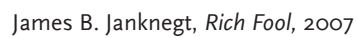




EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 31, 2022 • 10:00 AM



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.*

PRELUDE

Thine the Amen • Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Janet Otto

One: Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world:

**All: We are both low and high;
we are rich and poor together;**

One: Listening for wisdom, longing for understanding,

**All: We incline our ears
to hear God's wisdom in our gathering.**

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

* 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

* SUNG RESPONSE

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



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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, - jah!

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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

Messiah, HWV 56: Part I.
2. Comfort Ye My People
3. Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted
G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness;
prepare ye the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted,
and ev'ry mountain and hill made low;
the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Building Larger Barns”

If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross daily and follow me.
For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.
What does it profit them if they gain the whole world,
but lose or forfeit themselves? Amen.

* HYMN 36

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

St. Paul, op. 36: 40. Be Thou Faithful Unto Death
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give thee a crown of life.
Be not afraid, my help is nigh.

* 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 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata Eroica, op. 94: Fugue • *Joseph Jongen (1873–1953)*

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, Associate Organist • Wilson Nichols, Soloist

WORSHIP NOTES

Handel's *Messiah*, one of the most popular oratorios in the canon of classical music, is full of exceptionally memorable movements, such as "Worthy Is the Lamb," "Comfort Ye My People," "Ev'ry Valley Shall be Exalted," and of course, the beloved "Hallelujah" chorus. This oratorio, which is divided into three parts outlining the liturgical year, contains 53 movements. This morning's excerpts immediately follow the instrumental overture and are the first movements featuring vocal writing. "Comfort ye my people" are the first words listeners hear. In his book, *Handel's Messiah: A Devotional Commentary*, Joseph McCabe writes, "The first word is from the loving power behind the universe, the power that moves the stars and knows your name. 'Comfort ye.' That is the first word and the best. If we will receive that word in the depths of our being, we can face anything." The instrumental and vocal forces are set up as a call and response, and complement the text with sensitive musical accompaniment. The pastoral-like atmosphere established through the steady and recurring rhythms contrasts with the spritely subsequent movement, "Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted," featuring virtuosic vocal writing and melismas (a compositional technique placing multiple notes per syllable of text, thereby extending the time on a single word).

Felix Mendelssohn wrote his *St. Paul* oratorio in 1836. Its 45 movements are divided into two parts. The work contains text from the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, as well as preexisting texts of chorales and hymns. Mendelssohn's employment of chorales and hymns is likely a nod to J.S. Bach, the older master whom the composer admired. During a visit with his family in 1835, Mendelssohn gave his father, Abraham, a working draft of *St. Paul* for critique. His father supplied a lengthy criticism of the work. The young musician responded, "I am at a loss to understand how you, with no technical training in music, can have such acute musical judgement." Abraham died shortly thereafter, and this oratorio became a work not only to satisfy a commission, but to pay a musical tribute to his father. "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death" contains quintessential features of Mendelssohn's compositional style: flowing lines, lyrical melodies, and a musical texture that is neither thin nor overbearing.

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).

Today	
9:30 am	Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
10 am	Worship. Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
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.

This Week

Sat Aug 6	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 .
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Coming Up

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. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, preaching. Youth Picnic. 11:30 am • Central Park. Join us for a midsummer picnic and lawn games! Registration requested at fapc.org/event/youth-central-park-picnic . 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. Refreshments will be served.
Sun Aug 14	Worship. 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Sarah Speed, preaching. FAYA Family Lunch. 11:30 am • Fifth Avenue Young Adults (and their friends) are invited to lunch in the neighborhood following worship. RSVP to youngadults@fapc.org .
Tue Aug 16	Expert Assessment of Your Resume. 6:15 pm • Zoom. The Employment Advisory convenes a panel of experts to assist all those in the job market. Register at fapc.org/employment-advisory .
Sun Aug 21	Worship. 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.

Next Sunday • Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, preaching.

Welcome to the World!

Royce Ido Yoon, son of Elize Kim and Jake Yoon, born July 5, 2022.

Next Sunday: Housing Advocacy Day

Nathalie Interiano of Care for the Homeless will be our special guest as we observe our annual Housing Advocacy Day next 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 homeless New Yorkers for more than 35 years. This event is set for 11:30 am in the Corning Logan Room. Refreshments will be served.

Next Sunday: Youth Lunch in Central Park

The Fifth Avenue Youth Group will get together next Sunday for an end-of-summer event in Central Park. After coffee hour, let's meet in the 55th Street lobby. Then we'll pick up lunch and head to the park for a picnic and lawn games. Register at fapc.org/event/youth-central-park-picnic.

Friday: Deadline for Project FIND 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 this Friday (Aug 5).

Fall Is Coming! Save These Dates

We are just two months away from Homecoming Sunday and the start of a new program year. Watch for upcoming emails—and a new issue of *The Voice*—for details on what's shaping up to be an extraordinary season. Here are three dates to put on your calendar: **Homecoming** will be on Sunday, Sept. 18, with worship at 11 am followed by the Homecoming Fair. The **Kenneth O. Jones Awards**, postponed for two years because of the pandemic, will take place on Friday evening, Oct. 7. And the fifth-annual **Gotto Lecture**, featuring best-selling author James McBride, is set for 7 pm Thursday, Nov. 3. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have You Donated to the Kitchen Campaign?

We hope to complete our Kitchen Campaign in the next few weeks so that much-needed renovations to the kitchen facilities in Bonnell Hall can get underway. We have reached 60% of 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.

Our Season of Lament Continues

The shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, on May 4 still weighs on the national conscience. Tragically, the U.S. has witnessed 143 incidents of mass gun violence since Uvalde, leaving 128 persons dead and hundreds more wounded. At Fifth Avenue, we continue to mourn the deaths and lament the lives scarred by gun violence. We ask for your continued prayers. Visit the Wall of Lament in the Chesnut Gallery, or go to fapc.org/lament, to learn more about the scope of this tragedy and what you can do to help provide safeguards for our communities.

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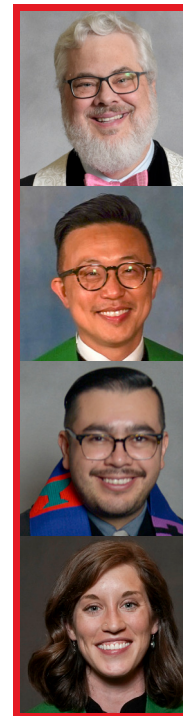
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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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See more of his work at bcartfarm.com.

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