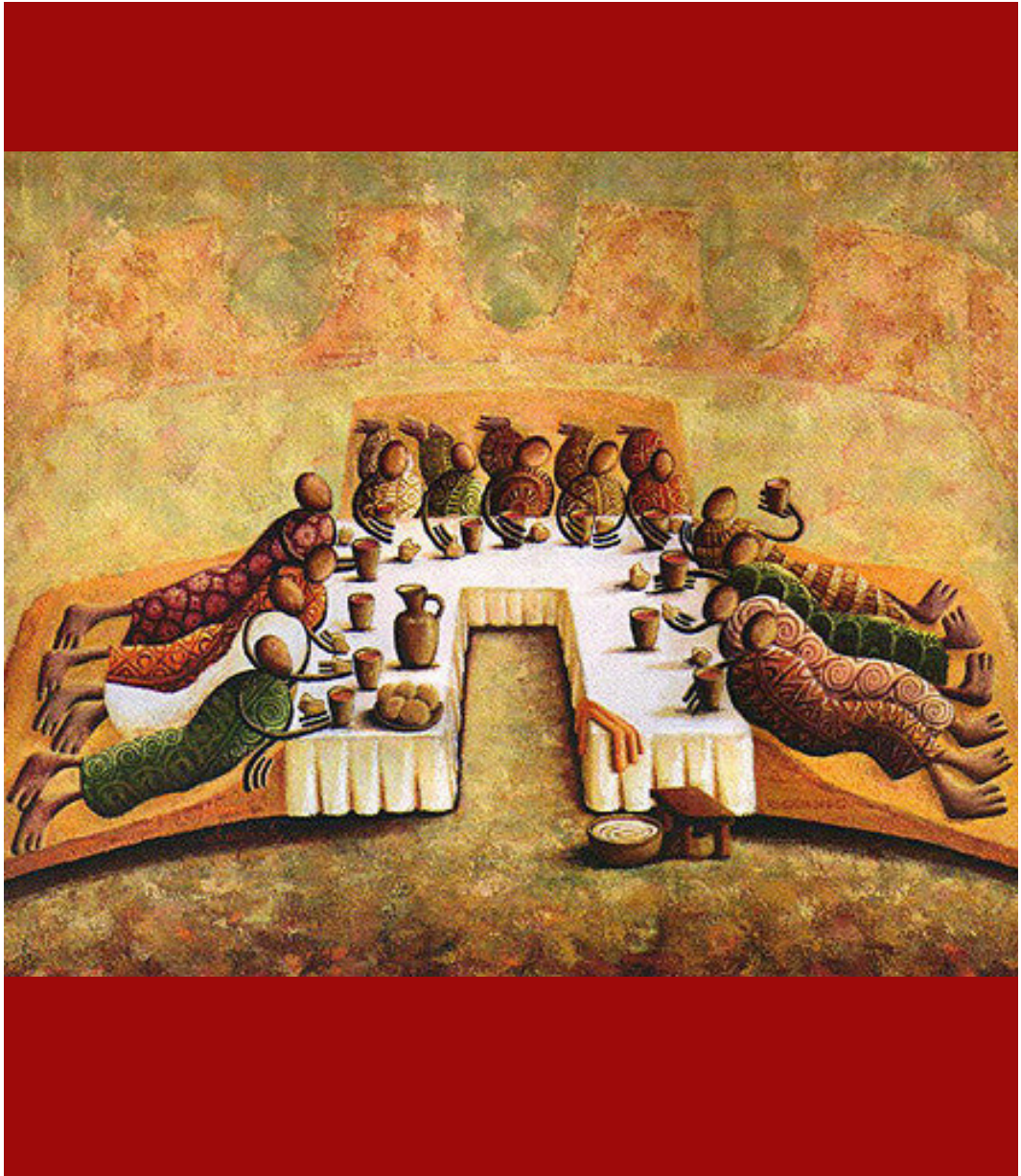


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 28, 2022 • 10:00 AM



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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

This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at fapc.org/pray. A replay of today’s service will be available this afternoon at fapc.org/playback. Listen to past sermons at fapc.org/sermons. 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

Hereford Variations, op. 22: IX. In Wonder
Peter Stoltzfus Berton (b. 1968)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Auguste Nipabi

One: God calls us to service,

All: rather than honor.

One: God calls us to love the unknown,

All: rather than the familiar.

One: We come to this time of worship

All: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

One: who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

* HYMN 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

* 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

All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth_ from heav - en,
 And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
 We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry
 thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit.

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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

Be Still, My Soul
Jean Sibelius (1865–1957), arr. Kurt Bestor (b. 1958)
Text by Katharina von Shlegel (1697–1768)
trans. Jane Borthwick (1813–1897)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
 Leave to thy God to order and provide;
 In every change, he faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
 To guide the future, as he has the past.
 Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
 When we shall be forever with the Lord.
 When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
 All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

"Honor at the Table"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

* HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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

Beautiful City, from *Godspell* • Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)

Out of the ruins and rubble, out of the smoke,
Out of our night of struggle,
Can we see a ray of hope?
One pale thin ray, reaching for the day:

Refrain

We can build a beautiful city,

Yes, we can, yes, we can.

We can build a beautiful city,

Not a city of angels, but we can build a city of man.

We may not reach the ending, but we can start
Slowly but truly mending,
Brick by brick, heart by heart.
Now, maybe now, we start learning how:

Refrain

When your trust is all but shattered,
When your faith is all but killed,
You can give up, bitter and battered,
Or you can slowly start to build:

Refrain

* 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 697

Take My Life

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Organ Sonata (1975): III. Toccata
Robert Elmore (1913–1985)

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* • Ezekiel Andrew, *Baritone*

ABOUT THE COVER

Okaybabs, *The Lord's Last Supper*, n.d.

Okaybabs is a Nigerian artist who lives, teaches and operates an art studio and gallery in San Bernardino, California. He graduated from the Polytechnical of Ibadan, Nigeria, with a national diploma in fine art, and later earned a bachelor's degree in fine art from Obafemi Awolowo University, where he specialized in painting. He is affiliated with the Riverside Art Museum, the Art Council of San Bernardino and the Redlands Art Association, where he teaches art to students of all ages. View more of his work at okaybabsart.com.

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
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Susan Tobiason, Betty Ty, Henny Waisapy, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich
Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

Faithful Departed

Sept. 22, 2021: Muriel Ann Primas, beloved cousin of Lillian Jackson.

Feb. 8, 2022: Martin M. Phillips, beloved nephew of Lillian Jackson.

April 2, 2022: John A. Pollitt, beloved nephew and godson of Lillian Jackson.

July 22, 2022: Richard L. Pollitt, beloved nephew of Lillian Jackson.

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 Worship.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Weber Terrace. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
- 3:30 pm** **Youth Soccer Outing.** Red Bull Arena. The youth go to New Jersey to watch NY/NJ Gotham FC take on Angel City FC.
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This Week

- Sat Sept 3** **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 Sept 4** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.
- Sat Sept 10** **FAYA Brooklyn Night.** 5:30 pm • Brooklyn. Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) conclude their Home, Sweet Home Summer Tour. Contact youngadults@fapc.org for details.
- 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!
- Sun Sept 25** **Chapel Church.** 9:30 am • Kirkland Chapel. Our new worship service debuts! The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
Worship. 11 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Next Sunday • Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“Lights Out On Division Street” • 1 Corinthians 1:10-17
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.

Volunteers Needed: Margaret Shafer Community Picnic

After a two-year hiatus, the Margaret Shafer Community Picnic returns for its 20th year on Sunday, Sept. 11. Every summer we gather in Central Park to serve a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon with our neighbors in need. Volunteers are needed to bring food, serve, set up/clean up and be part of the fellowship. The event will begin at 1 pm. To sign up, email Christine Boyle (outreach@fapc.org).

Even More 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. 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).

Coming Up: Feed Your Soul

With all this focus on volunteering, here's another event you should put on your fall calendar. Feed Your Soul is a supper and prayer service celebrating everyone who serves the church and our ministries. The event is traditionally held in November, but this year we are moving the date forward, to Wednesday, Sept. 14. We will use our time together to prepare for a year of faithful service as officers, vocalists, ushers and greeters, Sunday School teachers, Outreach volunteers and more. Whether you are a current volunteer, or you are considering how you might serve, this event is for you. We begin with supper in Bonnell Hall at 6 pm, followed by communal prayer in Kirkland Chapel. To register, email Christine Boyle (outreach@fapc.org).

Enrollment Opens for Fall Bereavement Group

This fall Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will host a 10-week, online bereavement support group for anyone struggling with grief and the aftermath of loss. The group will be led by bereavement counselor Ellen Theg. Meetings begin on Wednesday, Sept. 21, and continue every Wednesday at 7 pm through Dec. 7. (The group will not meet on Oct. 12 or Nov. 23.) The cost is \$125 for the full program, and enrollment is limited to eight persons. To register, contact Kristia Tolode (congregationalcare@fapc.org) by Sept. 15. Financial assistance is available if needed.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

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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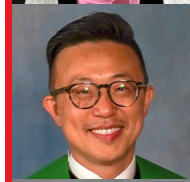


The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston *Senior Pastor*

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The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*

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Announce a birth or adoption

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Fund the altar flowers

Kristia Tolode

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Join the church

Rev. Sarah A. Speed

membership@fapc.org



Make a donation

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Plan your wedding

Donna Ketchledge

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Prepare for baptism

Jaime Staehle

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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

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.

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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8 am – 1 pm

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8 am – 12 pm



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