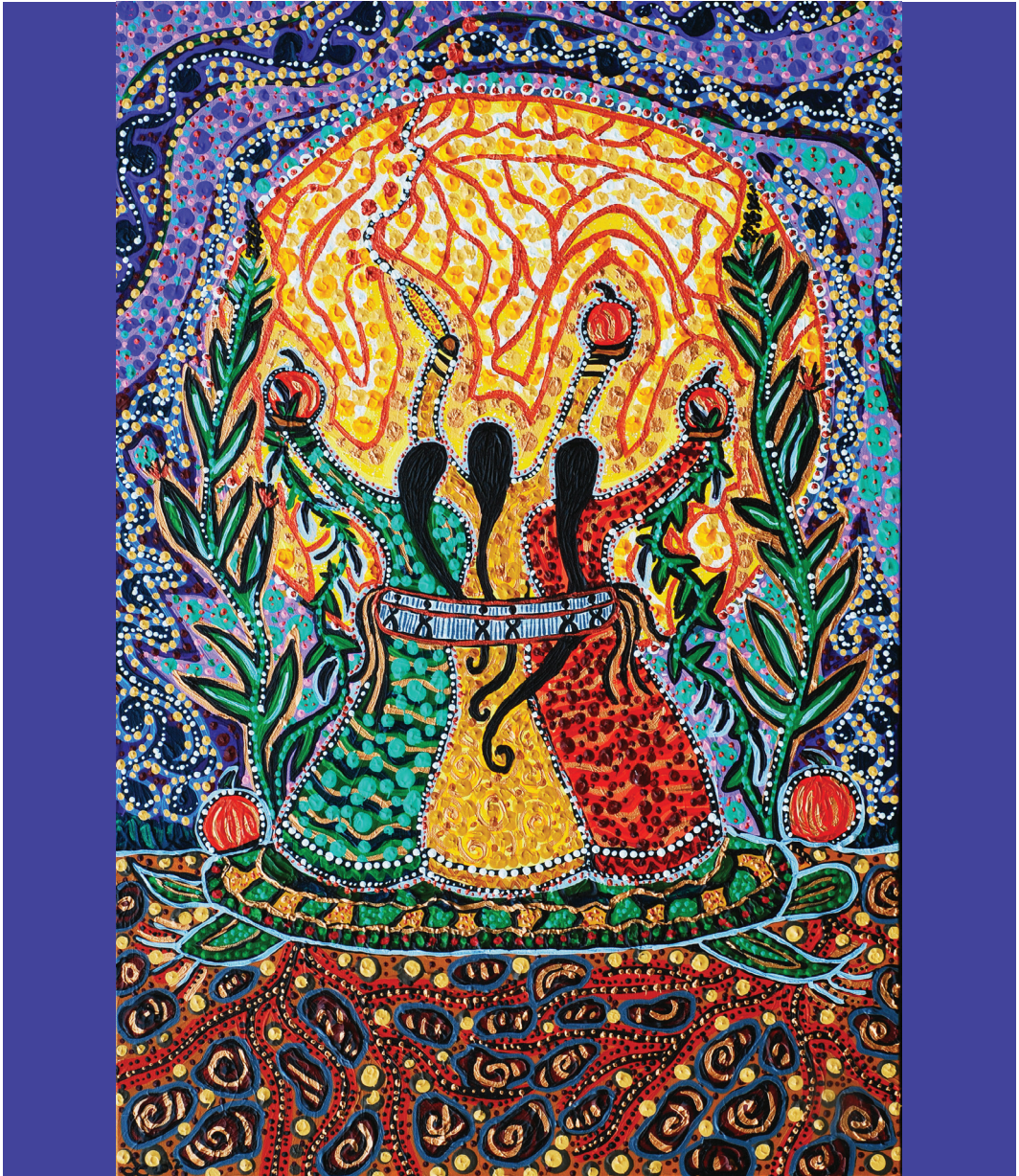


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2, 2022 • 11:00 AM



Leah Dorion, *Three Sisters*, 2012

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

New to Fifth Avenue?

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 on Yoruba Folk Melodies: 1. K'A Mura
Fela Sowande (1905–1987)

Missa Mundi (“World Mass”): V. Prayer
Charles Camilleri (1931–2009)

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Elder John Wyatt*

Psalm 116

One: What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done?

**All: We will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 26

Earth and All Stars!

* 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

(The choir sings once; then the congregation joins in singing.)



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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** (The choir sings once; then the congregation joins in singing.)

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!

And on earth peace to all peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

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* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** **One:** The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Fifth Avenue Community Choir

Soil of God, You and I • *Jim Hannah*

Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
 Seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
 Growing in everyone for here God is found.
 All stand together, we are Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
 Part of God's promise, for others to see.
 Open to everyone for here God is found.
 All stand together, we are Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
 Joining as partners with all of the earth.
 Living in harmony for here God is found.
 All stand together, this is Holy ground.

*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.*

LITANY OF PARTING

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

ANTHEM

Salmo 150 ("Psalm 150") • Ernani Aguiar (b. 1950)

*Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius:
 Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis eius.
 Laudate eum in virtutibus eius,
 Laudate eum secundum
 Multitudinem magnitudinis eius.
 Laudate eum in sono tubae,
 Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.
 Laudate eum in timpano et choro,
 Laudate eum in chordis et organo.
 Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus;*

Praise the Lord in his sacred places:
 Praise him in the firmament of his power.
 Praise him for his mighty acts,
 Praise him according to
 His excellent greatness.
 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,
 Praise him with the psaltery and the harp.
 Praise him with the timbrel and the dance,
 Praise him with the strings and the organ.
 Praise him with high-sounding cymbals,

*Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis.
Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.
Laudate Dominum, Alleluia!*

Praise him with cymbals of joy.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Job 12:7-10*

Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Ask the Plants”

* PSALM OF RESPONSE

Psalm 96 (based on *The Message* translation)

One: Get out the message—God rules!
All: **God has put the world on a firm foundation;
God treats all people fair and square.**

One: Let’s hear it from Sky,
All: **With Earth joining in,
and a huge round of applause from Sea.**

One: Let Wilderness turn cartwheels,
All: **Animals, come dance,
put every tree of the forest in the choir—**

One: An extravaganza before God,
who comes to set everything right on earth,
All: **Set everything right, treat everyone fair.**

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal - va - tion,
And on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore cre - a - tion.
You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own, and, with the Spir - it,

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth • *John Rutter (b. 1945)*
Text by F.S. Pierpoint (1835–1917)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ, in whom your fullness dwells.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and might._____

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - ry._____ Ho -
Fine

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!_____

Blest is the one who comes_____ in the name of the Lord._____ Ho

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
 Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us.
 Dying on the cross, he saves us. Rising from the dead, he gives new life.
 Living with you, he prays for us. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain._____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
 and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.
 Receive our sacrifice of praise.
 Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion
 in the body and blood of our Lord.
 Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.
 Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,
 that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.
 We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,
 in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

A - men. A - men. A - - - men._____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*"...and forgive us our debts..."*)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM Freedom Trilogy • *Traditional, arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)*

<i>Kyrie eleison</i>	Lord have mercy
<i>Christe eleison</i>	Christ have mercy
<i>Kyrie eleison</i>	Lord have mercy
<i>Halleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.</i>	Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.
<i>Ke Morena Jeso, ya re dumeletseng, ya re dumeletseng ho tsamaisa evangedi.</i>	Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.
<i>Siya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkos.</i>	We are marching in the light of God.
<i>Siya hamba, hamba, siya hamba, hamba,</i>	We are marching, marching; we are marching, marching.
<i>Siya hamb' ekukhanyen'kwenkos</i>	We are marching in the light of God.
Amazing grace!	I once was lost
How sweet the sound,	But now am found,
That saved a wretch like me!	Was blind but now I see.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 32 **I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

* BLESSING
Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.

* CHORAL RESPONSE *May the Grace of Christ • William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)
Text by John Newton (1725–1807)*

May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And our Maker's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
Held together by the Word,
And possess in rich communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE *Fête • Jean Langlais (1907–1991)*

The ministry of music this morning is offered by:
The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir
The Fifth Avenue Community Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper* Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Jacob Khalil, *Baritone*

WORSHIP NOTES

In honor of World Communion Sunday, this morning's music selections draw on sacred music traditions from around the world. The *Kyrie* comes from Africa by the composer Dinah Reindorf of Ghana, and the *Gloria* is by the Argentinian composer Pablo Sosa.

The Anthem is by Ernani Aguiar, perhaps one of the best-known contemporary Brazilian composers. With its rapid articulations and gripping rhythms, Aguiar's setting of Psalm 150 is characteristic of his style and an exciting example of contemporary Latin American choral music. The Offertory Anthem, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, is among the most famous pieces by the British composer John Rutter, one of the most popular contemporary composers of sacred choral music.

Paul Halley is a Canadian church musician of international renown, perhaps most famous for his tenure at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine here in New York, where he served as music director from 1977 until 1989. Halley is a major champion of world music, and his compositions and arrangements are notable for their musical creativity and accessibility. The *Freedom Trilogy* is an inspiring and exciting arrangement that has become an international festival favorite. Combining the 16th-century *Kyrie de Angelis* from Europe, the South African *Haleluya Pelo Tsa Rona/Siyahamba* and the beloved *Amazing Grace* (whose author, John Newton, also wrote this morning's choral benediction), Halley's vision of a world without boundaries is powerfully conveyed in this musical celebration.

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 Anne Coffey, 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

Faithful Departed

Sept. 28, 2022: Bryden M. Dow—beloved father of Greg Dow, father-in-law of Kimberley Dow, and grandfather of Avery, Catharine and Jillian Dow.

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 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Kirkland Chapel.
Sunday School & Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
Believing & Belonging: New Member Class. Corning Logan Room.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.
Coffee Hour. Bonnell Hall.
- 12:45 pm** **Adult Education: Dream Reading Revelation.** Jones Auditorium.
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This Week

- Tue Oct 4** **First Tuesday at the Urban Outreach Center.** 3:30 pm • First Avenue and 91st Street. Volunteers needed for dinner preparation and food distribution. Register at fapc.org/volunteer.
- Wed Oct 5** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
- Thu Oct 6** **Deacon King Kong Book Groups.** 7 pm • Zoom. Starting tonight, our groups will meet over three Thursday evenings to discuss the novel by James McBride, our 2022 Gotto lecturer. Sign up at fapc.org/adult-ed.
- Fri Oct 7** **Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards.** 6:15 pm • Jones Auditorium & Bonnell Hall. Join us for cocktails and dinner as we honor faithful leaders of the church. Tickets (\$75) are available at fapc.org/community-events, or call Katie Miller (212.247.0490 ext 3000).
- Sat Oct 8** **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 Oct 9** **Adult Education: Who Is Under Your Carbon Footprint?** 7 pm • Webinar. Sibonokuhle Ncube of the Brethren in Christ Church of Zimbabwe leads this webinar on the climate crisis in southern Africa. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Next Sunday • Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Jesus: Tree Hugger” • Colossians 1:15-20

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Starting Today: Two Classes on 'Holy Ground'

This month Adult Education offers two classes that provide insight into the themes of the fall sermon series, *Holy Ground*. Today Dr. Catherine Keller from Drew University leads "Dream Reading Revelation: The Spiritual Roots of our Global Crisis." The class begins at 12:45 pm in Jones Auditorium. Next Sunday (Oct. 9), we will present a webinar entitled, "Who Is Under Your Carbon Footprint?" Sibonokuhle Ncube from the Brethren in Christ Church of Zimbabwe will discuss the climate crisis affecting southern Africa. The webinar will begin at 7 pm. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Starting Soon: Elusive Grace and Deacon King Kong Book Groups

Starting this month, two new online book groups will get underway. Fifth Avenue member Andy Craven leads the *Elusive Grace* book group, dedicated to the new book by Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston. Sign up at fapc.org/community-groups. The new book group for *Deacon King Kong*, the latest novel by our 2022 Gotto lecturer, James McBride, begins on Thursday (Oct. 6). 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).

Outreach: Two October Volunteer Opportunities

On Tuesday (Oct. 4), five volunteers are needed to help with meal preparation and food distribution at the Urban Outreach Center NYC, a Fifth Avenue mission partner. The volunteer shift is from 3:30 until 6:30 pm. On Saturday, Oct. 15, volunteers will learn first-hand about urban environmental challenges in New York from the Newtown Creek Alliance in Brooklyn. This unique opportunity, available to 20 volunteers, is set for 11 am. Details and registration for both of these opportunities are available at fapc.org/volunteer.

Community Group Registration Is Underway

Ten new and existing community groups are signing up new members for the fall. Among the groups are The Word Is Out, for members of the LGBTQ+ community; Asian American Bible Study, led by Executive Pastor Jonah So; and 40+, a new group for members in their 40s (or even late 30s). Read more and sign up at fapc.org/community-groups.

Next Sunday: Deacons Food Drive Begins

The Deacons Food Drive, benefiting the food pantry of our mission partner the Urban Outreach Center, begins next Sunday (Oct. 9). This year, the pantry is in particular need of peanut butter and one-pound bags of rice. The Deacons will collect your donated items following both worship services next Sunday and the following Sunday, Oct. 16. You may also bring your donations during the week (Oct. 10–15), and leave them with the reception desk on 55th Street. Thank you for your generosity!

Tickets Available for the Fall Choral Concert

On Friday, Oct. 21, the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir presents *In the Beginning: Songs of Creation*, with music celebrating the beauty of nature and beloved stories of creation. This concert is designed to give musical expression to the fall sermon series, *Holy Ground*. The performance begins at 7 pm in Kirkland Chapel. Tickets are available at fapc.org/tickets.

GETTING CONNECTED

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

After two years of lockdown, our community group ministry is back, 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 families from diverse backgrounds to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs Nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am until 12:30 pm. Sunday School and Youth Group take place at 9:30 am during the program year (September through May). Children 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. Whether you live in the neighborhood, or across the country, we welcome you to join our family of faith. 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 might be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit fapc.org/membership to register, 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. 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

Through our Outreach Ministries, hundreds of members and friends of the church are engaged in volunteering, advocacy and service. Our programs include our Befriending Ministry on behalf of our our neighbors experiencing homelessness; the David B. Skinner Shelter, 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 twice-weekly sidewalk lunch for our homeless and hungry neighbors; and Meals on Heels, Saturday-morning meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. We also maintain mission partner relationships with local, national and international organizations whose vision and ministries align closely with our own:

Church of Gethsemane	Parity
The Farminary Project	Search and Care
Hands Along the Nile Development Services	Urban Outreach Center NYC
Holmes Camp and Retreat Center	WANA Community Resource Center
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing
Mission co-workers in Madagascar, the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border	Womankind

To learn more, visit fapc.org/outreach, or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (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).

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
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The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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