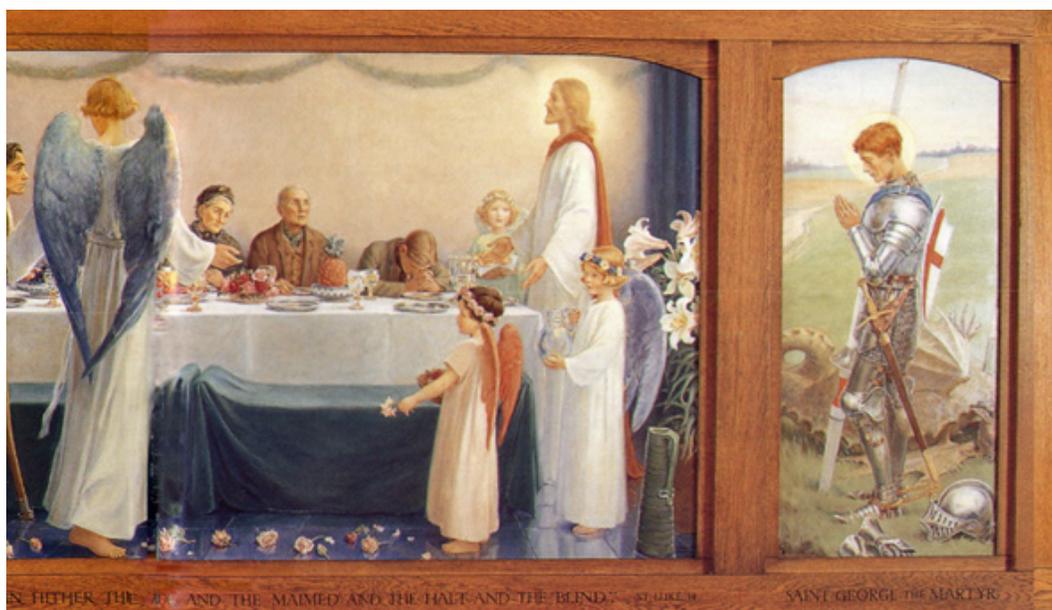


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 21, 2022 • 10:00 AM



Cicely Mary Barker, *Parable of the Great Supper*, triptych; St. George's Chapel, Waddon, U.K., 1934

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

Prelude in E major • Franz Lachner (1803–1890)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Carolyn Ferguson

One: People of faith, "Come, everything is ready."

**All: The table is set.
The doors are open.
God is surely here.**

One: People of faith, "Come, everything is ready."

**All: Come, all who are weary.
Come, all who are hungry.
Come, all who are seeking.**

One: People of faith, "Come, everything is ready."

All: This is God's house. All are welcome here.

One: Let us worship Holy God.

* HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

* 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.)

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!

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

SOLO

*Elijah, op. 70: 14. Lord God of Abraham
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
This day let it be known that thou art God,
And that I am thy servant!
Lord God of Abraham!
Oh show to all this people
That I have done these things according to thy word.
Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
Oh hear me and answer me,
And show this people that thou art Lord God.
And let their hearts again be turned!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:15-24

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still

room.” Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto

“Jesus and Some Awkward Questions”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who adds chairs to the table,
who has enough room for everyone,
who never leaves people hungry.

We believe in a God who serves the weary first,
who knows our names,
who invites even the outcast.

We believe that we are called to love in this same way—
starting at the margins,
leading with grace,
beginning with love.

May it be so.

Amen.

* HYMN 435

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

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

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes • *Michael Head (1900–1976)*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

* 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 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat major, BWV 560

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah* consists of 42 movements and is one of the finest works within the oratorio genre. Mendelssohn was fascinated with Baroque composers such as G.F. Handel and J.S. Bach, and in 1829 he arranged a performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*. Bach had fallen into obscurity after his death in 1750, and Mendelssohn's efforts to have the *Passion* performed for the first time in nearly 80 years brought widespread attention to the older and revered master. Were it not for Mendelssohn's fascination with the past, our knowledge and appreciation of Bach might be vastly different today. This morning's Solo is one of the most beloved excerpts from *Elijah*.

Michael Head was a British composer, organist, pianist and singer who left behind a trove of compositions, large and small. He began his music studies with Jean Adair, a student of Clara Schumann, and in 1927 he was appointed to the faculty of the Royal Conservatory in England, a position he held until his retirement. "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," a setting of Psalm 121, is just one example of Head's ability to write music that sensitively complements the text.

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 Cajiua, 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

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto, guest preacher.
- 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.
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This Week

- Sat Aug 27** **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 River Cruise.** 7 pm. Fifth Avenue Young Adults spend the evening touring New York's iconic Hudson River. Tickets are \$10. For details, contact youngadults@fapc.org.

Coming Up

- Sun Aug 28** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
- Youth Soccer Outing.** 3:30 pm • Red Bull Arena. Costs are \$25 for a ticket to the match plus the round-trip on PATH. Contact Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org) if you want to come along!
- Sun Sept 4** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.
- Sun Sept 11** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.
- Margaret Shafer Community Picnic.** 1 pm • Central Park. To volunteer, locate this listing at fapc.org/events or email outreach@fapc.org.
- Wed Sept 14** **Feed Your Soul.** 6 pm • Bonnell Hall + Kirkland Chapel. Supper and a prayer service for volunteers and prospective volunteers in all church ministries and programs. RSVP to outreach@fapc.org.
- Sun Sept 18** **Homecoming Breakfast.** 9:30 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Family Ministries invites parents and kids to come meet the Sunday School staff and talk about the program year ahead. RSVP to familyministries@fapc.org.
- Worship.** 11 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching. The senior pastor returns with a new sermon series for the fall.
- Homecoming Celebration.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Great food, lots of friends, live music and a few surprises. And balloons—lots of balloons!

Next Sunday • Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

“Honor at the Table” • Luke 14:1, 7-17

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.

Welcome, Eric Barreto!

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto to the Fifth Avenue pulpit for the first time. Dr. Barreto is the Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, where his teaching and scholarship focuses on race, ethnicity and Scripture. Dr. Barreto earned a master of divinity degree from Princeton Seminary and a PhD in New Testament from Emory University. He has been a leader in the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium, a national, ecumenical consortium of some of the nation's top seminaries, theological schools and religion departments. Ordained to the ministry in 2006 by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, he is a frequent guest lecturer and preacher at seminaries and congregations around the country.

Next Sunday: Youth Soccer Outing

Tickets are still available for the Youth Group's trip to Harrison, New Jersey, next Sunday (Aug. 28) to see the NJ/NY Gotham FC take on Angel City FC, an expansion team from Los Angeles. Costs include your \$25 ticket to the match plus the round-trip on PATH. Contact Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org) if you want to come along!

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!

Volunteers Needed This Fall

After two years of pandemic isolation, many of our ministries and programs are preparing to return in person this fall. And we need your help! We are looking for volunteer support in Outreach, Hospitality & Welcome, Congregational Care, Family Ministries and more. A full list of volunteer opportunities is online at fapc.org/news. Take a look at the list, and let us know if you are willing to serve!

Something for the 2022 Holiday Bazaar? Looking to Volunteer?

The annual Holiday Bazaar is coming up in November. Can you help replenish our inventory? The Women's Association will gladly accept donations of artwork, 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. We are also in need of volunteers to help make this two-day event a big success! The sale is open from 10 am to 5 pm on Thursday, Nov. 3, and 10 am to 4 pm on Friday, Nov. 4. If you can lend a hand, contact Rita Arlen (wassoc@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3041).

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

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Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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

If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

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Introducing Chapel Church



There's something new happening in Kirkland Chapel this fall. Chapel Church is a Sunday morning worship service featuring the rhythms of piano and guitar and celebrating weekly communion. The inaugural service will be at 9:30 am on Sept. 25. The new service will continue on a trial basis through Nov. 13. Learn more at fapc.org, and make plans to join us!

Support the Church

Scan this code using the camera on your smartphone and follow the instructions to make a secure donation to our ministries.

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Tuesday – Friday

8 am – 5 pm

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8 am – 12 pm



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