



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

HOMECOMING SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 • 11:00 AM



Karen Brodie, *Creation*, 2022

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

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at fapc.org/welcome. Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

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, as well as easy access to our Family Room, located just outside the Sanctuary. We also provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at fapc.org/family.

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 and Fugue in D major, BWV 532
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

INTROIT

Psalm 100 • *Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)*

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.
Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed.
And for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always.
For it is seemly so to do.
Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Clerk of Session Porter Binks

from Genesis 1:1-5

One: God said, “Let there be light.”

All: And God saw that the light was good.

One: God said, “Let the waters be gathered together,
and let the dry land appear.”

All: And God saw that the earth was good.

One: God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation.”

All: And God saw that the plants were good.

One: God created every living creature.

All: And God saw that the animals were good.

One: God said, “Let us make humankind in our image.”

**All: God saw all that had been made
and declared creation to be very good.**

One: Let us praise the Maker of the cosmos
and the Author of all that is good.

All: Let us worship God with full hearts and voices.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King (vss. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

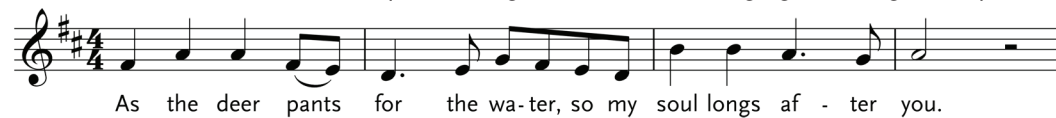
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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



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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LITANY OF PARTING

**All: May God be with you there.
Children: May God be with you here.**

*Children (pre-K through second grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Church.
If this is your child's first time at Fifth Avenue, please accompany them downstairs.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM

In beauty may I walk • *Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)*
Words from a Navajo prayer, trans. Jerome Rothenberg (b. 1931)

In beauty may I walk,
All day long may I walk,
Through the returning seasons may I walk.
Beautifully will I possess again
Beautifully joyful birds.
On the trail marked with pollen may I walk
With grasshoppers about my feet may I walk.
With dew about my feet may I walk.
With beauty before me
With beauty behind me
With beauty above me
With beauty all around me
It is finished in beauty.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 104:1-26

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst. By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the conies.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens. People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

	One:	This is the Word of God; for the People of God.
	All:	Thanks be to God.
SERMON	“Places”	
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston		
* PRAYER FOR THE DAY	Loving God, Holy Artist, Creator of this sacred home we share: give us eyes to see the beauty all around us, give us resolve to protect the wonders of nature, give us hearts to recognize that which is broken, and instill in us a deep desire to heal the wounds we have inflicted.	
	Loving God, Holy Artist, give us hands to serve the earth and its people, paint our hearts with a vision of your beloved community, inspire us to care for your good creation, and do not let us lose hope.	
	For you are the One who seeks the lost, who binds our wounds and who sets us free.	
	It is in the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.	
* HYMN 23	God, You Spin the Whirling Planets	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
The Rev. Sarah Speed		
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	Gloria from Missa Brevis • Jonathan Dove	
	Gloria in excelsis Deo	Glory to God in the highest,
	et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	and on earth peace to people of good will.
	Laudamus te,	We praise you,
	benedicimus te,	we bless you,
	adoramus te,	we adore you,
	glorificamus te,	we glorify you,
	gratias agimus tibi	we give you thanks
	propter magnam gloriam tuam,	for your great glory,
	Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,	Lord God, heavenly King,
	Deus Pater omnipotens.	O God, almighty Father.

	<i>Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,</i> <i>Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,</i> <i>qui tollis peccata mundi,</i> <i>miserere nobis;</i> <i>qui tollis peccata mundi,</i> <i>suscipe deprecationem nostram.</i> <i>Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,</i> <i>miserere nobis.</i> <i>Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,</i> <i>tu solus Dominus,</i> <i>tu solus Altissimus,</i> <i>Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:</i> <i>in gloria Dei Patris. Amen</i>	Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
* 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 14	For the Beauty of the Earth	
* BENEDICTION		
CHORAL RESPONSE	May God Who Creates You • <i>Louise Skibsted</i> May God who creates you give you light; May God who sustains you make you wise; May God who protects you give you joy; May God who surrounds you give you peace.	
POSTLUDE	<i>Jauchz, Erd' und Himmel, Juble!</i> ("Rejoice and Shout, Heaven and Earth"), op. 67, no. 15 <i>Max Reger (1873–1916)</i>	
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The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir Dr. Ryan Jackson, <i>William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries</i> Dr. Patrick Kreeger, <i>Associate Organist</i>		

Music

The Anthem, *In beauty may I walk*, was composed by the brilliant British composer Jonathan Dove. The words come from an anonymous prayer of the Navajo people, translated by poet Jerome Rothenberg. This lovely musical setting is based on an evocative, mantra-like theme that is sung repeatedly throughout much of the piece, primarily in the bass part. The repetition of this theme seems at once to plant the music firmly in the ground, while lending it an air of weightlessness, as though suspended in time. In a contrasting middle section, the staccato sound of birdsong can be heard in the upper voices, ornamenting the words “beautifully, joyful.” The original mantra-like theme returns, leading the piece to an awesome climax before ending gently in quiet wonder.

The Offertory Anthem, also by Jonathan Dove, is the *Gloria* from his *Missa Brevis* (Short Mass), a work commissioned by the Cathedral Organists’ Association in the U.K. *Missa Brevis* was premiered by the choir of Wells Cathedral in 2009 and was chosen for the BBC’s Christmas Day worship broadcast in 2009. Since that time, *Missa Brevis* has become one of the most popular contemporary settings of the Mass, and has been performed in countless services throughout the world. The *Gloria* is characteristic of Dove’s distinctive minimalist style, featuring catchy rhythmic motives, ingenious thematic prolongation, and captivating interplay between the choir and organ.

Fall Banner

The liturgical banner in today’s service was created especially for our fall sermon series by the Canadian artist Karen Brodie. Brodie has been creating fabric art from her studio in British Columbia since 1991. Liturgical art, now the main focus of her work, has been commissioned by churches across North America and beyond. Of the banner she created for Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brodie writes: “The inspiration for this banner is taken from two hymns, ‘All Things Bright and Beautiful’ and ‘God of the Sparrow.’ They speak eloquently of how God is in all: in bright beauty, in flora and fauna, in seasons, in mountain splendor, in sunsets and forests and tiny green blades of grass, yet also in sorrow, hunger, those who are sick and empty tombs. How do we find a language for awe and praise, gratitude and grace? How do we see with the eyes of God so that we also may see Christ in each part of Creation? If we disregard loving and caring for our island home, not just a gift of God, but part of God, we desecrate the holy.”

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-request.

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, Jeff Cruikshank, 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, Frank Owarish, Jeanne Pape Emmett Raitt, Louisa Raitt, 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, Bill Wanek, 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	Homecoming Breakfast. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Hosted by Family Ministries.
	Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
11 am	Worship. Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
12:15 pm	A Brush with Transcendence. Chesnut Gallery. Meet the artist and pastor Michael Jinkins as the Arts & Our Faith Committee presents this new exhibition of his work.
12:30 pm	Homecoming Celebration. Bonnell Hall. Great food, lots of friends, live music and some fun surprises.

This Week

Tue Sept 20	Let Your Resume Sell You. 6:15 pm • A free presentation by the Employment Advisory program. For details, and to register, go to fapc.org/employment-advisory .
Wed Sept 21	FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • Corning Logan Room. FAYA (Fifth Avenue Young Adults) launches a new season of midweek gatherings at the church and online. RSVP to youngadults@fapc.org .
	Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
Sat Sept 24	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 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.
	Elusive Grace: Book Launch. 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston discusses his new book, <i>Elusive Grace</i> , with the Rev. Sarah Speed. A book signing follows.
	Jason Roberts Organ Recital. 6:30 pm • Sanctuary. The noted organist and composer performs works from classical composers as well as his own improvisations. All are invited to this free event.

Next Sunday • Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“Dominion?” • Genesis 9:8-17
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Welcome to Homecoming!

Today Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston begins a 10-week sermon series, *Holy Ground: Loving and Caring for God's Creation*, which explores our response to God's desire for humankind to be faithful stewards of the Earth. More than 100 of you responded to his email request last month for childhood memories of your favorite places in nature. Check out the display just off the Chesnut Gallery that these memories inspired, and add more! Don't miss the Homecoming Celebration following worship in Bonnell Hall. We promise an afternoon of good food and good friends as we begin the new program year. And if you are looking to get involved in church this year—in a community group, as a volunteer, or in any of our programs and ministries—look for Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement. She will help you get started.

Opening Today: A Brush with Transcendence

The Arts & Our Faith Committee presents *A Brush with Transcendence*, an exhibition of paintings by the Rev. Dr. Michael Jinkins. You know Michael Jinkins—he was a pastor in residence here last summer, and was a guest preacher frequently over his 40-year career in ministry. Stop by the Chesnut Gallery to greet Dr. Jinkins and plan to spend time with his art this fall. The exhibition will be on view through Thanksgiving.

New Member Class Begins Oct. 2

Our next new member class, Believing & Belonging, kicks off on Sunday, Oct. 2, and meets for three weekly sessions. Regardless of whether you are ready to join the church, this class is an excellent introduction to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian tradition. We host four new member classes each year—two in person, and two on Zoom. Our next Zoom class is set for Jan. 22 & 29, 2023. To sign up for either upcoming class, go to fapc.org/membership, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (membership@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3005).

Tickets on Sale for the Jones Awards Celebration

For the first time since 2019, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church celebrates the Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards. The event is set for 6:30 pm Friday, Oct. 7. We will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in Jones Auditorium, followed by a three-course dinner and the awards presentation in Bonnell Hall. Tickets are \$75 per person. Order your tickets at fapc.org/community-events, or call Katie Miller (212.247.0490 ext 3000).

How's Your Fall Reading Coming Along?

In the coming weeks, Fifth Avenue will host book groups and events to help us go deeper into our fall reading list: *Elusive Grace*, by Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston; *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee; and *Deacon King Kong*, by our 2022 Gotto lecturer, James McBride. Read all the details at fapc.org/fall-books. Groups are forming now to read McBride's novel. If you would like to participate, along with members of First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica, Queens (which is co-sponsoring the Gotto lecture this year), go to fapc.org/adult-ed, or email Jaime Staehle, director of Christian education (jstaehle@fapc.org). Groups will meet online for three weeks, beginning Thursday, Oct. 6.

Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. The Employment Advisory program offers monthly seminars on career-related issues. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Community Groups

A community group is eight to 12 people who gather regularly to grow in their faith through study, prayer, fellowship and service. In a congregation as large as Fifth Avenue, community groups are a way to get plugged into the church as well as find support, friendship and encouragement in the city. After two years of lockdown, our community group ministry is coming back this fall, with many of our longstanding groups returning and a number of new groups just getting started. Groups meet in person and online, joining members locally and from other parts of the country. The diversity of our community groups ensures that you will find the spot that's right for you. Learn more at fapc.org/community-groups, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, membership@fapc.org).

Congregational Care

If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also visit fapc.org/care to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program. Or contact Kristia Tolode (212.247.0490 ext 3007, congregationalcare@fapc.org).

Family Ministries

Family Ministries brings together people of diverse backgrounds and families of all definitions to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs Nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday throughout the year, from 9 am until 12:30 pm. Sunday School and Youth Group take place every Sunday at 9:30 am during the program year (September through May). Children up to second grade depart the 11 am worship service to attend Children's Church every Sunday. We also sponsor special events for families and kids throughout the year. Learn more (and register your child) at fapc.org/family. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490, ext 3003, familyministries@fapc.org).

FAYA | Fifth Avenue Young Adults

FAYA is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s, led by Associate Pastor Sarah Speed. During the program year, we meet every Wednesday night for small groups, supper, Bible study and fellowship. Find out more about our weekly gatherings, monthly fellowship events and weekend retreats at fapc.org/faya or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya). Or contact Sarah (212.247.0490 4037, youngadults@fapc.org). We'd love to get to know you!

Membership

When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. From the moment you walk through our doors, we invite you to be a part of our community. We want to learn your name, listen to your questions, and hear your story. Every step of the way, we choose you. In membership, you choose us.

Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this may be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit fapc.org/membership to learn more, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, membership@fapc.org).

Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for entry-level vocalists. Visit fapc.org/choirs to learn more about our choirs. The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artisans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater. Theatre Fellowship offers staged readings for the community and other events throughout the year.

Outreach Ministries

Outreach Ministries is one of the largest and most active ministries at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Throughout the year, hundreds of members and friends of the church are engaged in volunteering, advocacy and service. Our programs include our Befriending Ministry, special events on behalf of our neighbors experiencing homelessness; the David B. Skinner Shelter, a volunteer-run, 12-bed men's shelter (currently closed due to Covid concerns); the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, a collaborative ministry with Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral that serves the homeless population of Midtown; A Place at the Table, a free, twice-weekly lunch for our homeless and hungry neighbors; and Meals on Heels, a Saturday-morning meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. We also support a diverse group of mission partners whose missions and ministries align closely with our own. To learn more about Outreach Ministries, please visit fapc.org/outreach, or contact Christine Boyle (212.247.0490 ext 3006, outreach@fapc.org).

Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit fapc.org/volunteer.

Women's Association

The roots of the Women's Association date to 1810, shortly after the church was founded. Today we offer a year-round program of education, service, prayer and benevolence. The Women's Association Holiday Bazaar in early November supports the ministries of the church and other benevolences. We also host a Christmas Tea for the congregation each December. We welcome you to take part! Contact: Rita Arlen (212.247.0490 ext 3041, wassoc@fapc.org).

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The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday: Chapel Church Begins!



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 next Sunday (Sept. 25). The new service will continue on a trial basis through Nov. 13. Learn more at fapc.org and join us!

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8 am – 1 pm

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