



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

GOOD FRIDAY

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

## WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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### 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](http://fapc.org).

### Worship Resources Online

Head to [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) for information about future worship services. Our weekly video service, Light, Leaven & Salt, is available throughout the week at [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://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 provide mask-required and mask-optional areas in our Sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.**

## GOOD FRIDAY

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we begin our preparation for worship.  
Please **silence all electronic devices** and do not take flash photos during the service.*

PRELUDE

Suite, op. 5: Prelude • *Maurice Duruflé* (1901–1986)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

One: Surely he has borne our grief

**All: and carried our sorrows;**

One: Yet we esteemed him stricken,

**All: smitten by God and afflicted.**

One: Amen.

\* HYMN 224

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

WELCOME

COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

One: It is Friday, Holy One,  
and we stand at the foot of the cross.  
Where shall we cast our eyes?

**All: We look down. We glance to the side.  
We stare inward. We look up... at him.**

One: My God, my God, what does this mean?  
How is this sacred?  
How can this save?  
How is this love?

**All: This is a hard place to stand.  
We want to run away.  
Yet you, gracious God, bid us stay.**

One: So we ask for courage, patience and calm.  
Help us to watch and listen and pray.

**All: It is Friday,  
and we stand at the foot of the cross.  
Hold on to us here.  
Do not let us go.  
This we pray in the precious name of Jesus,  
our suffering Lord. Amen.**

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW • *Zachary Wadsworth* (b. 1983)  
*Matthew 27:1-54 (King James Version)*

*Silent Reflection*

I. THE MOUNT OF OLIVES I

\* HYMN 220

**Go to Dark Gethsemane**

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\* UNISON PRAYER

**God of the valley, the suffering of the world presses on our hearts today. We wade through it—step by step, rattled and shaken by the truth of this story. Find us in the switchbacks. Meet us where the world turns upside down. We will not stop looking for you. Amen.**

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World  
*Bob Chilcott (b. 1955), Text: John 3:16*

God so loved the world,  
That he gave his only begotten son  
That whoso believeth in him,  
Should not perish but have everlasting life.

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 22:39-46*

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

HOMILY

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

*Silent Reflection*

II. THE MOUNT OF OLIVES II

\* HYMN 215

**What Wondrous Love Is This**

\* UNISON PRAYER

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ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal • *René Clausen (b. 1953)*  
*Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7*

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
As a seal upon your arm,  
For love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love;  
Neither can the floods drown it.

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 22:47-53*

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas,

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is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

#### HOMILY

*Seminarian Alison Muenzer*

#### *Silent Reflection*

### III. THE COURTYARD

\* HYMN 218

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

\* UNISON PRAYER

**God of the valley, the suffering of the world presses on our hearts today. We wade through it—step by step, rattled and shaken by the truth of this story. Find us in the switchbacks. Meet us where the world turns upside down. We will not stop looking for you. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Drop, Drop Slow Tears • *Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*  
*Text by Phineas Fletcher (1582–1650)*

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beauteous feet  
Which brought from heaven  
The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,  
His mercies to entreat  
To cry for vengeance  
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let his eye see sin  
But through my tears.

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 22:54-62*

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!” At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

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HOMILY

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

*Silent Reflection*

IV. THE COUNCIL

\* HYMN 210

**Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me**

\* UNISON PRAYER

**God of the valley, the suffering of the world presses on our hearts today. We wade through it—step by step, rattled and shaken by the truth of this story. Find us in the switchbacks. Meet us where the world turns upside down. We will not stop looking for you. Amen.**

ANTHEM

The Crown of Roses • P.I. Tchaikovsky (1840–1893)  
*Text by Plechtchéev, trans. Geoffrey Dearmer*

When Jesus Christ was yet a child  
He had a garden small and wild,  
Wherein he cherished roses fair,  
And wove them into garlands there.

Now once, as summertime drew nigh,  
There came a troop of children by,  
And seeing roses on the tree,  
With shouts they plucked them merrily.

“Do you bind roses in your hair?”  
They cried, in scorn, to Jesus there.  
The boy said humbly: “Take, I pray,  
All but the naked thorns away.”

Then of the thorns they made a crown,  
And with rough fingers pressed it down,  
Till on his forehead fair and young  
Red drops of blood like roses sprung.

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 22:63-71*

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am.” Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

HOMILY

*Seminarian Bryan Mealer*

*Silent Reflection*

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## V. HEROD'S CHAMBERS

\* HYMN 213

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

\* UNISON PRAYER

**God of the valley, the suffering of the world presses on our hearts today. We wade through it—step by step, rattled and shaken by the truth of this story. Find us in the switchbacks. Meet us where the world turns upside down. We will not stop looking for you. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*O vos omnes* · Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

*Text: Lamentations 1:12*

*O vos omnes qui transitis per viam,  
attendite et videte:*

*Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.*

*Attendite, universi populi, et videte  
dolorem meum.*

*Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.*

O all ye that pass by the way,  
attend and see:

If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

Attend, all ye people, and see  
my sorrow:

If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 23:1-12*

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.” When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

HOMILY

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

*Silent Reflection*

## VI. PILATE'S CHAMBERS

\* HYMN 211

### Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

\* UNISON PRAYER

**God of the valley, the suffering of the world presses on our hearts today. We wade through it—step by step, rattled and shaken by the truth of this story. Find us in the switchbacks. Meet us where the world turns upside down. We will not stop looking for you. Amen.**

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ANTHEM

*Crucifixus* • Antonio Lotti (1667–1740)

*Text from the Nicene Creed*

*Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato:* He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate:  
*Passus, et sepultus est.* He suffered and was buried.

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 23:13-25*

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.” Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

HOMILY

*Seminarian Alyssanne Vella*

*Silent Reflection*

VII. THE SKULL

\* HYMN 221

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

\* PRAYER — UNISON

**God of the valley, the suffering of the world presses on our hearts today. We waded through it—step by step, rattled and shaken by the truth of this story. Find us in the switchbacks. Meet us where the world turns upside down. We will not stop looking for you. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Were You There?* • *Traditional Spiritual,*  
*arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 23:33-48*

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the



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people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

#### HOMILY

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

#### *Silent Reflection*

#### ANTHEM

*Alleluia.* May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest  
*John Tavener (1944–2013), Text from the Orthodox Funeral Service and Shakespeare’s Hamlet*

*Alleluia.* May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

*Alleluia.* Remember me, O Lord,  
when you come into your kingdom.

*Alleluia.* Give rest, O Lord,  
to your servant who has fallen asleep.

*Alleluia.* The Choir of Saints have  
found the well-spring of life and door of paradise.

*Alleluia.* Life: a shadow and a dream.

*Alleluia.* Weeping at the grave creates the song: Alleluia.

*Alleluia.* Come, enjoy rewards and crowns  
I have prepared for you.

#### *Silent Reflection*

#### \* BENEDICTION

*You are invited to stay for a time of silent meditation following the service.*

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The ministry of music this afternoon 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

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The final Anthem this afternoon is an *a cappella* piece composed by the British composer John Tavener in 1993. *May Flights of Angels* is characterized by a distinctive sound inspired by the music of the Eastern Orthodox Church: an F is sustained by various voices throughout the work, interwoven with beautiful chant-like settings of the texts. Although those of us who are not members of the Orthodox Church traditionally avoid *Alleluias* during Lent and other somber occasions, solemn *Alleluias* are actually an important feature of these times for Orthodox Christians, as a representation of the light that is always present, even in the darkest moments.

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### ***A Note to Our Visitors***

Dear Friend,

Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. We hope that your spirit drew a deep breath when you walked into this Sanctuary. We hope you felt welcomed. We hope you felt seen.

Fifth Avenue may look and feel like a big church, but we long to get to know you better! So, while you are here, don't hesitate to ask questions of a Fifth Avenue usher (dressed in black with a white flower on their lapel) or members of the staff. We encourage you to check out our website, social media, and the event information listed in this bulletin. We have programming from Bible studies and mission trips to podcasts and community groups.

We're so glad you're here.  
Come back and see us soon.

With joy,  
Rev. Sarah Speed  
*Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://fapc.org/choirs) to learn more about our choirs.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

# Let's Connect!

## Engage with us

[community@fapc.org](mailto:community@fapc.org)  
212.247.0490 ext 3005

## Pray with us

[congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)  
212.247.0490 ext 3007

## Serve with us

[outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)  
212.247.0490 ext 3006

## WELCOME & WE INVITE YOU BACK!

Join us on Sunday, April 17 for Easter services at 9:30 and 11:15 am EDT in the Sanctuary. The 11:15 am service is also available via Livestream. We encourage you to bring fresh-cut blooms to add to the Flowering of the Cross outside on Fifth Avenue.

## CREDO Essentials of Christian Theology

This spring, come hear the Fifth Avenue clergy talk about heresy. Throughout history Christians have come to understand their faith not only by what they do believe, but also by what they do not believe. You will be surprised at how interesting, relevant and inspiring these theological mistakes can be!

Join us for one or all four CREDO lectures beginning Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Each lecture will be available the following Monday at FAPCinNYC, our YouTube Channel. Food will be provided. For more details and to sign up, visit [fapc.org/credo](http://fapc.org/credo).



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