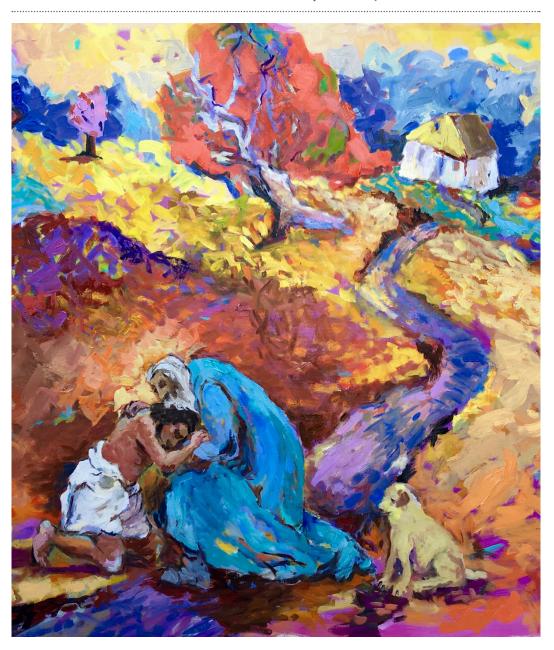


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 24, 2022 • 10:00 AM



Kirby Kendrick, The Prodigal Son

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, gathered in the Sanctuary and online, 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 lots 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

Connect with Us

We invite you to look for the Connect Card in your pew (or ask an usher if you do not find it). You can submit it online using the QR code, or fill it out and place into the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Also, visit the Welcome Table just inside the Fifth Avenue entrance, where our volunteers will be happy to provide information on all of our ministries and programs.

Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin to follow the service.

Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are free 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

A replay of today's service will be available this afternoon at *fapc.org/playback*. This morning's Prayers of the People can be found at *fapc.org/pray*. Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at *fapc.org/this-sunday*. For information about future worship services, visit *fapc.org/worship*.

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.

We recommend that all who worship with us in person be vaccinated (and boosted) against Covid-19. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, please stay home and worship with us via livestream. You will find the livestream service every week at *fapc.org/live*.



We provide mask-required and mask-optional seating areas in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you have 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.

Enigma Variations: IX. Nimrod • Edward Elgar (1857–1934) PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Helen Harris Welcome back, welcome here, welcome home. One:

> All: This is God's house. All belong.

Welcome for the first time, welcome to those who One:

are weary, welcome to those who are hopeful.

The doors are open. No one will be turned away. All:

Welcome back, welcome here, welcome home. One:

This is God's house. All belong. All:

Let us worship Holy God.

HYMN 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

* 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

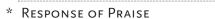
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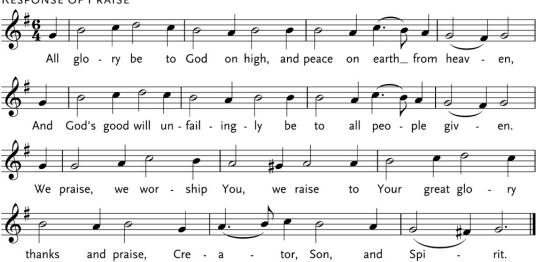
(Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



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Assurance of Pardon





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* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Announcements
Ashley Gonzalez
Director of Engagement

Solo

Prayer of a Tired Child, op. 75, no. 4 • Amy Beach (1867–1944)

Our Father, hear a tirèd child Who has forgot her prayer, And cannot find the words of it, Which wander ev'rywhere. You used to carry in your arms The lambkins dumb and white, Who had grown weary of their play, And stumbled in the night. I also am your little lamb, Who has no word to pray. Dear Father, will you bear me too Along the darkling way?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-2, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant

country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet

"Family Stories"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who waits at the driveway for us.

We believe in a God who leaves the porch light on,
who throws a feast when we are found.

We believe in a God who does not stop looking
for us when we get lost.

We believe in a God who eats with sinners and calls us Beloved.

We believe in a God of prodigal grace—
excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace.

We believe that is a story worth telling.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

* Нүмп 418

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Sing Ye a Joyful Song, op. 99 no. 10

Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,

Who hath done marvelous, marvelous things.

Praise the Lord all the earth!
Sing praises, shout and be joyful.
Let the sea roar and all that is therein.

The round world and all they that dwell there.

Lift your voices, floods and tempests. Mountains, clap your hands for joy.

Let the fields laugh and sing with waving corn, and let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

* 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 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

* BENEDICTION

Postlude

Fugue in C major, BWV 545 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

The ministry of music this morning is offered by

Dr. Patrick Kreeger, Associate Organist • Claire Myers McCormick, Soloist

WORSHIP NOTES

The American pianist and composer Amy Beach was a trailblazer in classical music. During the latter-half of the 19th century, most of the greatest musicians received their education from European masters; however, Beach received her education in New Hampshire, her home state, and in Boston. Her *Gaelic Symphony*, the first symphony composed and published by an American woman, was premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1896. Later in life, she moved to New York City and attended St. Bartholomew's Church, just a few blocks from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Her compositional output was prolific: a symphony, a piano concerto, a piano quintet, numerous small character pieces for piano, a mass and numerous songs, among many other works. Her keyboard writing has been described as "Lisztian," evoking the style of Franz Liszt, who was known for writing incredibly complex and captivating music. If her piano writing is any indication of her technical abilities, she, too, possessed a technique that only a handful of pianists in history has enjoyed. Her song, "Prayer of a Tired Child," is the fourth and final song of her opus 75 set, composed in 1914.

Antonín Dvořák was a Czech composer who often incorporated folk songs in his music. With nationalism on the rise in the 19th century, many composers incorporated their national styles—whether it was folk songs or rhythmic motifs—into their music. A devout Catholic, Dvořák wrote several large-scale religious works, including a setting of *Stabat Mater*, a mass, a setting of the *Te Deum* and a requiem.

His song cycle, *Ten Biblical Songs*, op. 99, is a collection of smaller religious works for voice and piano, and contains this morning's excerpt, "Sing Ye a Joyful Song." This collection was written during a period of personal loss: Dvorák suffered the passing of his father, as well as the death of his close friend and conductor, Hans von Bülow. Regarding the collection, the Czech operatic soprano Eva Urbanová said, "Even if Dvořák had only written (the) Biblical Songs and nothing else, it would not have mattered. Whenever I get the chance to sing them, I feel like I am in heaven."

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, 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

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

7 am Fifth Avenue Youth Trip. We pray travelers' mercies on all who departed this

morning for the youth mission trip to Baltimore!

9:30 am Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

10 am Worship. Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet, guest preacher.

11:15 am Coffee Hour. Chesnut Gallery. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an

opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.

11:30 am Sacred Sites. Sanctuary. Fifth Avenue opens for tours as part of the New York

Landmarks Conservancy's annual program celebrating the state's religious

architecture.

This Week

Sat July 30 Meals on Heels. 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend

meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed!

Contact: John Wyatt, moh@fapc.org.

FAYA Long Island City Brewery Tour. 1 pm • Long Island City. All 20s and 30s are

invited to join the Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) as we taste-test local brews.

Email youngadults@fapc.org for details.

Coming Up

Sun July 31 Worship. 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.

Thu Aug 4 FAYA: Mets vs. Braves. 7 pm • Citi Field. Come enjoy a night of baseball with

Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) and help us cheer on the Mets! Tickets (\$20) are available for purchase at fapc.org/events. Questions? E-mail youngadults@

fapc.org.

Sun Aug 7 Worship. 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.

Youth Picnic. 11:30 am • Central Park. Join us for a midsummer picnic and lawn

games! Registration requested at fapc.org/events.

Housing Advocacy Day. 11:30 am • Corning Logan Room. Nathalie Interiano of

Care for the Homeless is our guest for a conversation about effective policy and

advocacy for New Yorkers experiencing homelessness.

Sun Aug 14 Worship. 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.

Next Sunday • Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

"Building Larger Barns" • Luke 12:13-21 The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.

Welcome Back, Agnes Norfleet!

This morning we celebrate the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet as she returns to the Fifth Avenue pulpit. Agnes is the pastor and head of staff at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, where she has served since 2013. Agnes calls herself "a prenatal Presbyterian"—she grew up on the campus of Union Presbyterian Seminary, where her father (an ordained minister) served as business manager, and her mother (a Christian educator) wrote children's books and church school curriculum. During her 35 years in ministry, Agnes has served congregations in Georgia, South Carolina and Pennsylvania. She is a trustee of Union Seminary, an associate editor of the *Journal for Preachers*, and a popular guest preacher nationwide.

Welcome, New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcomed the following new members into our congregation last Sunday:

Remote Members		Local Members	
Robert Hunter Susie Hunter William Noland	Marie Roberts Nancy Wilson	Benjamin Droz Julie Hennighausen Christopher Kleinman*	Dean Mark Jessica Mark Colleen McInnis *Baptized

Saturday: FAYA Samples Long Island Brews

Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) continues our "Home, Sweet Home" tour of favorite New York City haunts with a visit this Saturday (July 30) to Long Island City, where we will taste-test the local beer. All 20s and 30s (and your friends) are welcome! Contact the Rev. Sarah Speed (youngadults@fapc.org) for details.

Project FIND Announces Housing Lottery

Project FIND (a heritage mission partner of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church) and Fairstead (a New York real estate developer) recently completed the renovation of a residential building at 117 W. 79th St. and are offering 77 efficiency units to low-income and formerly homeless older adults (age 62 and over). Learn more at *projectfind.org/apply_for_housing_for_park_79*. Application for the lottery must be submitted by Friday, Aug 5.

Aug. 7: Housing Advocacy Day

Nathalie Interiano of Care for the Homeless will be our special guest as we observe our annual Housing Advocacy Day on Sunday, Aug. 7. We invite you to join Nathalie for a conversation about homelessness and public policy in New York City, and a discussion of how Care for the Homeless engages people who have experienced homelessness as participants in advocacy. Care for the Homeless is a social services agency that has delivered essential medical, mental and behavioral health care to homelessness New Yorkers for more than 35 years. This event is set for 11:30 am in the Corning Logan Room.

Can You Help Us Complete the Kitchen Campaign?

We hope to complete our Kitchen Campaign before Homecoming so that much-needed renovations to the kitchen facilities in Bonnell Hall can get underway in October. We are halfway to our goal of \$520,000 (thank you!), but new donations are urgently needed. Please go to fapc.org/kitchen to learn more about this important campaign and make your donation today.

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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Please contact Timothy Palmer Curl (communications@fapc.org) if you have questions or concerns.

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Kirby Kendrick, *The Prodigal Son*. Used with permission.

Kirby Kendrick is a professionally trained artist (a graduate of the New York Studio School) who specializes in southwestern, contemporary and impressionist paintings, drawings, multimedia and installation. Her art career started 20 years ago, following a breast cancer diagnosis. A friend (an impressionist painter) gave her a set of crayons and a sketchbook. "I discovered a deep and abiding love of color," she writes, "and a desire to create more." She lives in San Diego, where her work is part of the permanent collection at the San Diego Museum of Art.

See more of her artwork at kirbykendrick.com.

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