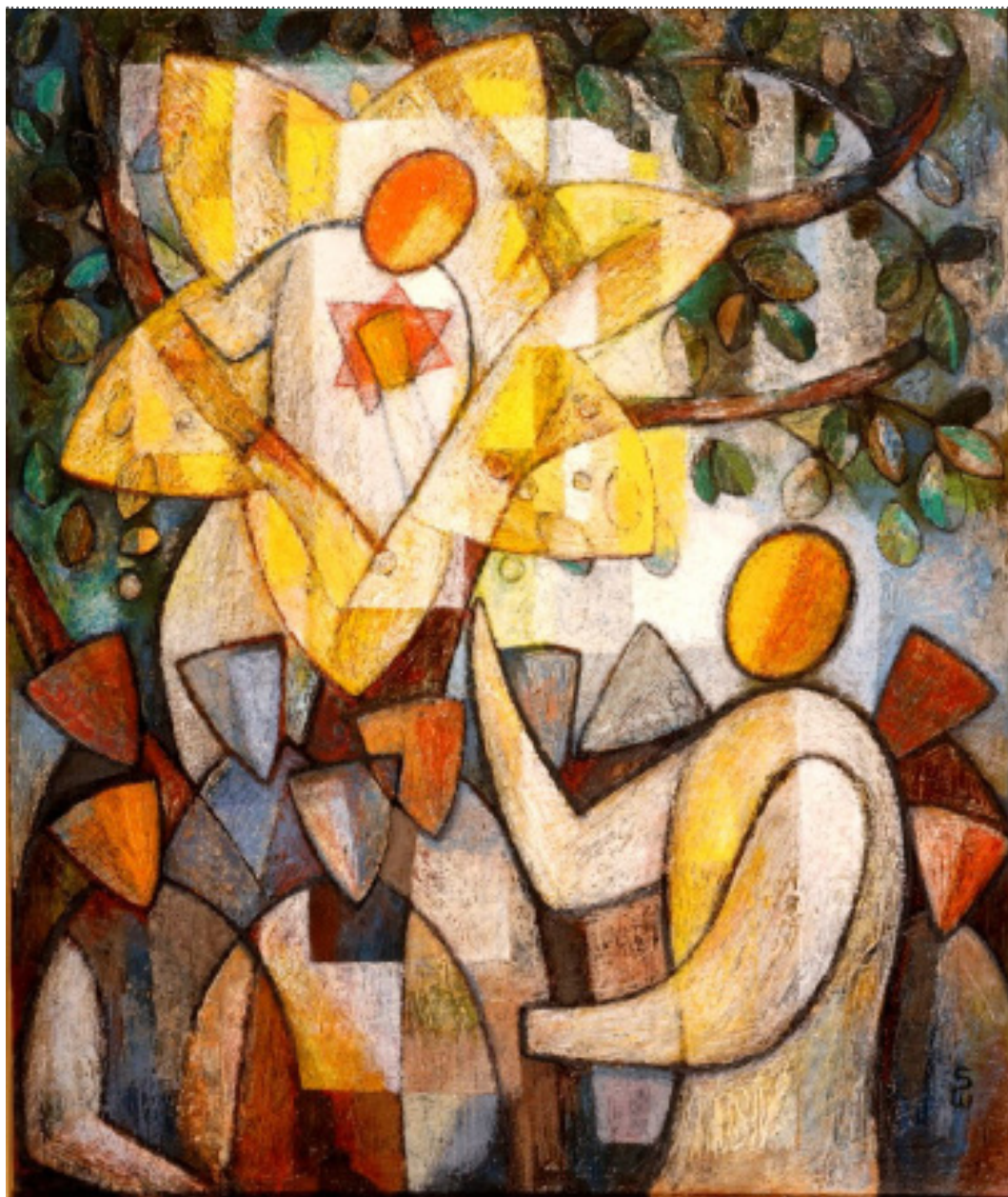


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2022 • 11:00 AM



Soichi Watanabe, *Jesus and Zacchaeus*, 2012

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.

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.

In response to Covid-19, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church recommends that **all in-person worshippers be fully vaccinated and boosted**. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, we ask you to “love your neighbors” by staying at home and worshipping via Livestream.



We now provide mask-required and mask-optional areas in our Sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.

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.*

PRELUDE

Intermezzo in E major, op. 116, no. 4
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Piano Sonata in A major, op. 101: I. *Allegretto ma non troppo*
L. V. Beethoven (1770–1827)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Matt Roush

One: In the season of Lent,

All: we examine our hearts and our lives.

One: We journey with Christ

**All: and look with compassion
on the suffering of the world.**

One: Let us watch carefully who Jesus sits alongside.

All: Let us align our lives with God's wide welcome.

One: No matter how difficult it proves to be.

All: Let us worship God, tender and just.

* HYMN 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

* 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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Litany for Ukraine · *Jeff Enns (b. 1972)*

For a world drowned in darkness, let me be the light.

For a world lost in hatred, let me show love.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world steeped in suffering, let me offer comfort.

For a world that is lonely, let me be a friend.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world that craves warfare, let me be the dove of peace.

For a world that is weeping, let me wipe away the tears.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world trapped in sadness, let me bring joy.

For a world in constant doubting, let me sow seeds of faith.

Kyrie eleison.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What won - drous love is this, O my soul,
What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

*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.*

LITANY OF PARTING All: May God be with you there.
Children: May God be with you here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TESTIMONY Deacon Sylvia Winrich

ANTHEM We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

We shall walk through the valley in peace.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.
We will meet our loved ones there.
We will meet our loved ones there.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.
There will be no trials there.
There will be no trials there.
For Jesus Himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

"Jesus and the Deplored"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

Amen.

* HYMN 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Kate Dunn

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

The Lord is Mindful • *Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)*

But the Lord is mindful of His own,
He remembers His children.
Bow down before Him, ye mighty,
For the Lord is near us.

* 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 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

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

Organ Sonata no. 1 in F minor, op. 65, no. 1:
I. Allegro moderato e serio
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

This morning's Anthem, *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*, is a beautifully reflective arrangement by the great Moses Hogan, one of America's foremost composers and arrangers of choral music. Hogan's inimitable spiritual settings are sung and beloved throughout the world, and are widely admired for their masterful and stylish use of the choral instrument. Although Hogan was only 45 when he passed away from a brain tumor in 2003, his legacy lives on through his many compositions and arrangements as one of the most creative and influential figures in 20th-century American choral music.

Emma Lou Diemer was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, where she began playing the piano and composing at a very early age, and she became organist of her home church when she was just 13! A graduate of Yale and Eastman, Dr. Diemer studied with Paul Hindemith, Howard Hanson, and Roger Sessions. Over the course of her career, she has received many awards, including a Fulbright and Ford Foundation Grant. The versatility of her compositions, particularly her choral works, have made her one of the most widely performed American composers of the last century. Her setting of *The Lord is Mindful*, this morning's Offertory Anthem, was composed in 1979.

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 Cajiat, 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** **Little Lambs & Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- The Final Gift.** This is a hybrid event available on Zoom or in the Corning Logan Room.
- 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. *Today, we will be making origami paper cranes.
- Tour of the Church.** Join us for weekly tours of the Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and the Columbarium. After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "tour starts here" sign.
- 12:30 pm** **Lenten Spiritual Practice: Walking the Labyrinth.** Jones Auditorium.
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This Week

- Mon April 4** **Easter Flower Memorial.** Final day to order Easter memorial flowers.
- Wed April 6** **Lenten Spiritual Practice: Feasting and Fasting.** 6 pm • Kirkland Chapel. Sign up at fapc.org/events.
- Outreach Ministries Trip to Appalachia Q&A.** 7 pm EST • Zoom. Join us for an informational session about the trip. Sign up at fapc.org/events.
- Thu April 7 & Fri April 8** **Lenten Concert: Verdi Requiem.** Our Lenten concert will take place Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8 at 7 pm in Kirkland Chapel. Friday's performance will also be available via Livestream. To purchase your tickets, head to fapc.org/tickets.
- Sat April 9** **Meals on Heels Volunteers Needed!** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Join us for weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Advance signup is required by emailing moh@fapc.org.

Coming Up

- Sun April 10** **The Word is Out.** 9:30 am • Boardroom. A Community Group for LGBTQ+ people of faith. This week, we will be planning for Pride. Join us for fellowship!
- Family Ministries Easter Party.** 12:30 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. All families are invited to join us for a fun morning celebrating Easter! Register at fapc.org/events.

Next Sunday • Palm Sunday

"To Wear a Crown" • Luke 19:28-40
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Today: Paper Cranes at Coffee Hour

Origami paper cranes are an international symbol of healing and peace. Join us today at Coffee Hour in Bonnell Hall as we pray with our hands and fold 1,000 paper cranes for Ukraine and Russia. Instructions and paper are provided! Want to contribute more? You can drop off or mail in paper cranes to the church over the next two weeks to add to our display.

Today: Lenten Spiritual Practice: Labyrinth

Walking the labyrinth is an ancient path to deeper spirituality. In this workshop we'll be exploring several different ways to interact with the labyrinth as we learn to walk the path to contemplative prayer. Join us today in Jones Auditorium at 12:30 pm. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

Easter Flower Memorials

The Easter Flower Fund is an opportunity for you to honor loved ones who have passed away. Memorial donations help to cover the cost of the flowers that fill the Sanctuary on Easter morning. The names of those you honor will be published in the Easter bulletin. A donation of \$25 per honoree is suggested. To make a contribution visit fapc.org/easter-flower-fund or call Kristia Toleda (212.247.0490 ext 3007) by end of day Monday, April 4.

Outreach Ministries Trip to Appalachia Q&A

Join Outreach Ministries on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 pm to learn about our upcoming summer trip to Bethlehem Farms in Appalachia. This Q&A is open to all and meant to assist you in making an informed decision about your participation. Included in this session will be information on the week-long experience, expectations for living into community ideals and the expressed commitment to be technology free. This is a virtual event. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

Lenten Concert: Verdi Requiem

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 world premiere of Dr. Ryan Jackson's thrilling new arrangement of this masterpiece for piano four-hands. These performances are dedicated to the memory of Antoine Hodge, beloved choir member who passed away from complications due to COVID-19 in February 2021. The concerts will take place Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8 at 7 pm in Kirkland Chapel. The Friday night concert will also be available via Livestream. To purchase your tickets, head to fapc.org/tickets.

Family Ministries Easter Party

All families are invited to join us for a fun Easter party on Sunday, April 10 at 12:30 pm. There will be crafts, games, Easter eggs, prizes and lunch. Join us in the Christian Education Center.

Fifth Avenue Serves

After two seasons apart, we are excited to resume our annual day of service on Saturday, May 7. Fifth Avenue will mobilize volunteers across our community to serve our mission partners. Sign up by Friday, April 15 at fapc.org/events to participate.

Women's Association

The Women's Association will gladly accept donations of art work, collectibles, new and gently used clothing, handbags, accessories and other items for the annual Joy of Christmas Bazaar. (No books, pots and pans, toys or electronics, please.) You may leave your items in the Lobby at the 55th Street entrance.

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 artisans 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

Spring Cleaning? The Women's Association's Annual Holiday Bazaar will return this November. The Women's Association will gladly accept donations of art work, collectibles, new and gently used clothing, handbags, accessories and other items for the annual Joy of Christmas Bazaar. (No books, pots and pans, toys or electronics, please.) You may leave your items with the security desk at the 55th Street entrance. Future Women's Association programs will resume in the fall.

Let's Connect!

Engage with us

community@fapc.org
212.247.0490 ext 3005

Pray with us

*congregationalcare
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Serve with us

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SPEND HOLY WEEK WITH FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

During Holy Week, we will continue to explore the upside-down dynamic at the heart of the Christian tradition. Join us as we ponder the life-inverting power of God—a power that continues to turn things on their heads in the world.

- **PALM SUNDAY**

April 10 • 11 am Sanctuary & Livestream

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE SERVICE**

April 14 • 6:30 pm Sanctuary & Livestream

- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

April 15 • 12–3 pm Sanctuary & Livestream

- **EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

April 17 • 9:30 am Sanctuary & 11:15 am EST Sanctuary & Livestream.

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