



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2022 • 11:00 AM



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID
A SAVIOR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11

Louisa Raitt, *Stable Silhouette*, 2022

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.**

* SUNG RESPONSE

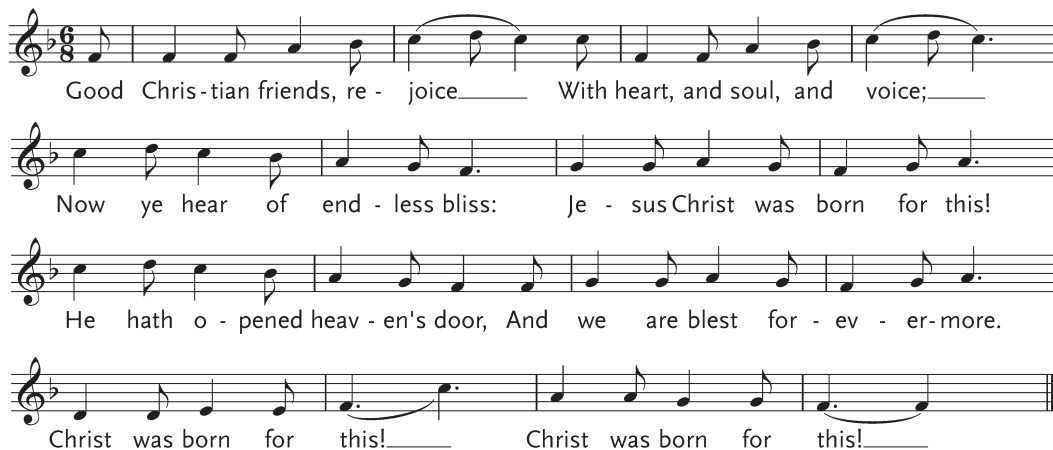


Be near me Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Music: James R. Murray, 1887 – MUELLER. Text: Gabriel's *Vineyard Songs*, 1892.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Music: German folk tune, 14th century - IN DULCI JUBILO. Text: Medieval Latin, trans. John Mason Neale, 1853.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One:

The peace of Christ be with you.

All:

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ashley Gonzalez, *Director of Engagement*

THE FIRST LESSON

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior • *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Ashley Gonzalez, *Director of Engagement*

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.

CAROL

The Holly and the Ivy • *Traditional English Carol, arr. John Rutter*

The holly and the ivy
When they are both full grown;
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown.

O, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom
As white as any flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour.

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good.

The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark
As bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

THE SECOND LESSON

The Ruler from Bethlehem • *Micah 5:2-4*

Deacon Janine Schindler

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

* HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

THE THIRD LESSON

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary • *Luke 1:26-38**Robert Schindler*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

Ave Maris Stella • Philip Stopford (b. 1977), Text: Anonymous, 8th century

*Ave, maris stella,
Dei mater alma,
atque semper virgo,
felix cæli porta.*

*Sumens illud "Ave"
Gabrielis ore,
funda nos in pace,
mutans Evæ nomen.*

Ave, maris stella,

*Solve vincla reis,
profer lumen cæcis,
mala nostra pelle,
bona cuncta posce.*

Ave, maris stella,

*Vitam præsta puram,
iter para tutum,
ut videntes Jesum
semper collætémur.*

*Sit laus Deo Patri,
summo Christo decus,
Spiritui Sancto
tribus honor unus. Amen.*

Hail, star of the sea,
Loving Mother of God,
And ever Virgin,
Happy gate of Heaven.

Receiving that "Ave"
From the mouth of Gabriel,
Establish us in peace,
Transforming the name of "Eva."

Hail, star of the sea.

Loosen the chains of the guilty,
Send forth light to the blind,
Dispel our evils,
Entreat for all good.

Hail, star of the sea.

Bestow a pure life,
Prepare a safe way,
That seeing Jesus
We may ever rejoice.

Praise be to God the Father,
Glory to Christ in the highest,
To the Holy Spirit
Be honor, to the three equally. Amen.

THE FOURTH LESSON

The angel visits Joseph • *Matthew 1:18-25**Deacon Beverly Elmyra Johnson*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy

Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

CAROL

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine • *Traditional, arr. Norman Luboff (1917–1987)*

Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,
Help me cradle the child divine;
God reward thee and all that's thine
In paradise,
So prays the mother Mary.

Gladly, dear one, lady mine,
Help I cradle this child of thine;
God's own light on us both shall shine
In paradise,
As prays the mother Mary.

Refrain

*He came among us at Christmastide,
At Christmastide, in Bethlehem;
Let us bring him from far and wide
Love's diadem: Jesu, Jesu,
Lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!*

Peace to all that have good will,
God, who heaven and earth doth fill,
Comes to turn us away from ill,
And lies so still within the crib of Mary.

Refrain

THE FIFTH LESSON

The birth of Jesus • *Luke 2:1-7*

Jaime Staehle, Director of Christian Education

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL

Now may we singen • *Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951), Text: Anonymous, 15th century*

This Babe to us that now is born,
Wonderful works he hath ywrought (“made”),
He would not loss what was forlorn (“lost, forsaken”),
But boldly again it brought;

Refrain

*And thus it is forsooth ywis (“in truth indeed”),
He asketh nought but that is his.
Now may we singen as it is.
Quod puer natus est nobis (“because a boy is born to us”).*

This bargain lovèd he right well,
The price was high and bought full dear.
Who would suffer and for us feel
As did that Prince withouten peer?

Refrain

His ransom for us hath ypaid;
Good reason have we to be his.
Be mercy asked and he be prayed,
Who may deserve the heavenly bliss.

Refrain

To some purpose God made man;
I trust well to salvation.
What was his blood that from him ran
But fence against damnation?

Refrain

Almighty God in Trinity,
Thy mercy we pray with whole heart,
Thy mercy may all woe make fell
And dangerous dread from us to start.

Refrain

THE SIXTH LESSON

The shepherds and the angels • *Luke 2:8-20*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the

shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

* HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

MEDITATION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

Savior

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE

Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev-er-last-ing hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Music: German folk tune, 14th century - IN DULCI JUBILO. Text: Medieval Latin, trans. John Mason Neale, 1853.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jaime Staehle, Director of Christian Education

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 CAROL

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Traditional, arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
Text by G.R. Woodward (1848–1934)

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel-singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!" by priest and people sungen!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 134 • Joy to the World

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE SEVENTH LESSON

The Word became flesh • *John 1:1-14*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

* HYMN 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Mendelssohn*
("Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")
David Willcocks (1919–2015)

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*

The clergy and staff of Fifth Avenue
Presbyterian Church wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we enter 2023, we invite you back
for three special worship services.

Sunday, Jan. 1 Celebrate the New Year with your church family! At Breakfast Church we will worship at table in Bonnell Hall, starting at 11 am. RSVP to fapc.org/breakfastchurch so we are sure to prepare enough food!

Sunday, Jan. 8 The Rev. Sarah A. Speed will lead “Stories and Star Words,” our celebration of the Epiphany. The service will begin at 11 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream.

Sunday, Jan. 15 The Rev. Dr. Keri Day, associate professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, is our guest preacher as we honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Join us at 11 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream.

See fapc.org for our 2023 worship calendar
and other events in the new year!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND MEMORIALS

Alivia Curl	Julia and Edward Henn
Juanetta Curl	Dee & Alex Kojak
Bryden and Sally Dow	Chi-Yun Toung
Robert T. Fish	Heng Toung
Frank Gibbs	Sibyl and William Preston

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 Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, 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:

October 21, 2022: Robert Fish, beloved husband of John Stuart.

December 8, 2022: Frank Falconieri—beloved father of Lauren Krueger, father-in-law of Dan Krueger, and grandfather of Wyatt and Grace Krueger.

December 17, 2022: Stephanie Bissonnette—beloved friend of Meghan Conley.

If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Lisauri Marizan (congregationalcare@fapc.org, 212.247.0490).

Next Sunday: Breakfast Church

Next week join us in Bonnell Hall at 11 am for a special New Year's Day service and celebration. Instead of gathering in the Sanctuary, we will gather around tables for breakfast, communion and hymns. Start 2023 off the best way you can—by breaking bread with your church family. To help us prepare enough food, please RSVP at fapc.org/breakfastchurch. Please note there will be no livestream next Sunday.

Come Celebrate the Epiphany

We return to the Sanctuary at 11 am Sunday, Jan. 8, for our Epiphany service, "Stories and Star Words," led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed. This service also will be available on livestream. Following worship, we invite you to join us for lunch starting at 12:30 pm in the Corning Logan Room (fifth floor). We will discover Epiphany traditions around the world, sample various King Cakes and talk about the Star Words that will guide our year ahead.

Screening: My Name Is Pauli Murray

The Word Is Out, our LGBTQ+ community group, invites all members and friends for a screening of the 2021 documentary, *My Name is Pauli Murray*. Overlooked by history, Murray was a queer Black lawyer, activist, poet and priest whose advocacy for justice influenced Thurgood Marshall, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and other legal minds. The screening will take place at 2 pm Sunday, Jan. 8, in the Corning Logan Room (fifth floor). Refreshments will be provided.

Coming Up: Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

We have a big Sunday planned for Jan. 15, the day before the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday. Join us at 9:30 am in Bonnell Hall for an Adult Education forum, "Black Theology: James Cone and Biblical Revelation." Our instructor is the Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White, associate professor of theology and culture at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Our worship service will begin at 11 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Keri Day, associate professor of constructive theology and African American religion at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Register Now: Women's Winter Sabbath

We invite the women of Fifth Avenue to our annual Women's Winter Sabbath, an all-day retreat taking place at House of the Redeemer (7 E. 95th St.) on Saturday, Jan. 21. The Rev. Sarah Speed, Ashley Gonzalez and Jaime Staehle will lead you in a time of rest and renewal. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch. For details and registration, go to fapc.org/wintersabbath. Registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 30.

Your 2022 Year-End Checklist

Before the year comes to an end, we ask you to do three things. First, submit your 2023 pledge, if you haven't already. Go to fapc.org/pledge and help us fund our ministries for the coming year. Second, fulfill your 2022 pledge, if you have a balance outstanding. If you didn't receive a statement a few weeks ago, contact Richard Schexnider in our business office (rschexnider@fapc.org, 212.245.3915). (This one's the classic win-win: you get a tax deduction, and we end the year in the black!) Third, help us identify the next officer class. If you, or another member you know, would make an outstanding Elder, Deacon or Trustee, submit the officer recommendation form you'll find at fapc.org/officer-elections. (You have until Jan. 22 for this task!). Thank you!

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 Lisauri Marizan (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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