



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022 • 11:00 AM



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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

Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Branden Wang

from Isaiah 12

One: Surely, God is our salvation.

All: We will trust and not be afraid.

One: God is our strength and our might.

All: Amen. God is our salvation!

One: God bids us draw water from the well of life.

All: We will pull these buckets up with joy.

One: We will pray. We will sing.

All: We will worship Almighty God, tender and just.

* HYMN 94

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dave, Sue, Spencer and Angus Roberson

* SUNG RESPONSE

A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of peace,
a can - dle to sig - nal that con - flict must cease:
for Je - sus is com - ing to show us the way;
a mes - sage of peace hum - bly laid in the way.

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

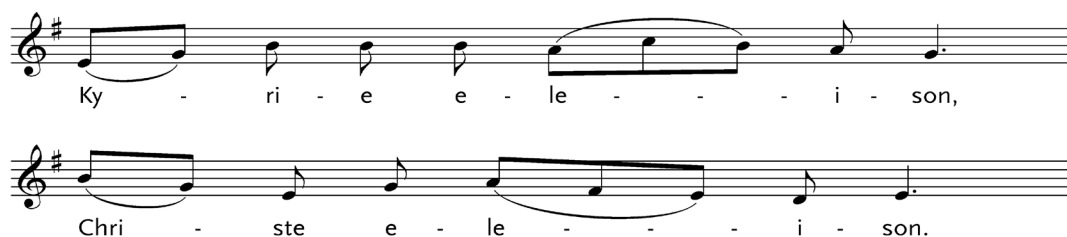
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

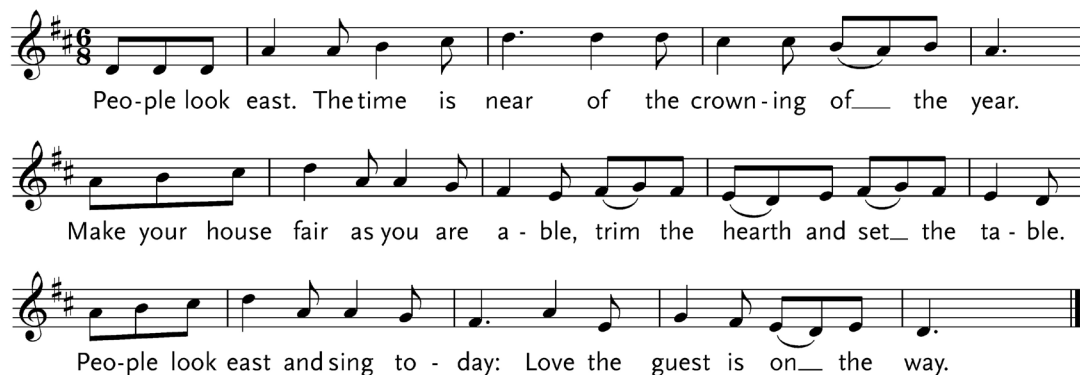
* SUNG RESPONSE

(Cantor sings once; then the congregation joins, singing once.)



* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence • *Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*
Text from the Liturgy of St. James

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And stand with fear and trembling,
And lift itself above all earthly thought.
For the King of Kings and Lord of lords,
Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation,
And to be given for food to the faithful.
Before Him come the choirs of angels,
With every principality and power;
The Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,
Who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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

“Mighty God”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**God of power,
clear our heads this Advent.
Sweep out the clutter,
and then, as you have always done,
weave bold dreams for humanity.
Instill in our hearts your fierce love.
Make us mighty.
Amen.**

* SONG RESPONSE

Ang-els, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is com-ing.

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

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CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Thou the Central Orb • *Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

Text by H.R. Bramley (1833–1917)

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High,
Eternal Light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
Hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne,
set in the height of God's ordaining counsel,
As thy sight gives measured grace to each,
Thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee,
Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
Now pure within, pure within. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

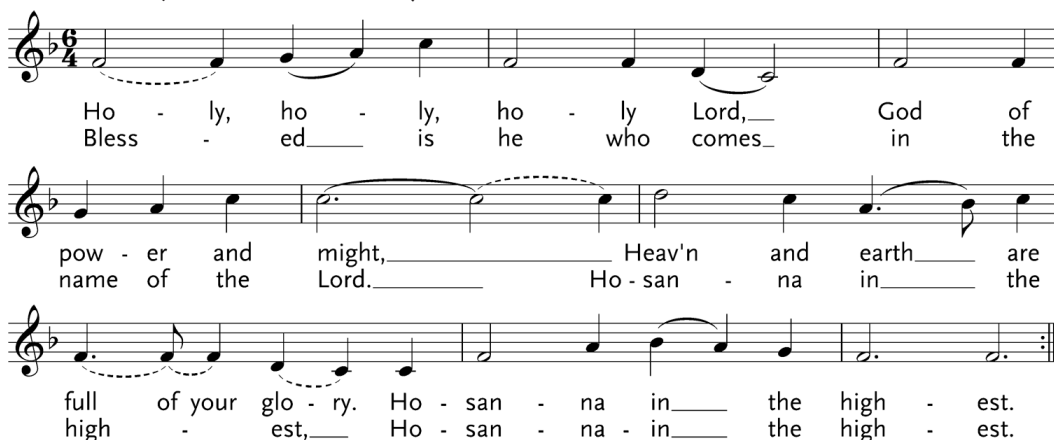
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 the
Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.
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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.



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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

This is the truth sent from above • *Traditional English Carol, arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

This is the truth sent from above,
the truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from the door,
but hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing that I will relate, that God at first did man create;
The next thing which to you I tell,
woman was made with him to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes
till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run: that he'd redeem us by his Son.

And at this season of the year our blest redeemer did appear,
And here did live, and here did preach,
and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
be pleased to hear what he did say.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes • *Mark G. Sirett (b. 1952)*
Text: Anonymous

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.

POSTLUDE

Trio Sonata no. 5 in C major, BWV 529: III. Allegro • *J.S. Bach*

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*

WORSHIP NOTES

Edward Bairstow's haunting setting of "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" has been a popular staple of the English choral tradition ever since its composition in 1925. The text is taken from a fourth-century liturgy of the Greek Orthodox Church. Although the angels evoked by Bairstow's music are of the "many wings and many eyes" variety (as opposed to the sweet-looking angels we put on our Christmas trees), this evocative piece has an austere beauty that captures the more solemn qualities of Advent.

The Offertory Anthem is by Charles Wood, a Victorian composer of Irish descent. In 1883, Wood was a student in the inaugural class of the Royal College of Music in London. He studied composition with Charles Villiers Stanford and Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, widely considered to be the great-grandfathers of the modern English choral tradition. Wood spent much of his early career writing works for stage and orchestra. It was not until later in life that he turned to church music. "O Thou the Central Orb" features masterful choral writing above a stirring and expressive organ accompaniment. The final "Amen" is powerful in its simplicity, a testament to Wood's sensitivity to text and musical form.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiut, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell, 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, Phil Wesley, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

Faithful Departed:

November 25, 2022: Michael Mulvihill—beloved brother of Carol Healy.

November 26, 2022: Alivia Curl—beloved niece of Wesley and Tim Palmer Curl.

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** **Sunday School & Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 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** **The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Historical Perspective.** Corning Logan Room.
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This Week

- Tue Dec 6** **Women's Association luncheon.** 12 pm • Bonnell Hall.
- First Tuesday at Urban Outreach NYC.** 3:30 pm • 1745 First Avenue. (between 90th and 91st Sts.). Volunteers help prepare the evening meal and distribute food to neighbors in need. Sign up at fapc.org/volunteer.
- Wed Dec 7** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
- 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.
- Fri Dec 9** **Staff Christmas.** Building closed.
- Sat Dec 10** **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).
- Project FIND.** 11:15 am • Woodstock Senior Center (127 W. 43rd St.). Volunteers share lunch and fellowship with more than 100 elderly New Yorkers. Contact: Vijay Wijesundera (projectfind@fapc.org).
- FAYA Christmas Party.** 7 pm • Bonnell Hall. Young adult groups from First Presbyterian and Madison Avenue Presbyterian are our guests. Contact the Rev. Sarah Speed (youngadults@fapc.org) for details.

Coming Up

- Sun Dec 11** **Fifth Avenue Caroling.** 12:30 pm • Fifth Avenue steps. Join us outside as we bring the spirit of the season to our neighbors on the avenue. All voices welcome!
- Joe Vedella Holiday Dinner.** 2 pm • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers needed to register guests, serve at table, help clean up and more. Sign up at fapc.org/volunteer.
- Mon Dec 12** **Shelter Family Holiday Party.** 5:30 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Help us throw an unforgettable party for kids and parents living in city shelters. Sign up at fapc.org/volunteer.

Next Sunday • Third Sunday of Advent

"Everlasting Father" • Isaiah 9:2-7 • *The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.*

Today: Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Today we begin a series of discussions regarding Israel, Palestine and the Presbyterian Church (USA). This series comes in response to a controversial statement adopted by the Presbyterian General Assembly this summer. Our guest instructor, Ross Brann, will present a historical overview of the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including a critical examination of the current state of affairs. Dr. Brann is the Milton R. Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies and Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at Cornell University. Join us for this important discussion at 12:30 pm in the Corning Logan Room. Refreshments will be served.

This Week: Lots of Volunteer Opportunities

Looking to give back this season? On Tuesday, (Dec. 6), volunteers are needed for 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 next Sunday (Dec. 11) at 2 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. To sign up for any of these opportunities, go to fapc.org/volunteer.

Next Sunday: Caroling!

Fifth Avenue Caroling returns next week! Following worship, join us outside on the steps of the Sanctuary as we bring the spirit of the holidays to passersby on Fifth Avenue. This event never fails to draw an appreciative crowd. All voices are welcome!

Next Week: Blue Christmas

Blue Christmas, a midweek service of contemplation and reflection, is coming up on Wednesday, Dec. 14. This peaceful service reminds us that Advent is a time of expectation and spiritual preparation. Many have also found this service to be an oasis of comfort, healing and hope during the busyness and stress of the holidays. Please join us at 6:30 pm in Kirkland Chapel (or on livestream) for this service, led by the Rev. Werner Ramirez.

Coming Up: Wreath-Making Class

Make your home merry and bright by designing your own Christmas wreath. The class, led by Courtney Rees of Winsome Floral in Princeton, New Jersey, is set for 6:30 pm Friday, Dec. 16, in Bonnell Hall. Your cost of \$10 per person will cover all the materials you will need. Register at fapc.org/advent.

Thank You for Your Angel Tree Gifts

The Board of Deacons is grateful to all who participated in the Christmas Angel Tree Project. More than 150 children living at the Grandparent Family Apartments and in family shelters will receive holiday gifts this year, thanks to your generosity. We ask that you keep these children and their families in your prayers throughout the year ahead.

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 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 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, 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, 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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