



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 13, 2022 • 11:00 AM

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Emma Butler-Cole Aiken, *Revelation 22*

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**This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.**

## WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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### 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](http://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](http://fapc.org/playback). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray). Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at [fapc.org/this-sunday](http://fapc.org/this-sunday). For information about future worship services, visit [fapc.org/worship](http://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](http://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

Adagio in E major • Frank Bridge (1879–1941)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Carol Kenney

One: Gracious God, you reveal your goodness

**All: in the beauty and diversity of creation;**

One: Gracious God, you reveal your goodness

**All: in the dance of earth and air and water;**

One: Gracious God, you reveal your goodness

**All: in apples and squash and chickens  
scratching in the dirt;**

One: Gracious God, you reveal your goodness

**All: in the gift of Jesus Christ,  
who reminds us of your love,**

One: and who teaches us to love each other  
and all creation.

**All: Let us worship God, Author of goodness and love.**

### \* HYMN 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

### \* 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.)



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Praise our Ma - ker, peo - ples of one fam - 'ly:  
 God is love! God is love! Praise our Ma - ker  
 peo - ples of one fam - 'ly: God is love! God is love!

Music: E. Rawdon Bailey (1859–1938). Text: Church and School Hymnal, 1926; adapt. RGH.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT *Bob Henn, Trustee*



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## ANTHEM

And I Saw a New Heaven • *Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)*

*Text: Revelation 21:1–4*

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
For the first heaven and first earth had passed away;  
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying:  
“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain,  
for the former things are passed away.”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-2*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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

### SERMON

**“Water, Light and Leaves”**

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, we live in a complicated and conflicted time.  
Help us not to despair. Give us courage. Guide our steps.  
We yearn for the day you promise in Scripture—  
a day when the water of life will flow through the land  
bringing healing to the nations.  
Root this holy vision in our hearts.  
Help us to do our part to make this sacred hope real.  
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

## \* HYMN

### This Is God's Wondrous World

1 This\_\_ is God's won - drous world, and\_\_ to my lis - t'ning ears  
2 This\_\_ is God's won - drous world: the\_\_ birds their car - ols raise;  
3 This\_\_ is God's won - drous world: O\_\_ let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and\_\_ round me rings the mu - sic of the\_\_ spheres.  
the morn - ing light, the\_\_ li - ly white, de - clare their Mak - er's\_\_ praise.  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is\_\_ the rul - er\_\_ yet.

This is God's won - drous world; I\_\_ rest me in the thought of\_\_  
This is God's won - drous world: God\_\_ shines in all that's fair; in the  
This is God's won - drous world: why\_\_ should my heart be sad? Let\_\_

rocks and trees, of\_\_ skies and seas, God's hand\_\_ the won - ders\_\_ wrought.  
rus - tling grass or\_\_ moun - tain pass, God's voice\_\_ speaks ev - 'ry - where.  
voic - es sing, let the heav - ens ring: God reigns, let earth be\_\_ glad!

Music: Traditional melody, adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; adapt. Stanley Oliver, 1929 – TERRA BEATA.  
Words: Malthie Davenport Babcock, 1901.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Kate Dunn*

### 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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Festival Te Deum • *Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)*

We praise thee, O God,  
We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud,  
The Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth!  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy Glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.  
The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite majesty  
Thine honorable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
Thou did'st not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou had'st overcome the sharpness of death,  
Thou did'st open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray thee help thy servants,  
Whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord save thy people and bless thine heritage,  
Govern them and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we magnify thee and we worship thy name,  
Ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin,  
O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted. Let me never be confounded.

\* 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

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\* HYMN 645

**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

*Text by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)*

God be with you till we meet again;

Loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Sonata no. 3 in A major: *Con moto maestoso*

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

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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* • Rebecca Soelberg, *Soprano*

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**WORSHIP NOTES**

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The Prelude this morning is by Frank Bridge, an excellent composer in his own right, but probably best remembered as the composition teacher of Benjamin Britten. Bridge's *Adagio* in E major is a true gem of the organ repertoire, taking the listener on a journey through the full dynamic range of the instrument—from the softest softs, to the loudest louds, and back again.

The *Te Deum*, which dates from the fourth century, is one of the earliest hymns of the Western church and has been sung throughout history on the occasion of church festivals and celebrations. The text of the hymn follows the outline of the Apostles' Creed, mixing a poetic vision of the heavenly liturgy with its declaration of faith. It has been set to music countless times, and Benjamin Britten's *Festival Te Deum* in E major is one of the most famous and popular of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was composed for the centenary Festival of St. Mark's Church in Swindon in 1944. The first section is for the full choir in unison over light chords in the organ, and is evocative of the floating, timeless qualities of Gregorian chant. On the words, "Thou art the King of Glory," the piece changes character entirely, becoming extremely rhythmic and jubilant, and alternates dramatically between the choir and the organ. A soprano soloist introduces the final section of the piece, and it closes in the same chant-like character as its opening.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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### ***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](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests).

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### ***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, Janet Lamberth,  
Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Frank Owarish  
Dexter Ramcharan, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz  
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](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### 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.
- 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.
- 12:30 pm** **Veterans Plaque Dedication.** Kirkland Chapel.
- 2 pm** **Waiting in the Wings: A Staged Reading.** 2 pm • Jones Auditorium. A free performance by the Theatre Fellowship.
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### This Week

- Tue Nov 15** **Women's Association Luncheon.** 12 pm • Bonnell Hall. Followed by bridge at 1 pm.  
**Speed Networking.** 6:15 pm • A free program from the Employment Advisory. Details and registration at [fapc.org/employment-advisory](http://fapc.org/employment-advisory).
- Wed Nov 16** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • Corning Logan Room. Our weekly young adult gathering. Contact: Rev. Sarah Speed ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)).
- Thu Nov 17** **Employment Support Group.** 10 am • Zoom. Led by Kathy Murray and Win Sheffield. Go to [fapc.org/employment-support](http://fapc.org/employment-support) for the link.
- Fri Nov 18** **Youth Group: Last Friday Meetup.** 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Youth in grades six through 12 are invited to join us for supper, games and Bible study! Contact: The Rev. Werner Ramirez ([youth@fapc.org](mailto:youth@fapc.org)).
- Sat Nov 19** **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](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Nov 20** **Pledge Sunday.** 11 am • Sanctuary. The fall sermon series, *Holy Ground*, concludes. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching. Followed by a Harvest Celebration in Bonnell Hall.
- Zoom Coffee Hour.** 12:30 pm • Zoom. If you won't be with us in person next Sunday, join us for coffee hour online! The link will be in next week's Friday and Sunday emails. Contact: Ashley Gonzalez ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

### **Next Week: Christ the King Sunday • Pledge Sunday**

"Saying Grace" • Psalm 148

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

### **Baptized Today**

Evelyn Peters Hotchkiss, child of Erin and Sam Hotchkiss  
James Hanwool Snyder, child of Christina Badger and Mark Snyder

### **Today: Veterans Plaque Dedication**

All are invited following worship today as the church installs and dedicates two plaques honoring 466 members of the Fifth Avenue community who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston and archivist Dale Hansen, who spearheaded the project, will lead the dedication, starting at 12:30 pm in Kirkland Chapel.

### **Also Today: Waiting in the Wings**

Theatre Fellowship concludes a weekend of live theater this afternoon with a staged reading of Noël Coward's *Waiting in the Wings*. The comedy-drama, set in a retirement home for actresses, is directed by Joscelyne Wilmouth and features a cast of 15 Fifth Avenue actors. The performance is free of charge, so please come and support your friends on stage and behind the scenes!

### **Next Week: Don't Miss Pledge Sunday**

Next Sunday (Nov. 20) is Pledge Sunday, and we have a special celebration planned. Join us in worship, with your pledge cards in hand, as we process to the altar table to offer our financial support to the church for 2023. Afterward, come up to Bonnell Hall for a Harvest Celebration. We've got some fun surprises in store next Sunday, so we hope to see you there!

### **Tickets on Sale for the Advent Concert**

The Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir's Advent concert, *Carols by Candlelight*, is coming up on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 2-3, in Kirkland Chapel. Step away from the bustle of the holidays for an hour of choral music, congregational carols and seasonal poetry read by Jeanne Lehman. The Friday concert also will be available on livestream. This is one of our most popular events of the year, so make your plans now! See [fapc.org/concerts](http://fapc.org/concerts) for details and to purchase online.

### **Bring Christmas Joy to Children in Need**

The Christmas Angel Tree Project, the popular holiday program sponsored by the Deacons, continues all month long. The Deacons are maintaining an online gift registry where you can purchase gifts for children and families in need. This year the project will provide for children living in city shelters or in the Grandparent Family Apartments. Visit [fapc.org/angel](http://fapc.org/angel) to learn how you can participate. Please purchase gifts no later than Nov. 25 to help ensure delivery to the church by Dec. 2.

### **Register Now for Nativity Art at the Met**

On Sunday, Dec. 11, our Adult Education program invites you to a guided tour of Nativity art at the Met. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes your museum ticket. You must register by next Sunday (Nov. 20) to participate.

### **Can You Help Meals on Heels on Thanksgiving Day?**

Meals on Heels will be preparing holiday meals for our homebound neighbors on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24. Volunteers are needed to help with preparation and make deliveries. If you can help, please register by Monday, Nov. 21. Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### 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](https://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](https://fapc.org/community-groups), or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](https://fapc.org/family). Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).

### FAYA | Fifth Avenue Young Adults

FAYA is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s, led by the Rev. 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](https://fapc.org/faya) or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya). Or contact Sarah (212.247.0490 ext 4037, [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto: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](https://fapc.org/membership) to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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, a 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. Our current mission partners are:

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
Mission co-workers in	and Supportive Housing
Madagascar, the Philippines	Womankind
& the U.S.–Mexico border	

To learn more, visit [fapc.org/outreach](http://fapc.org/outreach), or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, [outreach@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org)).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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