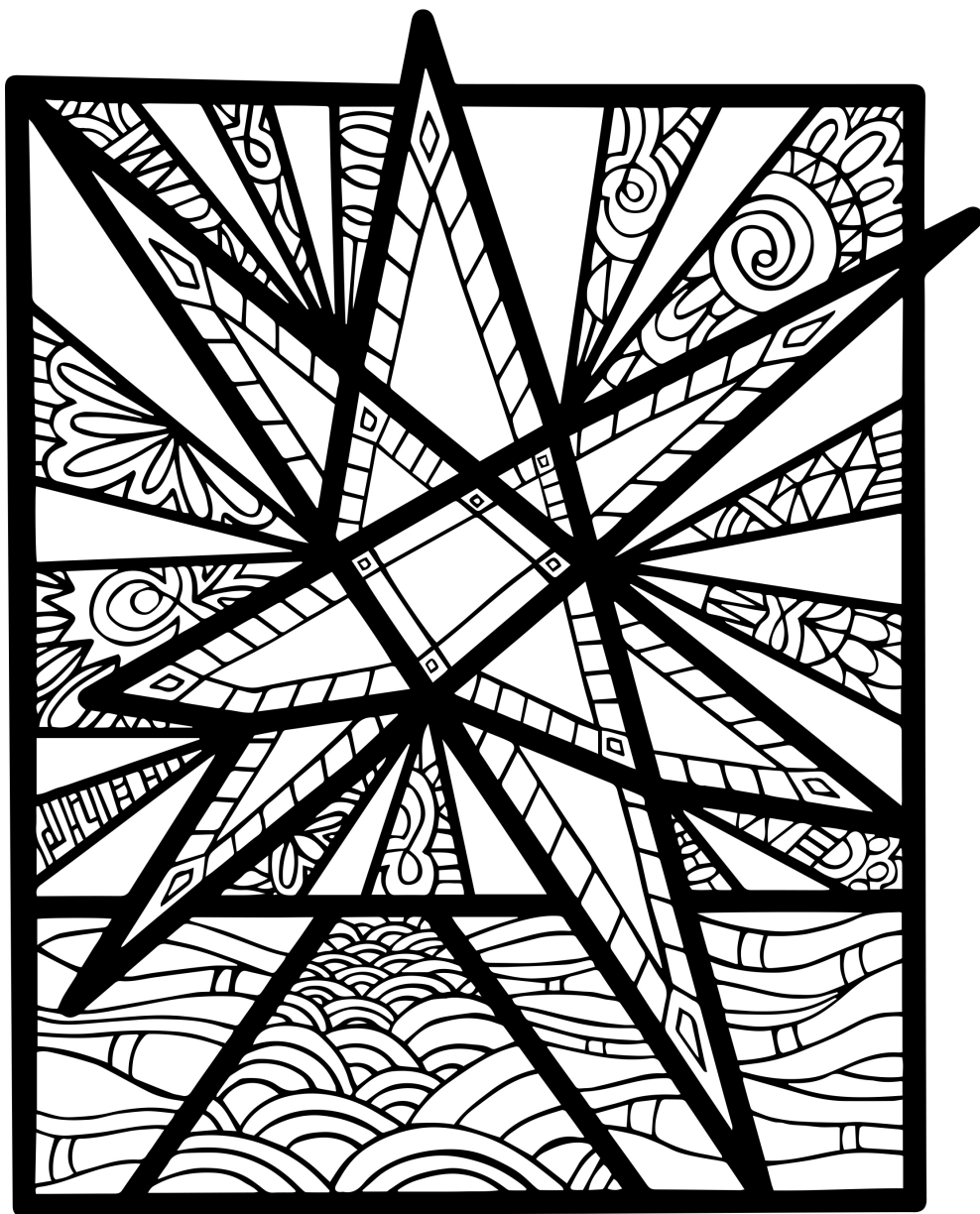


# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1, 2023 • 11:00 AM

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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

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### WELCOME

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

### \*OPENING HYMN      **The First Nowell**

### PLACE MAT TABLE BLESSING

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

One:            The peace of Christ be with you.

All:            **And also with you.**

\*\*\* *The Meal* \*\*\*

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### 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.**

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The bread of life, broken for you.  
The cup of salvation, poured out for you.*

### COMMUNION HYMN      **For Everyone Born**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CLOSING HYMN      **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

Our thanks to:

- Patrick Kreeger for the beautiful music.
- Rodrigo Rosas and ROXO Events for the delicious breakfast.

***Offering plates will be available as you leave Bonnell Hall.  
Thank you for your generosity!***

# OPENING HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

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## The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.  
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

### Refrain

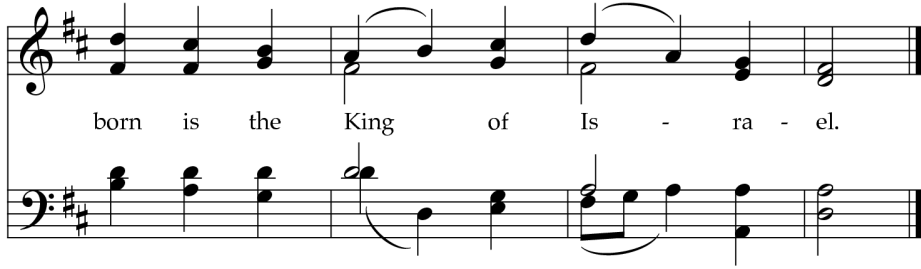
Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus / né*) as well to "news" (*nova / nouvelle*).

TEXT: English carol; *Some Ancient Christmas Carols*, 2nd ed., 1823, alt.  
 MUSIC: English carol; Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833

THE FIRST NOWELL  
 Irregular

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



- 5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord  
full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
and offered there in his presence that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
their gold, and myrrh, and and with his blood our life hath bought.  
frankincense. *Refrain*

## For Everyone Born • Brian Mann

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead.

### *Chorus*

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!*

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.

### *Chorus*

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!*

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and color,  
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.

### *Chorus*

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free.

### *Chorus*

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!*

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice; give ye heed to what we say:  
 voice; now ye hear of end - less bliss:  
 voice; now ye need not fear the grave:

Je - sus Christ is born to - day; ox and ass be -  
 Je - sus Christ was born for this! He has o - pened  
 Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and

fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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# EXTRAORDINARY

### Thank You for Your Support!

The 2023 Pledge Campaign has received \$2,878,000 million in pledges from 330 households, putting us 90% toward our goal of \$3.2 million. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge to support our mission and ministries in the coming year, we need you! You will find pledge brochures at either entrance of the church. You may return your pledge card by mail or drop it in the offering plate. You can also pledge online at [fapc.org/pledge](https://fapc.org/pledge), or contact Cengiz Yener, senior accountant ([cyener@fapc.org](mailto:cyener@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext. 3016).

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### Building Hours

Mon • Thu • Fri

9 am – 5 pm

Tuesday • Wednesday

9 am – 8 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 2:30 pm



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