



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022 • 10:00 AM



Toni Burrows, *Moon Over Still Water Mosaic*

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

Fugue in C-sharp minor • *Joséphine Boulay* (1869–1925)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Mae Cheng-PaVon

from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

One: God is present in the darkness before dawn,
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,

**All: Where conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wires.**

One: We believe in a with-us God
who comes to us to share in our humanity.

**All: Our faith calls us beyond the safe place,
into action, into vulnerability, to Christ!**

* HYMN 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Jaime Staehle, Director of Christian Education

* 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.)

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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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!

Music: George Mixadana.
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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

I Wander By the Sea • Dale Wood (1934–2003)

I wander by the sea
and watch the restless waves upon the shore.
So like the sea is one
searching the shores for calm and rest forever more.
Each wave and grain of sand
are numbered one by one, however small:
So are the lives of people
counted by him who gave his life
to save us all.
I wander by the sea,
and join the ocean's song along my way.
Give of yourself to him!
Treasure the sands of time;
for soon 'tis yesterday.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke

to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

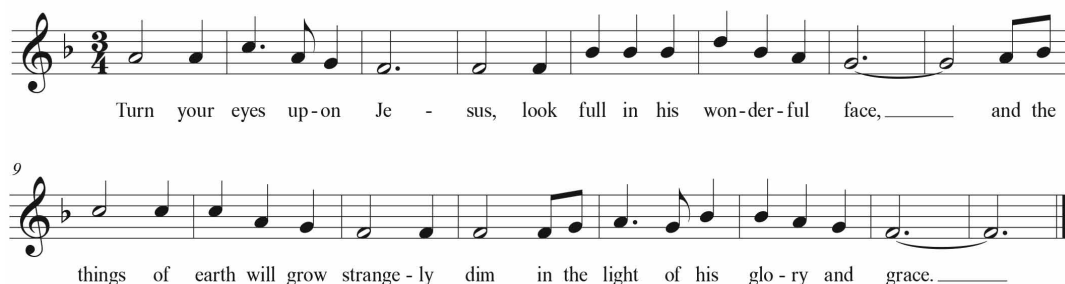
One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen

"Water Works"

SONG OF REFLECTION



* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
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.
Amen.**

* HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

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 ANTHEM

Entreat Me Not To Leave Thee • *Charles Gounod (1818–1893)*

Entreat me not to leave thee,
or to return from following after thee,
for whither thou goest I will go,
and where thou lodgest I will lodge;
Thy people shall be my people,
and thy God, my God;
Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried;
The Lord do so to me, and more also,
if aught but death part thee and me,
Thy people shall be my people,
and thy God, my God.

* 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 625

How Great Thou Art

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations de Concert, op. 1: 4. Allegro
Joseph Bonnet (1884–1944)

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Sharon Byrne, *Soloist*

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Prelude is by a relatively unknown French composer, Joséphine Boulay. Boulay was born in Paris and became blind at age three. She ranks among a group of composers, such as Beethoven, Vierne and Fauré, who contributed excellent compositions to the canon of classical music despite being blind or deaf. Boulay studied at the Paris Conservatoire, where she studied organ with the legendary 19th-century French organist and composer César Franck. She was a music professor at the National Institution for the Blind for 37 years. Her Fugue in C-sharp minor was written in 1898, just one year after winning first prize for her fugal writing in the composition class of Gabriel Fauré. Her compositional output is small, but her writing is so refined and lyrical that her name and repertoire deserve wider recognition.

The first vocal solo, "I Wander by the Sea," was written by the American composer Dale Wood, one of the most prominent church composers of the 20th century. His rise to prominence began

when he won a national hymn-writing competition for the American Lutheran Church at age 13. His musical activities were not limited to sacred music: as a college student, he was the organist at the Orpheum Theater in Los Angeles, appeared on television shows in Hollywood, and in 1975, he was employed by the Royal Viking Line to provide entertainment for a 70-day cruise. His music has been described as “skillfully written, idiomatic, eminently practical, and direct in its effect” (*San Francisco Chronicle*).

The second solo, “Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee,” is by the French composer Charles Gounod. His compositional output is prodigious: two symphonies, 12 operas and seven cantatas, among many other works. Unfortunately, much of his work is now little-known. One work, however, “Ave Maria,” remains popular for weddings and funerals. “Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee” is from his oratorio *Ruth*. A fellow French composer and contemporary of Gounod’s, Camille Saint-Saëns, said, “When, in the far-distant future, the operas of Gounod shall have been received into the dusty sanctuary of libraries... [the sacred music] will still endure.”

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 Cajiat, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi
Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen
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Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Richard J. Lawson
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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 Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, preaching.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
- 11:30 am** **Housing Advocacy Day.** 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.
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This Week

- Sat Aug 13** **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.

Coming Up

- Sun Aug 14** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Sarah A. 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. Dr. Eric Barreto, associate professor of New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary, guest preacher.
- Sat Aug 27** **FAYA River Cruise.** 7 pm. Our young adults spend the evening touring New York's iconic Hudson River. Tickets are \$10. For details, contact youngadults@fapc.org.
- Sun Aug 28** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.

Next Sunday • Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

"The Stories They'll Tell" • Hebrews 11:1-3, 8, 20-23, 29-34; 12:1-2
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.

Today: Housing Advocacy Day

Nathalie Interiano of Care for the Homeless is our special guest today as we observe our annual Housing Advocacy Day. We invite you to join Nathalie at 11:30 am in the Corning Logan Room (fifth floor) 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. Everyone is invited to this informative conversation about issues that are central to Fifth Avenue's Outreach Ministries. Refreshments will be served.

Canceled: Youth Lunch in Central Park

Today's Youth Group outing to Central Park has been canceled, as Associate Pastor Werner Ramirez continues to recover from his recent surgery. We look forward to Werner's return later this summer, and to an active season of youth ministry this fall!

The Final Days of the Kitchen Campaign

We hope to complete our Kitchen Campaign in the coming weeks, so that much-needed renovations to the facilities in Bonnell Hall can get underway in October. We are well on our way toward our \$520,000 goal (thank you!), but we need additional donations to put us over the top. We will recognize all contributors with a commemorative plaque to be installed after the renovations are completed. We hope to include your name! Please go to fapc.org/kitchen to learn more about this important campaign, and make your donation today.

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 celebration. 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!

Something to Donate to the 2022 Holiday Bazaar?

The annual Holiday Bazaar is coming up in November. Can you help us stock the inventory? The Women's Association will gladly accept donations of art work, collectibles, jewelry, new and gently used clothing, and other items (no books, high heels, pots and pans, toys or electronics, please). Proceeds from the two-day annual event help support Fifth Avenue ministries and local charitable organizations. Please leave your donated items with the reception desk at the 55th Street entrance. Thank you!

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*

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Fund the altar flowers

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Join the church

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Make a donation

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Prepare for baptism

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Add a name to the prayer list • Kristia Tolode, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

Notify us of a death or illness • Kristia Tolode, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Request a bulletin announcement • bulletin@fapc.org

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

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About the Cover

Toni Burrows, *Moon Over Still Water Mosaic*.

Toni Burrows is an artist in Bristol, U.K., who specializes in mosaics. She received a degree in fine art from Trent Polytechnic in Nottingham, where her creative focus was on life painting and drawing. She began to create mosaics 20 years ago, inspired by a tile starfish that a friend had made. She incorporates a variety of three-dimensional pieces into her work, including broken crockery, jewelry, shells and found objects. She has also written and illustrated two children's books, *The Last Apple on the Tree* (2015) and *The Mermaid and the Tower* (2020).

See more of her work at room212.co.uk.

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