



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2023 • 11:00 AM



Nelly Bube, *The Widow and the Judge*

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

Lay My Burden Down: IV. Steal Away
Traditional, arr. Iain Farrington (b. 1977)

INTROIT

I Believe This Is Jesus
Traditional, arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)
I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.
The Light of God shines in his face,
He offers all his pard'ning grace;
Come and see, come and see.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Patrick Obeng-Frimpong

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 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

* 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



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Music and Text: Ken Medema, 1970.

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* RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Choir sings once; then the congregation sings once.)

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LITANY OF PARTING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 18:1-8*

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judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Keri L. Day

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"When Prayer Meets Protest"

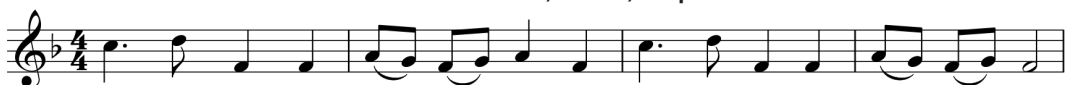
from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

In a broken and fearful world

**the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. Amen.**

* HYMN

Blessed Martin, Pastor, Prophet



1 Ho - ly God, you raise up__ proph-ets; praise and hon - or do__ we__ sing,
2 Mo - ral con-science of__ his__ na - tion, re - con - cil - ing black and__ white,
3 Teach - er of Christ - like__ non - vio - lence to the out - cast, poor and__ meek;
4 Preach - er of Christ's love__ for__ neigh - bor, he won No-bel's prize for__ peace;
5 So, when felled by snip - ers__ bull - et, un - der heav - ens ov - er - cast,



for your faith - ful hum - ble__ ser - vant, Doc - tor Mar - tin Luth - er__ King.
dreamed he of a just__ so - cie - ty, we must car - ry on__ his__ fight.
great - er weap - on 'gainst op - pres - sion is to turn the o - ther__ cheek.
peo - ples, beat your swords to__ plough - shares, wars 'twixt na - tions all__ shall cease.
he could cry, "Thank God__ Al - might - y, I am free, I'm free__ at__ last!"



Bless - ed Mart - in, pas - tor, proph - et, you the moun - tain - top did see;



Bless - ed Mar - tin, ho - ly mar - tyr: Pray that we may__ all be free.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

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

What Does the Lord Require of You? • *Mark Miller (b. 1967)*

Text: Micah 6:8

With what shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
God has told you,
O mortal what is good, is good.

What does the Lord require of you?
I want to know, I want to know.
Justice! Kindness!
Walk humbly with your God!

* 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

* HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May God Who Creates You • *Louise Skibsted*

May God who creates you give you light;
May God who sustains you make you wise;
May God who protects you give you joy;
May God who surrounds you give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Lay My Burden Down: V. Every time I feel the spirit
Traditional, arr. Iain Farrington

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* • Shafiq Hicks, *Baritone* • Hilary Gardner, *Alto*

WORSHIP NOTES

Music

Known as the Dean of Black Women Composers, Undine Smith Moore studied composition at Fisk University and the Juilliard School, where she graduated *cum laude* in 1926. While her compositions include works for piano and other ensembles, Moore is more widely known for her choral works. *Scenes from the Life of a Martyr*, a 16-part oratorio on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was premiered at Carnegie Hall and nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Her setting of *I Believe This Is Jesus*, the Introit this morning, is a wonderful example of her distinctive style.

The Offertory Anthem, *What Does the Lord Require of You?*, was written in 2005 by Mark Miller. Miller is assistant professor of church music at Drew Theological School and a lecturer in the practice of sacred music at Yale University. He is also the minister of music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey. Miller's memorable setting of this famous reading from Micah playfully combines two primary musical inspirations: the African American Gospel tradition and the Baroque contrapuntal style of J.S. Bach.

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 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:

January 2, 2023: Katherine Tufano—beloved mother of Christopher Kleinman.

January 4, 2023: Clint Noren—beloved father of Beth Rumore.

January 5, 2023: Domitila Asunción López Montelongo—faithful friend of the church, in Valencia, Spain.

January 7, 2023: Dorothy Griffin Hadfield—beloved aunt of Tim Palmer Curl.

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).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

- 9 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 9:30 am** **Sunday School, Children's Choir, Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- Adult Education: Black Theology: James Cone & Biblical Revelation.** Jones Auditorium.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Keri Day, guest preacher.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** Kirkland Chapel and Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- 12:30 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall.
- Confirmation Class.** Conference Room.
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This Week

- Mon Jan 16** **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday.** Building closed.
- Wed Jan 18** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
- FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • Corning Logan Room. Wednesday evening young adult gathering. Contact: The Rev. Sarah Speed (youngadults@fapc.org).
- Sat Jan 21** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver holiday meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

Coming Up

- Sun Jan 22** **Worship.** 9:30 am • Kirkland Chapel; 11 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- The Word Is Out: LGBTQ+ Community Group.** 9:30 am • Board Room.
- Believing & Belonging Membership Class.** 2 pm • Zoom. First of a two-week online class for exploring membership in Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Contact: Ashley Gonzalez (membership@fapc.org).
- Fri Jan 27** **Youth Group: Last Friday Meetup.** 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Join us for games, supper and Bible study. Contact: The Rev. Werner Ramirez (familyministries@fapc.org).
- Sun Jan 29** **Believing & Belonging Membership Class, Part 2.** 2 pm • Zoom. Contact: Ashley Gonzalez (membership@fapc.org).
- Webinar: Apartheid and Anti-Semitism: A Conversation Between Two Words.** 7 pm • Zoom. The second in a three-part series about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Details and registration at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Next Sunday • Third Sunday after Epiphany

"Desire" • Exodus 20:1-17

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Welcome, Dr. Keri Day!

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. Keri Day as we honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Day is an associate professor of constructive theology and African American religion at Princeton Theological Seminary, where her teaching and research interests include womanist/feminist theologies, social critical theory, cultural studies, economics and Afro-Pentecostalism. ABC News recognized Dr. Day as one of six black women at the center of gravity in theological education in America. We are pleased to welcome her to our pulpit for the first time.

In the Gallery: John Howard Sanden

John Howard Sanden, a world-renowned portrait artist and longtime member of this church, died on Christmas Eve at age 87. Sanden painted the portraits of the Rev. Dr. Bryant M. Kirkland and the Rev. Dr. Kenneth O. Jones, as well as the portrait of Christ in Kirkland Chapel. The Arts & Our Faith Committee has created a tribute to Sanden in the Chesnut Gallery. We hope you will take time to learn more about this faithful member and the gifts he created for our church.

Next Sunday: Chapel Church + A New Sermon Series

Chapel Church, the 9:30 am worship service that we launched in September, returns next Sunday, Jan. 22, and continues through May 14. If you didn't experience Chapel Church in the fall, make plans to join us on an upcoming Sunday! Also next Sunday, Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston launches a five-week sermon series, *Fight Like Jesus: How Faith Can Inform Conflict*. This series challenges us to love our enemies by working toward reconciliation.

Next Sunday: Our Next Membership Class Begins

Believing & Belonging, a two-week class for anyone (anywhere!) who is considering membership in this church, takes place on Zoom over the next two Sundays, Jan. 22 and 29, at 2 pm. Register at fapc.org/membership, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (membership@fapc.org).

Deadline for Officer Recommendations Approaching

The Nominating Committee is seeking your input as it prepares a slate of officer candidates for a new three-year term. If you, or another member you know, would be a good candidate for the Session, the Board of Deacons or the Board of Trustees, please send us your recommendation. More information on the election process, and the officer recommendation form, are available at fapc.org/officer-elections. Submit your recommendations no later than next Sunday, Jan. 22.

Coming Up: The Chili Cook-Off

The Chili Cook-Off is back! Sponsored by our Youth Group, the event brings some heat to a winter afternoon while raising funds to fight hunger. This year's cook-off will take place on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Your \$10 admission goes directly to the Souper Bowl of Caring, which works to alleviate hunger in local communities. Your admission also allows you to judge all of the chilis, prepared by individuals, families and teams. If you want to compete for the day's prizes, you will find entry rules and registration at fapc.org/chili.

Did You Get Your Star Word?

If you missed our Epiphany service last Sunday, it's not too late to receive a star word for the year ahead. Email us at membership@fapc.org.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
Porter Binks, *Clerk of Session* • John Wyatt, *Assistant Clerk of Session*
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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Emily Sytsma	John Kern	Meg Sheehan
Jama Toung	William Stone	Sylvia Winrich
	John Wyatt	

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CLERGY & STAFF



The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Family Ministries*

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed *Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*



The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*

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Jaime Staehle, *Director of Christian Education*

Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director of Music for Family Ministries*



CONTACT US



Announce a birth or adoption

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familyministries@fapc.org



Fund the altar flowers

Lisauri Marizan
congregationalcare@fapc.org



Join the church

Rev. Sarah A. Speed
membership@fapc.org



Make a donation

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Plan your wedding

Donna Ketchledge
weddings@fapc.org



Planned giving

Richard Schexnider
finance@fapc.org



Prepare for baptism

Jaime Staehle
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Add a name to the prayer list • Lisauri Marizan, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

Notify us of a death or illness • Lisauri Marizan, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Request a bulletin announcement • Tim Palmer Curl, fapc@fapc.org

Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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Please contact Timothy Palmer Curl (fapc@fapc.org) if you have questions or concerns.

If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EXTRAORDINARY

Thank You for Your Support!

The 2023 Pledge Campaign has received \$3,075,128 in pledges from 375 households, putting us 96% 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, or contact Cengiz Yener (cyener@fapc.org). Together, let's do extraordinary things!

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