



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 9, 2022 • 11:00 AM



John August Swanson, *Saint Francis and the Birds*, 2015

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.

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. Please provide your mobile phone number or an email address to the staff person at the 55th Street reception desk. You will receive a QR code to use at the garage. (The garage no longer provides physical validation stickers.)

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

Views from the Oldest House: 2. Elms • *Ned Rorem* (b. 1923)

A Quaker Reader • *Ned Rorem*

4. "There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil..."

8. "...No darkness at all..."

Organbook I: 3. Song • *Ned Rorem*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder William Stone

Psalm 133 (The Message translation)

One: How wonderful, how beautiful,
when brothers and sisters get along!

**All: It's like costly anointing oil
flowing down head and beard,**

One: Flowing down Aaron's beard,
flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.

**All: It's like the dew on Mount Hermon
flowing down the slopes of Zion.**

One: Yes, that's where God commands the blessing,
life forevermore.

**All: How wonderful, how beautiful,
when brothers and sisters get along!**

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

* 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.)



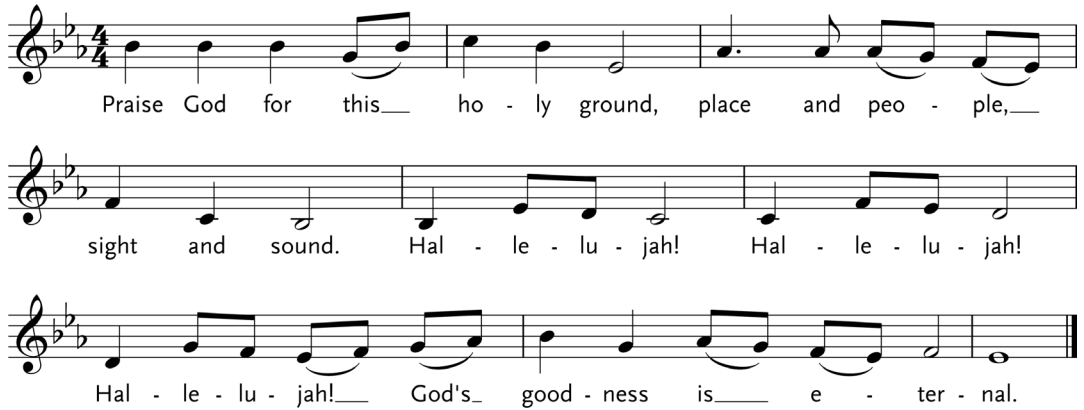
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Praise God for this ho - ly ground, place and peo - ple,
sight and sound. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah! God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM
Children's Choir

Let All God's Children Sing • *Mark Patterson (b.1969)*
Let all the mountains ring, let all the valleys rejoice.
Let all God's children sing, people, come and lift your voice!
Sing it from every land, praise him from every shore.
Let all God's children sing for the glory of the Lord!
For the glory of the Lord! Come, children, rejoice.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

Baptismal Questions
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism

* CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church;
for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage and support you,
to share the good news of the gospel with you,
and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Choir and Congregation

* SUNG RESPONSE

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

*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

ANTHEM

The Word Was God • *Rosephanye Powell (b.1962)*

Text: John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word,

And the Word was with God,

And the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made that have been made.

Nothing was made, he has not made.

All things were made by him.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Jesus: Tree Hugger”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

**New life takes shape in a community in which people know
that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are.**

**They therefore accept themselves and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand,
except God’s grace. Amen.**

* HYMN

O God, beyond All Face and Form



1 O God, be - yond all face_ and form, you willed it that
 2 The glo - ry of the gal - ax - ies, the beau - ty of
 3 You gave_ our race both form_ and name, and love_ for us
 4 Of this_ great love, all loves_ are born, of self,_ of neigh -



cre - a - tion's night should blaze, and cha - os still_ the storm,
 a ba - by's hand, the thun - der - ing of rest - less seas,
 was your_ in - tent. Then to_ a wom - an's womb love came,
 bor, and_ of earth. By love_ shall night be turned to morn,



and birth_ a un - i - verse_ of light.
 the glo - ry of the for - est's stand; All things be - low,
 and on_ a cross was whol - ly spent.
 and death shall nev - er con - quer birth.



all things a - bove_ are formed of your e - ter - nal love.

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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

Praise the Lord, O My Soul • *Ned Rorem (b. 1923)*
Text: Psalm 146

Hallelujah!
 Praise the Lord, O my soul.
 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers nor in any child of earth,
For there is no help in them.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
And in that day their thoughts perish.
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
Whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
And all that is in them;
Who keeps his promise forever;
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
And food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous;
The Lord cares for the stranger;
He sustains the orphan and widow,
But frustrates the way of the wicked.
The Lord shall reign forever,
Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

* 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 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*
Text by R. Gordon Nodwell

POSTLUDE

Fifteen Pieces, op. 18: Gloria • *Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper* Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*
Fifth Avenue Children's Choir
Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *director* • Joseph Vaz, *pianist*

WORSHIP NOTES

The composer of this morning's Anthem, Dr. Rosephanye Powell, has been hailed as one of America's premier women composers of solo vocal and choral music. As a choral composer, Dr. Powell has an impressive catalogue of works published by some of the nation's leading publishers, and is commissioned yearly to compose for choruses of every level and description. An accomplished singer and voice professor, Dr. Powell serves as professor of voice at Auburn University in Alabama, where her research focuses on the art of the African American spiritual and voice care concerns for professional vocalists. She travels the country and internationally presenting lectures and song demonstrations, and serving as a workshop clinician, conductor and adjudicator for solo vocal competitions and auditions, honor choirs, choral workshops and festivals. Dr. Powell has received numerous awards, including the Living Legend Award, presented by the California State University African Diaspora Sacred Music Festival in Los Angeles. She was listed in the first edition of the international publication *Who Is Who in Choral Music*, and has been included in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers and Outstanding Young Women in America* in recent years.

This morning's Anthem, *The Word Was God*, is one of Dr. Powell's most famous compositions. Its layering and phrasing of a catchy rhythmic motif, beautifully contrasted with a haunting lyricism in the middle section, make it a popular showpiece for accomplished choirs.

The composer of the Offertory Anthem is one of the most important living American composers: Ned Rorem. Rorem was born in Richmond, Indiana, in 1923 and spent most of his youth in Chicago. He received his musical training at the American Conservatory of Music, Northwestern University, the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and the Juilliard School. Particularly renowned for his art songs, Rorem has also composed operas, symphonies and pieces for chamber ensembles. In 1976, Rorem received the Pulitzer Prize in Music recognizing his suite *Air Music: Ten Etudes of Orchestra*, which was first performed in Cincinnati in December 1975. Rorem has composed extensively for choir and written several pieces for solo organ.

Praise the Lord, O My Soul is a wonderful example of Rorem's up-tempo and rhythmic choral style—the musical language is fundamentally tonal, with punchy chromaticism that is usually playful, sometimes a bit startling, often resulting in harmonies evocative of jazz.

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, 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: Tracy R. Smith—beloved niece of Sylvia Winrich.

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.** Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.
Coffee Hour. Weber Terrace (weather permitting).
- 7 pm** **Adult Education: Who Is Under Your Carbon Footprint?** 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.
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This Week

- Mon Oct 10** **Indigenous Peoples Day.** The church will be closed to observe the holiday.
- Tue Oct 11** **Women’s Association Bridge.** 1 pm • Bonnell Hall.
- Wed Oct 12** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
The Word Is Out Wine & Cheese Social. 6 pm – Weber Terrace. Our LGBTQ+ community group invites all members and friends of the church for evening fellowship on the rooftop.
- Fri Oct 14–
Sun Oct 16** **Youth Retreat.** Members of the Youth Group depart Friday afternoon for the Catskills. It’s not too late to come along! Register at fapc.org/family-events.
- Sat Oct 15** **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).
Newtown Creek Alliance. 11 am • Greenpoint, Brooklyn. A service opportunity to learn about environmental challenges in our urban landscape. Register at fapc.org/volunteer.

Coming Up

- Fri Oct 21** **FAYA Fall Retreat.** Fifth Avenue’s young adults are heading to Camp Johnsonburg, New Jersey. Register by Oct. 16 at fapc.org/faya.
In the Beginning: Songs of Creation. 7 pm • Kirkland Chapel. Tickets are available at fapc.org/tickets for the fall concert by the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir.

Next Sunday • Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Planting Seeds” • Matthew 13:1-9
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.

Baptized Today

Finn Ogden Hagemann, son of Jane and Simon Hagemann
Nora Virginia Hagemann, daughter of Jane and Simon Hagemann
Anne Elizabeth Goodman, daughter of Leo Goodman and Julie Griffith

This Week: Deacons Food Drive Is Underway

The Deacons Food Drive, benefiting the food pantry of our mission partner the Urban Outreach Center, gets underway today. The Deacons will collect your donated items following both services today and next Sunday, or you can bring them to the 55th Street reception desk during the week. The pantry is in particular need of peanut butter and one-pound bags of rice. Thank you!

Adult Education Explores ‘Holy Ground’

Join us at 7 pm this evening for 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. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed. And tune in to our podcast, *Crossroads*, as Jaime Staehle, director of Christian education, talks with the writer and community organizer Derrick Weston about gardening as food justice.

Saturday: Newtown Creek Alliance

Outreach Ministries offers a *Holy Ground* service opportunity on Saturday with the Newtown Creek Alliance in Brooklyn. Volunteers are invited to do some environmental cleanup, learn about the environmental challenges of our urban landscape, and visit the green infrastructure nursery. Register at fapc.org/volunteer.

Tickets Available for the Fall Concert

The Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir presents *In the Beginning: Songs of Creation* at 7 pm Friday, Oct. 21, in Kirkland Chapel. Featuring *In the Beginning*, the *a cappella* showpiece by Aaron Copland, the concert offers music celebrating the beauty of the natural world and the beloved stories of its origin. Reserved seats and general admission tickets are available at fapc.org/tickets.

Women’s Association Luncheon & Weekly Bridge Return

The Women’s Association is back! The luncheon returned last week and will be held every other Tuesday through December. The next luncheon will be on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 12 pm in Bonnell Hall. Weekly bridge is also back on Tuesdays at 1 pm in Bonnell Hall, continuing through Dec. 20 (with no gatherings on Nov. 22 or Nov. 29). Both events will be listed in the bulletin calendar (on the facing page). Contact: Rita Arlen (wassoc@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3041).

FOCUS Announces a Reunion Weekend

FOCUS, a singles ministry active at Fifth Avenue from 1986 until the early ‘90s, is hosting its first-ever reunion the weekend of Nov. 11–13. The event is still in the planning stages, but contact Audrey Ivester (audreyivester@yahoo.com) if you are interested in taking part.

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 ext 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 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).

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The Session

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

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