



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 • 11:00 AM



John August Swanson, *Festival of Lights*, 1991

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

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*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

Three Settings of *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland*  
("Savior of the Nations, Come"), BWV 599, 659 and 661  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### SUNG CALL TO ADVENT

Advent Responsory • *Richard Marlow (1939–2013)*  
*Text from the First Matins Responsory for Advent Sunday*  
*(11th Century)*

I look from afar:

And lo, I see the power of God coming,  
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come  
to reign o'er thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come  
to reign o'er thy people Israel?

O come.

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,  
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come.

Come to reign o'er thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come  
to reign o'er thy people Israel?

Come, Lord, come.

### \* HYMN 88

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

### \* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Grant and Nicole Rusk*

\* SUNG RESPONSE



A can - dle is burn - ing, a flame warm and bright,  
a can - dle of hope in De - cem - ber's dark night.  
While an - gels sing bless - ings from heaven's star - ry sky,  
our hearts we pre - pare now for Je - sus is nigh.

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\* 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 joins, singing once.)

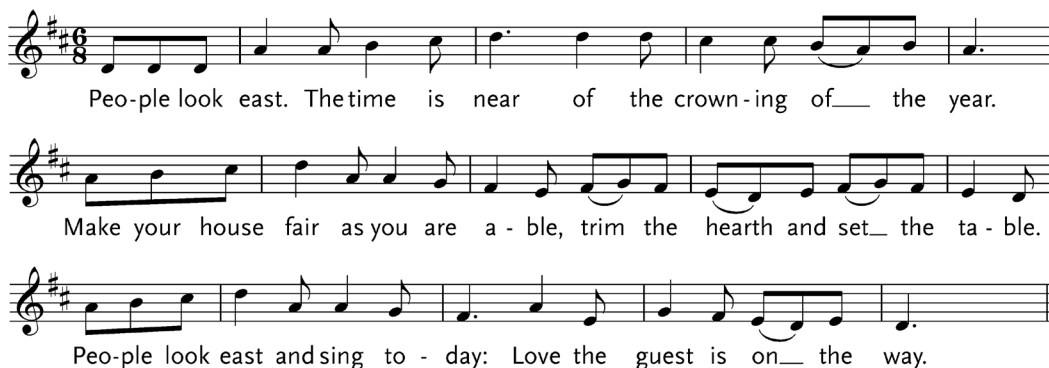


Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,  
Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON



\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Peo-ple look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of the year.

Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.

Peo-ple look east and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

Music: French folk melody - BESANÇON. Text: Eleanor Farjeon © 1928 David Higham Associates.  
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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*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. Dr. Jonah So*

ANTHEM

Advent 'O' Carol • Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)  
Text adapted from the seven Advent Antiphons

*O Sapientia*

We long for your coming, O WISDOM;  
We long for your coming, O Lord.  
Come and teach us the way of understanding;  
You are the living word.

*O Adonai*

We long for you, O LORD AND RULER;  
We long for your coming, O Lord.  
Come and stretch out your arms and redeem us;  
You are the living word.

*O Radix Jesse*

We long for you, O ROOT OF JESSE;  
We long for your coming, O Lord.  
Come to deliver us and do not tarry;  
You are the living word.

*O Clavis David*

We long for you, O KEY OF DAVID;  
We long for your coming, O Lord.  
Come and bring forth the captive from his prison,  
Who sits in the shadow of death.

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*O Oriens*

O DAWN OF THE EAST;

We long for your coming, O Lord.

Come and lighten those who sit in darkness

And in the shadow of death.

*O Rex Gentium*

We long for you, O KING OF THE GENTILES;

We long for your coming, O Lord.

Come and deliver man whom you formed

Out of the dust of the earth.

*O EMMANUEL*

When will you come?

Come to save us, O Lord our God.

*O ERO CRAS, O ERO*

Tomorrow I will come.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

#### **“Wonderful Counselor”**

#### \* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**God of hope,**

**please walk alongside us on the path of Advent.**

**Awaken our senses with the smelling salts of your Spirit.**

**Nudge our distracted souls, and point out life’s wonders.**

**For truly, this journey, these candles, these carols,**

**are exactly what our hearts most need. Amen.**

#### \* HYMN 104

#### **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

#### CALL TO ADVENT

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

One:

It is Advent.

The Holy One approaches.

The Creator draws near.

The Maker of moons and stars,

mountains and rivers,

locusts and wild honey,

you and me,

is on the way.

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**All:**           **We will not miss this.**  
                  **We will stay awake.**  
                  **We will watch for the Advent of God.**

One:           It is late in the year.  
                  The days are growing short.  
                  We walk in darkness.  
                  Yet we are not alone.  
                  A beacon shines  
                      for broken hearts,  
                      for battered souls,  
                      for ailing bodies,  
                      for angry spirits,  
                      for all who walk a difficult path.  
                  Light is on the way.

**All:**           **We will not miss this.**  
                  **We will stay awake.**  
                  **We will watch for the Advent of God.**

One:           It is Advent.  
                  A joyful spirit has touched our hearts.  
                  We yearn to do good deeds.  
                  In ways both small and large,  
                      we want to act out heaven's mercy.  
                  So that bit by bit and leap by leap,  
                      we can be enveloped in God's tender embrace.  
                  Love is on the way.

**All:**           **We will not miss this.**  
                  **We will stay awake.**  
                  **We will watch for the Advent of God.**

One:           This is right. This is good.  
                  We will watch. We will pray.  
                  We will use words taught to us  
                      by the One who awaits us at journey's end.

#### 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	<p>Creator of the Stars of Night • <i>Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)</i>  <i>Text: Office Hymn, English text by J. M. Neale (1818–1866)</i></p> <p>Creator of the stars of night,  Thy people's everlasting light,  Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,  And hear thy servants when they call.</p> <p>Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride,  As drew the world to eveningtide,  Proceeding from a virgin shrine,  The Son of Man, yet all divine.</p> <p>At thy great name, exalted now,  All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,  And things in heaven and earth shall own  That thou art Lord and King alone.</p> <p>To God the Father, God the Son,  And God the Spirit, Three in One,  Laud, honor, might, and glory be  From age to age eternally. Amen.</p>
* DOXOLOGY	<p><b>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.</b></p>
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	
<i>Deacon Emi Iwaida</i>	
* HYMN 102	<b>Savior of the Nations, Come</b>
* BENEDICTION	
	<i>Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.</i>
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<p>Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes • <i>Mark G. Sirett (b. 1952)</i>  <i>Text: Anonymous</i></p> <p>Thou shalt know him when he comes,  Not by any din of drums,  Nor his manners, nor his airs,  Nor by anything he wears.  Thou shalt know him when he comes,  Not by his crown or by his gown,  But his coming known shall be,  By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.  Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.</p>
POSTLUDE	<p>Toccata on <i>Veni Emmanuel</i> ("O Come, O Come, Emmanuel")  <i>Andrew Carter (b. 1939)</i></p>



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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*  
*Rachel Mikol, Soprano • Erinn Sensenig, Abigail Mitchell, Megan Schubert, Trio*  
Emerson Sieverts, Rich Saunders, Matt Goinz, Christopher Seefeldt, *Quartet*

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## WORSHIP NOTES

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This morning's Offertory Anthem is a lovely setting of the ancient Advent hymn *Conditor alme siderum* ("Creator of the Stars of Night"), whose text dates back to the seventh century. Opinions differ as to the hymn's authorship; some have attributed it to St. Ambrose himself, but most scholars agree that it's not his work, so "Anonymous, 7th century" is a much more common ascription! Despite the uncertainty concerning the hymn's authorship, the text is one of the great treasures of hymnody. In just five classical Ambrosian quatrains (three of which are included in today's setting), the writer gives a remarkably complete overview of salvation history, all the more powerful for being expressed with such simplicity and economy: Christ himself is the creator of the stars of night, the light of all believers, who came to save the world; he was born of the Virgin Mary, and now all creation acknowledges him as Lord and awaits his return. The original Latin text was translated into English by the Anglican priest, scholar and hymn-writer John Mason Neale. The hymn is traditionally sung to Sarum Plainsong, Mode IV, which is the melody heard this morning. This chant dates back to the ninth century, when the Sarum tradition originated at the Cathedral of Salisbury in the U.K. Haunting in its simplicity, it is one of the most beautiful in the repertoire.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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### ***Please pray for:***

Candy Asman, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley  
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, Neva Strom,  
Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Betty Ty, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek  
Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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### ***Faithful Departed:***

October 21, 2022: Robert Fish—friend of John Stuart.

November 17, 2022: Sintje Sompotan Wenas—beloved sister of Frieda Sompotan.

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** **Advent Festival.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.  
**The Word Is Out** (LGBTQ community group). Boardroom.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- 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** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall.
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### This Week

- Wed Nov 30** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
- Fri Dec 2 – Sat Dec 3** **Carols by Candlelight.** 7 pm • Kirkland Chapel. The Advent concert from the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir, with seasonal poetry read by Jeanne Lehman. Details and tickets available at [fapc.org/concerts](http://fapc.org/concerts). The Friday performance will also be available on livestream.
- Sat Dec 3** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed!  
Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Dec 4** **Worship.** 11 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.  
**The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Historical Perspective.** 12:30 pm • Corning Logan Room. The first in a series of Adult Education events regarding Israel, Palestine and the Presbyterian Church.
- Wed Dec 7** **Holiday Hymns & Hops.** 6:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. A mashup of carols and brews (including non-alcoholic varieties) led by Ryan Jackson and Werner Ramirez. \$10 per person. Details and registration at [fapc.org/advent](http://fapc.org/advent).
- Sat Dec 10** **FAYA Christmas Party.** 7:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Young adult groups from First Presbyterian and Madison Avenue Presbyterian are our guests for drinks, fellowship and a white elephant gift exchange. Contact the Rev. Sarah Speed ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)) for details.
- Sun Dec 11** **Worship.** 11 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.  
**Fifth Avenue Caroling.** 12:30 pm • Fifth Avenue steps. Join us outside following worship as we bring the spirit of the season to our neighbors on the avenue. All voices welcome!

### ***Next Sunday • Second Sunday of Advent***

***"Mighty God" • Isaiah 9:6-7***

***The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.***

### Advent Begins!

Today Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church enters this holy season with a new sermon series (*What Are We Going to Call This Baby?*) and a calendar filled with special worship services, fellowship events, the Advent concert and volunteer opportunities. Advent brochures are in the mail and available at the entrances, along with the 2022 Advent Reader. You can also download the Reader from our website or sign up to receive the daily reflections in your email. Full details on the season are available at [fapc.org/advent](http://fapc.org/advent).

### Advent Exhibit Opens Today

Today the Arts and Our Faith Committee opens a new exhibit, *Putting a Face to the Names*, in the Chesnut Gallery. With the focus of the Advent sermon series on the many names of Jesus, the exhibit showcases the many ways that the church pairs faces with the names—in other words, how we seek to be the face of Christ to our congregation and our community during the Advent season. The exhibit will be on view through Epiphany Sunday.

### Next Weekend: Carols by Candlelight

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.

### The Many Ways You Can Give Back This Season

For those of you looking to serve others this holiday season, we have several opportunities for you. On Dec. 6, starting at 3 pm, it's First Tuesday at the **Urban Outreach Center NYC**, which serves dinner and distributes food to neighbors in need in East Harlem and the Upper East Side. Our **Project FIND** team will be serving lunch to seniors on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Woodstock Senior Center on West 43rd Street. **The Joe Vedella Holiday Dinner**, a celebration with our homeless neighbors, is coming up on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. **The Shelter Family Holiday Party** is happening the following evening (Monday, Dec. 12) starting at 5:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. The Women's Association can use extra hands to serve and clean up at the **Christmas Tea** on Sunday, Dec. 18. And our intrepid **Meals on Heels** ministry will be hard at work on Christmas Eve morning cooking and delivering Christmas meals to homebound neighbors and others in need. To sign up for any of these opportunities, go to [fapc.org/volunteer](http://fapc.org/volunteer).

### It's Not Too Late to Buy Angel Tree Gifts!

The Christmas Angel Tree Project, the popular holiday program sponsored by the Deacons, needs your support! 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 as soon as possible so that they are delivered to us in time for distribution to the children.

## 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
Garden of Hope	Urban Outreach Center NYC
Hands Along the Nile Development Services	WANA Community Resource Center
Holmes Camp and Retreat Center	West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	
Mission co-workers in Madagascar, the Philippines & 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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