

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 19, 2022 • 10:00 AM



Memorial for Tyrone Harding

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 9 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 9:30 am until 11:30 am 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 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.

We ask that you properly wear a mask at all times.

Prelude Trio Sonata no. 6 in G major, BWV 530 · J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

II. Lento I. Vivace

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Trustee Joanna McNurlen

One: Come as you are.

All: Come burdened, Come joyful;

One: Come wanting, Come full;

All: Come driven, Come drifting;

One: Come broken, Come mending;

All: Come worried, Come wondering.

One: Wherever our heads

and our hearts are this morning,

All: Christ welcomes us here.

One: The Spirit calls: "Come, Children of God."

All: Let us worship!

* HYMN 612 We Praise You, O God

* CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

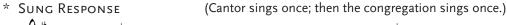
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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





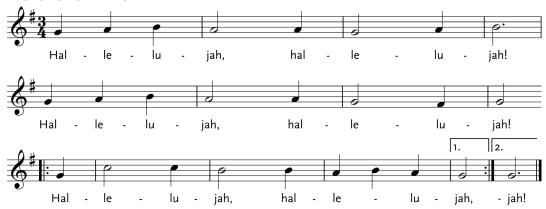
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*Please stand as you are able

* Assurance of Pardon

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One:

All:

The peace of Christ be with you.

All:

And also with you.

LITANY OF PARTING

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

Solo

The Lord is My Shepherd · Ruth Watson Henderson (b. 1932)

Text: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me:

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil,

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The View From Here, Part XV"

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

* Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

* HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 SOLO

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee · Eric H. Thiman (1900–1975)

Text by Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153), trans. E. Caswall

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,

To those who fall how kind Thou art, How good to those who seek! But what to those who find?

Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;

The love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

* 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.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN 295 Go to the World!

Amen.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jauchz, Erd' und Himmel, Juble! ("Rejoice and Shout, Heaven and

Earth"), op. 67, no. 15 · Max Reger (1873–1916)

The ministry of music this morning is offered by

Dr. Ryan Jackson, William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries

Dr. Patrick Kreeger, Associate Organist • Rachel Mikol, Soprano

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, Bill Brown 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 Wanda Roush Hannan, Christopher Henderson, Maggie Hendrix, Juliet Kaldanie Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Richard J. Lawson Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Phyllis Oblander, Jeanne Pape Dexter Ramcharan, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Brian Smith Rosabelle Smith, 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:

June 2, 2022: Irene Bell—beloved aunt of Hannah Bell.

June 13, 2022: Tyrone Harding—beloved friend of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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).

Today 9:30 am	Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
10:15 am	Childrens Church. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
11:15 am	Coffee Hour. The Weber Terrace. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.

This Week

Tue June 21 Employment Advisory: What Happens to Your Resume after You Send It?
6:15 pm · Zoom Meeting. Join us for a panel of those on the inside and learn how job applications are received. Register at fapc.org/events.

Thu June 23 Downtown Pride Walking Tour. 6:30 pm · Christopher Park. Join FAYA for a private downtown walking tour of historic LGBTQ+ landmarks. Register at fapc.org/events.

Fri June 24 Women's Summer Sabbath Retreat. 6 pm · Community of St. John Baptist. Join us for our annual Women's Summer Sabbath!

Sat June 25 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.

Women's Summer Sabbath. St. John Baptist in Mendham, NJ.

Coming Up

Sat July 9 FAYA Beach Day. 11 am · Rockaway Beach. All those in their 20s and 30s are welcome. Want to know more? E-mail *youngadults@fapc.org*.

Sun July 10 Believing & Belonging: Digital New Member Class, Session 1. 2 pm EDT Zoom. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed. Visit fapc.org/events.

Sun July 17 Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America. 7 pm EDT · Webinar. Dr. Randal Jelks will join us to share about his new book. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

Believing & Belonging: Digital New Member Class, Session 2. 2 pm EDT Zoom. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed. Visit *fapc.org/events*.

Sun July 24 Fifth Avenue Youth Trip. 7 am · Baltimore, Maryland.

Sat July 30 FAYA Long Island City Brewery Tour. 4 pm · Long Island City, Queens. Join Fifth

Avenue Young Adults and taste test local brews.

Sun Aug 7 Housing Advocacy Day. 12 pm · Join us for a housing advocacy event.

Next Sunday • Third Sunday of Pentecost

"This is for You" • Act 8:26-40 The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.

Fifth Avenue Wall of Lament

God help us." These words echoed through a May 25, 2022 prayer offered by Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston in response to the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Since this date, there have been additional mass shootings in various places across our country. Join Fifth Avenue as we focus our thoughts, prayers and action on taking a faithful stand against gun violence and committing to work for healthy change. Visit the Chesnut Gallery to view Fifth Avenue's newly installed "Wall of Lament" and to explore how you can become involved.

June is National Pride Month

Exhibit. Visit the Chesnut Gallery for a Pride exhibit that features affirmations of God's love for the LGBTQ+ community. This exhibit also includes statistics that remind us of the work still needed for equality. **Worship.** On Sunday, June 26 we invite everyone to wear their boldest colors to worship. This rainbow of color in our Fifth Avenue pews is just one way that our church celebrates that all belong here. **Explore.** Join FAYA (Fifth Avenue Young Adults) this Thursday, June 23 for a private downtown walking tour of historic LGBTQ+ landmarks in New York City. This event is led by Pride NYC. Tickets are \$25. Visit *fapc.org/events* to register.

Donate Now to the Fifth Avenue Kitchen Campaign

Seven days a week, the Fifth Avenue kitchen is a critical part of how this church lives out Christ's challenge to extend hospitality and care to those who hunger. Currently, this very busy room in our church is in a sorry state. The disrepair and limitations of our aged appliances and the kitchen's underlying plumbing and electrical systems hamper the preparation of meals on a large-scale basis.

Members of Fifth Avenue's Property Committee (working with Meals on Heels and Roxo Events) have developed plans for a renovation. The estimated cost for renovating the church's commercial grade kitchen (including new flooring, plumbing, fire suppression and appliances) is \$520,000. The Trustees have reviewed bids for the work and have selected the lowest bid from a contractor with an excellent track record. This project is expected to begin in October of 2022. Here is the good news: Thanks to anonymous donations, we are currently at \$226K raised toward the goal of \$520K! There are three easy ways that you can participate in the Kitchen Campaign:

- Visit fapc.org/kitchen and click the Donate Here button.
- Mail a check for the Kitchen Campaign to the Church Business office.
- Call the Church Business Office at 212.247.0490 ext 3044 and make your commitment over the phone to our Director of Finance, Richard Schexnider.

Thank you for your support and your investment in Fifth Avenue's future.

Believing & Belonging: Digital New Member Class, July 10 and July 17.

Have you been looking for a place to belong, a way to grow deeper in your faith, or a community to call home? Join Rev. Sarah Speed for two online Believing & Belonging new member classes. Learn more at *fapc.org/events*.

Sign Up for Fifth Avenue Kids Camp

Join us from Monday, Aug. 1– Friday, Aug. 5. Each morning, we will be on a roll with God in our Food Truck Party, filled with games, crafts, music, Bible stories and more! For a preview of Kids Camp join

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, Moderator • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, Executive Pastor Porter Binks, Clerk of Session · John Wyatt, Assistant Clerk of Session

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

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Let's Connect!

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