would have me know wisdom deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
Wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. **Refrain**

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
That the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,  
And blot out all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me. **Refrain**

Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
And sinners shall be restored to you.

Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
And my tongue shall sing of your righteousness. **Refrain**

O Lord, open my lips,  
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
A troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise. **Refrain**

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

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SOLO

I Will Lift Mine Eyes, from *Ten Biblical Songs*  
*Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)*

I will lift mine eyes up to the mountains  
Whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from God  
Who hath made the earth and the heavens.  
He will not suffer thy feet to be moved  
Nor thy steps to stumble.  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, the keeper of Israel  
Is he that slumbers not nor sleeps.

HOMILY

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“Turn”**

SOLO

Hear My Prayer and God Is My Shepherd, from *Ten Biblical Songs*  
*Antonín Dvořák*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, my God!  
Oh, hide not thy face from my petition.  
Bow thine ear to me and hearken unto the voice of my mourning.  
Pained sore is my heart within,  
And trembling hath fallen upon me,  
The fear of death overwhelms me.  
Hear my sighing!  
Oh, had I but eagle’s pinions,  
Had I wings like the silver dove!  
Far away would I wander,  
I would hide me in the wilderness.  
On wings I would hasten to hide from the storm,  
The storm and fearful tempest.  
God is my shepherd,  
I want for nothing.  
My rest is in the pleasant meadows.  
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.  
My fainting soul doth he restore  
And guideth me in the ways of peace,  
To glorify his name.  
And though in death’s dark valley my steps must wander,  
My spirit shall not fear, for thou art by me still.  
Thy rod and staff are with me,  
And they shall comfort me.

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*You are invited to come forward as the Spirit moves you. Please tell the clergy person your name. The pastors will respond by making the sign of the cross on your forehead with ashes and invite you to observe a holy Lent by saying: "Remember your baptism and be faithful." Throughout the time when people are receiving ashes, you are invited to sing the Taizé chant, "Jesus, Remember Me."*

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## LITANY OF INTERCESSION

- One: Jesus, remember us,  
when you come into your kingdom.
- All: Hear our prayers.**
- One: For your Church around the world,
- All: we ask new life.**
- One: For all who carry out ministries in your Church,
- All: we ask grace and wisdom.**
- One: For those who have accepted disciplines of piety,
- All: we ask inspired discipleship.**
- One: For Christians of every land,
- All: we ask new unity in your name.**
- One: For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,
- All: we ask your blessing.**
- One: For those who cannot believe,
- All: we ask your faithful love.**
- One: For rulers in this and every land,
- All: we ask your guidance.**
- One: For those who suffer and know sorrow,
- All: we ask your peace.**

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*Silence is kept.*

*The imposition of ashes is made available for all who wish to participate in this act of prayer, the sign of repentance at the start of the Lenten season. The rite is not given or intended as a show of piety, but rather as a form of corporate prayer in bodily form and act.*

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The ministry of music this afternoon and evening is offered by:  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Claire Myers-McCorMick, *Soprano*

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## LENT & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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We invite you to join us for our Lenten sermon series, *Upside Down*. Sunday worship is at 11 am in the Sanctuary and via livestream at [fapc.org/live](http://fapc.org/live).

### **TURN**

Ash Wednesday | March 2  
Joel 2:1-5 & 12-17 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston  
12 pm EST, Kirkland Chapel & Livestream  
6:30 pm, Kirkland Chapel

### **WILL YOU BE ASSIMILATED?**

First Sunday in Lent | March 6  
Luke 4:1-13 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **THE FOX AND THE HEN**

Second Sunday in Lent | March 13  
Luke 13:31-35 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **GRACE UNTIL TOMORROW**

Third Sunday in Lent | March 20  
Luke 13:1-9 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **THE BELOVED SIBLING**

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 27  
Luke 15:1-3 & 11b-32 | The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

### **JESUS AND THE DEPLORED**

Fifth Sunday in Lent | April 3  
Luke 19:1-10 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **THE EMPATHY OF A ROCK**

Palm Sunday | April 10  
Luke 19:28-40 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **ONE LAST TIME**

Maundy Thursday | April 14  
John 13:1-17 & 31b-35 | The Rev. Sarah A. Speed  
6:30 pm EST, Sanctuary & Livestream

### **SWITCHBACKS ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS**

Good Friday | April 15  
12-3 pm EST | Sanctuary & Livestream

### **UPSIDE DOWN FOR GOOD**

Easter | April 17  
Luke 24:1-12 | Scott Black Johnston  
9:30 am Sanctuary  
11:15 am EST Sanctuary & Livestream

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## LENTEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

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We invite you to join us for a series of classes to enrich your Lenten journey. All classes are free of charge, sign up at [fapc.org/lent](http://fapc.org/lent).

### LECTIO DIVINA

*With Alli Muenzer, Seminarian*

Wednesday, March 9 • 6 pm, Kirkland Chapel

### ART AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

*With Laura Fissinger*

Wednesday, March 16 • 6 pm, Kirkland Chapel

### VISIO DIVINA

*With Alyssanne Vella, Seminarian*

Wednesday, March 23 • 6 pm, Kirkland Chapel

### CLAY MEDITATION

*With Ashley Gonzalez, Director of Engagement*

Wednesday, March 30 • 6 pm, Kirkland Chapel

### THE LABYRINTH

Sunday, April 3 • 12:30 pm, Jones Auditorium

### FASTING AND FEASTING

*With Jaime Staehle, Director of Christian Education*

Wednesday, April 6 • 6 pm, Kirkland Chapel

## EXHIBITION

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### TWO ROADS TO CALVARY

On view through Easter | Chesnut Gallery

A fascinating dual exhibition of The Stations of the Cross as depicted by two contemporary New York artists—Laura Fissinger and Laura James. You may also view exhibit online at [fapc.org/exhibit](http://fapc.org/exhibit)

## CONCERT

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### VERDI REQUIEM

*The Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir and Soloists*

*Ryan Jackson, Director & The Shelest Piano Duo*

Thursday, April 7 • 7 pm, Kirkland Chapel

Friday, April 8 • 7 pm, Kirkland Chapel and Livestream

A dramatic and powerful prayer for deliverance from death and hell, Verdi's Requiem is a thrilling product of years of experience as the world's greatest opera composer. The Shelest Piano Duo joins us for the premiere of Dr. Ryan Jackson's thrilling new arrangement of this masterpiece for piano four-hands. Hear Verdi's superb vocal writing as never before in an electrifying performance that explores all the drama and dynamics of the score with the incisive diction and vibrant sound that has come to define the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir. Sung in Latin with English subtitles.

**Tickets available at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).**

# Let's Connect!

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## Serve with us

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## Lenten Devotional

The Devotional features Scripture, a personal reflection or story of faith, and words of prayer for each day of the Lenten season.

Sign up to receive daily devotionals in your email, at [fapc.org/lent](http://fapc.org/lent).

In response to Covid-19, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church strongly recommends that all worshippers (five years old and up) and be fully vaccinated and properly wear a mask at all times.



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