

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent March 13, 2022 • 11:00 AM

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Jean-Baptiste Marie Huet, Fox in a Chicken Yard, 1766

This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

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.

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In response to 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	O Gott, du frommer Gott ("O God, Thou Righteous God"), BWV 767 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)		
*	CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Porter Binks	Psalm 96 One: All: One: All: One:	O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of salvation from day to day. Let us worship God, tender and just.	
*	Нүмn 415	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy		
*	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



Music: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541 - O LAMM GOTTES. Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541, trans. Arthur Tozer Russell, (1806-1874).



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

Testimony	Virginia Goss, Chaplain
Алтнем	Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake Richard Farrant (c. 1525–1580) Text from Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations (1568) by Henry Bull (d. 1577)
	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, Lay not our sins to our charge, But forgive that is past, And give us grace to amend our sinful lives: To decline from sin and incline to virtue, That we may walk in a perfect heart, Before thee now and evermore. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Scripture Lesson

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Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

	One: All:	This is the Word of God; for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	
SERMON The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston	"The Fox and the Hen"		
Prayer for the Day	 Shelter us under your wings, O God. Help us not to despair in the face of violence. Strengthen our hearts. Turn our eyes toward Jesus, who entered every room saying: "Peace be with you." Help all people to embrace our Lord's sacred way, so that power might always be used with compassion. that your will might overrule human willfulness. and that the song sung by angels might be true: "Peace on earth. Good will to all." We pray, this day, for Ukraine and its peoples, and we pray for all humankind. Shelter us under your wings, O God. Guide our steps. Lead us in your way. Amen. 		
Нуми 168	Within Your Shelter, Loving God		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Werner Ramirez			
The Lord's Prayer	Thy kingdom Give us this and forgive And lead us	who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. I come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. day our daily bread, e us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. he kingdom and the power and the glory forever.	

Call to Give				
Offertory Anthem		Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz ("Create in me, O God, a pure heart") and Tröste mich wider mit deiner Hilfe ("Grant to me the joy of thy salvation"), from op. 29, no. 2 Johannes Brahms (1833–1897) Text: Psalm 51: 10, 12		
	55	nir, Gott, ein rein Herz, r einen neuen, gewissen Geist.	Create in me, God, a pure heart, And renew a right spirit within me	
		n wieder mit deiner Hülfe, udige Geist erhalte mich.	Comfort me again with your help, and grant me a joyful spirit.	
* Doxology		Praise God, from whom all Praise God, all creatures he Praise God above, ye heave Praise Father, Son, and Hol Amen.	ere below; enly host;	
* Offertory Pray	ΈR			
* Нуми 725		O Jesus, I Have Promised		
* Benediction	ease remain ii	n your pew until the conclusion	of the Choral Response.	
* CHORAL RESPON	SE	A Celtic Prayer • Barry Peters, Text: Traditional		
		 May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open up your hearts to love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen. 		
Postlude		Prelude in C minor, BWV 54	49 • J.S. Bach	
	n Jackson, Wi	orning is offered by The Fifth A Iliam S. Perper Director of Mus r. Patrick Kreeger, Associate Or		



Altar Mosaic, Dominus Flevit Church, Jerusalem

Music

In 1860, Brahms composed three a cappella motets, settings of Lutheran religious texts. Brahms studied the great polyphonic tradition of the Renaissance assiduously, and according to Brahms biographer Malcolm MacDonald, these motets are the crowning achievement of "his painstakingly acquired skill in the archaic techniques of Renaissance polyphony." *Schaffe in mir, Gott* ("Create in me, O God, a pure heart"), op. 29, no. 2, is divided into three major sections, of which we hear the first and third parts this morning. The first movement, which dates back to 1857, is based on a canon by augmentation in G major, and the third movement concludes with a brilliant fugal section based on the opening theme.

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. 24, 2022: Eric Ramaharonirina—beloved son of Claire and Mamy Rakotomihamina, husband to Alison Iven, and father of Arthur and Eddie Ramaharonirina.

Feb. 28, 2022: Roland Wong—beloved father of Annie Cheng, father-in-law to Calvin Cheng and grandfather of Alison and Kimberly Cheng.

March 5, 2022: Reba Gayle Davis—beloved mother of Sandy Davis, Fifth Avenue's chef and part of the Roxo Event team.

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

Тодау					
9 am	Deacons' clothing drive. Curry Church House. Bring your clothing donations with you to church on March 13 and 20.				
9:30 am	Little Lambs. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.				
	Believing & Belonging Membership Class, Session 2. Corning Logan Room. Sign up at <i>fapc.org/events</i> .				
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. A temperature check and proof of vaccination are required to attend. All unvaccinated children under 5 years old should be masked if possible.				
This Week					
Tue Mar 15	Employment Advisory: Morale: The Key Principles of Why You Have Value in the Job Market. 6:15 pm EST • Zoom meeting. Learn tools and perspectives to prepare you to productively and hopefully face the realities of today's job market.				
Wed Mar 16	Lenten Spiritual Practice: Art as Spiritual Practice. 6 pm • Kirkland Chapel. This Wednesday, we will practice praying to God through art.				
	Constellation of the Displaced. 6:30 pm EST • Zoom Meeting. Join leaders of Church World Service and Outreach Ministries for an in-depth discussion about immigration. Sign up at <i>fapc.org/events</i> .				
Thu Mar 17	Fifth Avenue Community Choir Rehearsal. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. Welcome back to the Fifth Avenue Church Community Choir, which resumes weekly rehearsal and fellowship this week!				
Sat Mar 19	Mar 19 Meals on Heels Volunteers Needed! 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Advance signup is required by emailing <i>moh@fapc.org</i> .				
Coming Up					
Sun Mar 20	The Word is Out. 9:30 am • Boardroom. All are welcome to "The Word is Out," a community group for LGBTQ+ people of faith. Join us for fellowship!				

Next Sunday • Third Sunday in Lent

"Grace Until Tomorrow" • Luke 13:1-9 The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Spend Lent with Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Spiritual practices. Lifelong learning. Compelling concerts. Lent is here, and our worship and event schedule is available at *fapc.org/lent*. Join us as we deepen our faith and explore the upside-down dynamic at the heart of the Christian tradition.

Congregational Annual Meeting

Immediately following worship on March 20 at 11 am, a congregational meeting will take place for the purpose of electing the 2025 class of Officers at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Deacons' Clothing Drive

The annual one-week clothing drive begins today and concludes next Sunday, March 20. This year, the drive benefits Fifth Avenue's Ecumenical Outreach Partnership and Samaritans Closet, a ministry collaborative of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and St. James Episcopal Church. In demand: new or lightly used clothing for men, women, and children (with a particular need for causal spring and summer clothing), packages of NEW underwear and socks (especially men's). All clothing must be received by next Sunday, March 20.

Constellation of the Displaced

Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 pm EST on Zoom. Join leaders of Church World Service and Outreach Ministries for an in-depth discussion about immigration, migrant refugees and internally displaced individuals. Sign up at *fapc.org/events*.

Fifth Avenue Serves

Saturday, May 7. After a season apart, we are excited to resume our annual day of service. Fifth Avenue will mobilize volunteers across our community to serve our mission partners. Head to *fapc.org/events* to sign up!

Fifth Avenue Tours Resume

Join us for weekly tours of the Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and Columbarium. After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "tour starts here" sign. Proof of vaccination is required to participate. We invite all those worshiping via livestream to visit *fapc.org/tours* to enjoy a virtual tour.

Fifth Avenue Service Trips

Join Fifth Avenue on one of our upcoming service trips. Visit *fapc.org/events* for more details on Outreach Missions, Youth Ministry, and Adult Education.

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/adult-ed*.

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 visit *fapc.org/care* to submit a prayer request and learn more about our congregational care program.

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, 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/family*.

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. Visit *fapc.org/membership* to learn more.

Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and 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 for entry-level vocalists. Visit *fapc.org/choirs* to learn more about our choirs.

Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artistans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater. They offer a mainstage production every spring, staged readings, a cabaret and other events during the year. This ministry is currently on hiatus.

The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Visit *fapc.org/gallery* for our online exhibitions.

Outreach and Missions

Outreach and Missions upholds the pulpit message of our pastors by serving those in need! Taking up cause, service and acting for vulnerable individuals and populations is our commitment to being light, leaven and salt. Our signature suite of Outreach programs includes: Homelessness and the David B. Skinner Shelter, Meals on Heels, the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, A Place at the Table and Mission Partners. Members from across the church landscape participate in Outreach and Missions' events, volunteer their time and talents, and offer their leadership on various program committees to ensure that vulnerable and in need populations are supported by Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. To learn more about Outreach and Missions, or to volunteer with our two feeding ministries, Meals on Heels or A Place at the Table, please email: outreach@fapc.org.

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.

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 visit *fapc.org/volunteer*.

Women's Association

The Women's Association invites the women (and men!) of the congregation to our program of education, service, prayer and benevolence. Our Tuesday luncheons (\$15, Bonnell Hall), featuring guest speakers and entertainment, are open to all. *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* Porter Binks, *Assistant Clerk of Session* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor* The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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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

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Pray with us

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Serve with us

outreach@fapc.org 212.247.0490 ext 3006

Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. —Psalm 3:23-24

Fifth Avenue Service Trips SAVE THE DATES

Fifth Avenue Youth Trip | July 24–30

The Fifth Avenue Youth Ministries will be leading a trip for youth from 6th – 12th graders to The Center in Baltimore. This trip will engage in justice ministries with a theological connection. The Rev. Werner Ramirez will lead this trip. Look for further details in March to sign up.

Outreach Ministries: Appalachia Trip | July 31 – Aug. 6

This summer, Outreach Ministries will lead a service trip to Appalachia to build, serve and pray with the communities around Alderson, West Virginia. Space is limited to 10 participants. Staff from Outreach and Membership will lead this trip. Look for signup details in late March.

Adult Education trip to Oberammergau Passion Play | Sept. 26 – Oct. 5

Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has been presented every 10 years in Oberammergau, Germany. This Fall our Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Adult Education program will go on a 10-day trip to the beautiful Bavaria and Tyrol regions of Germany and Austria to experience the world's largest dramatic and musical Passion Play. If you are interested in learning more about this 10-day trip, email *community@fapc.org.* Jaime Staehle will lead this trip. Look for further details in March to sign up.



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