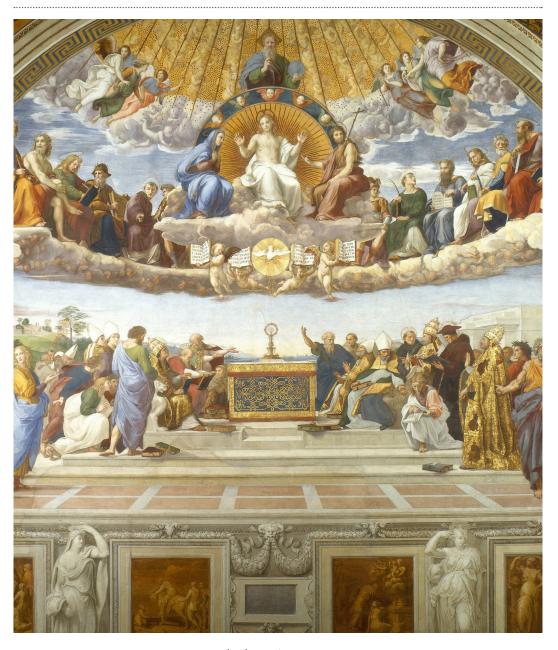


## Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 29, 2023 • 11:00 AM



Raphael, La Disputa, c. 1510

#### 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 if 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, Fugue and Chaconne in C major, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Dan Krueger One: As we gather on this holy day,

All: our hearts long to grow in faith.

One: We pray for openness,

wanting to be surprised by God's grace;

All: We pray for humility,

hoping to show forth Christ's compassion;

One: We pray for discernment,

yearning to hear Christ's call;

All: And we pray for courage,

empowering us to answer the call.

One: These are good prayers.

All: That is our hope,

for we have come to worship the Living God.

\* HYMN 409

God Is Here!

\* 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

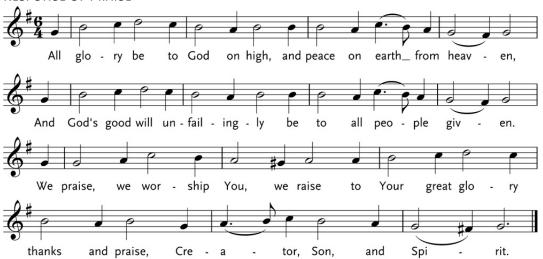
(Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



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\* 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.

LITANY OF PARTING All: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

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.

#### Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT Thomas Pak, Co-chair, 2023 Pledge Campaign

ANTHEM If Ye Love Me • Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

Text: John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments,

And I will pray the Father,

And he shall give you another Comforter,

That he may abide with you forever,

Ev'n the Spirit of truth.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:46-56

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest." John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us." But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you."

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Friend or Foe"

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Howard Thurman (1899–1981)

Lord, open unto me.

Open unto me—light for my darkness.

Open unto me—courage for my fear.

Open unto me—hope for my despair.

Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me—strength for my weakness.

Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me—love for my hates.

Open unto me—thy Self for my self.

Amen.

\* HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Rev. Kate Dunn

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 Exsultate justi • Ludovico da Viadana (c. 1560–1627)

Text: Psalm 33:1-3

Exsultate justi in Domino; Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; Rectos decet collaudatio. Praise befits the upright.

Confitemini Domino in cithara; Praise the Lord with the harp;

*In psalterio decem chordarum psallite* Sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten

strings.

Cantate ei canticum novum; Sing to him a new song;

Bene psallite ei in vociferacione. Sing well to him, with loud shouts. Exsultate justi in Domino; Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; Praise befits the upright.

\* 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 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE Go with Us, Lord • Thomas Tallis

Words by Mary Jackson Cathey (b. 1926) Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,

That in your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE Sonata no. 2 in C minor: Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

The composer of the Anthem this morning, Thomas Tallis (1505–1585), figures prominently in the history of English church music and is widely considered to be one of England's greatest early composers. Throughout his service to successive English monarchs as organist and composer, Tallis managed to avoid the religious controversies raging around him between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism (though, like William Byrd, Tallis remained an "unreformed Roman Catholic" throughout his life). Tallis was capable of switching the style of his compositions to suit the different monarchs' vastly different demands. During the reign of King Edward VI (1547–1553) it was mandated that all services be sung in English (as opposed to the traditional Latin), and that the choral music be brief and succinct, "to each syllable a plain and distinct note" so as to be easily understood. If Ye Love Me is an elegant example of this new style of English anthem: featuring a clear setting of the text and restrained emotion, the piece remains incredibly expressive and distinctly the voice of Tallis.

#### 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.

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#### 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, Sohn Fong and Kyu Fong, 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, Libby Lesher, 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, Richard T. Teresi, 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:

January 23, 2023: Mandy Yin Man Leung—beloved niece of Eugenia O Yan Yau. 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 Chapel Church. Kirkland Chapel.

Sunday School, Children's Choir, 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 and Christian Education Center.

12:30 pm Coffee Hour. Bonnell Hall.

**2 pm** Believing & Belonging: New Member Class. Zoom. Second of a two-week

online class for exploring membership in Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

7 pm Apartheid & Anti-Semitism: A Conversation Between Two Words. Zoom.

Panel discussion featuring expert voices offering diverse perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Moderated by the Rev. J.C. Austin. Details and

registration at fapc.org/adult-ed.

This Week

Wed Feb 1 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 Feb 4 Meals on Heels. 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals

to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John

Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

FAYA Believing & Belonging. 2 pm • Corning Logan Room. A one-day class for

young adults considering membership in Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Contact: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed (youngadults@fapc.org).

Coming Up

Sun Feb 5 The Word Is Out. 9:30 am • Romeyn Room. Our LGBTQ+ community group is

open to all.

Israel/Palestine: Discerning a Response. 12:30 pm • Jones Auditorium. Our

three-part Adult Education series on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict concludes.

Fri Feb 10 To the Hands: Songs of Compassion. 7 pm • Kirkland Chapel. The winter concert

from the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir & Instrumentalists. Tickets available at

fapc.org/tickets. The concert also will be available on livestream.

Sat Feb 11 Project FIND. 11:15 am • Woodstock Senior Center. On the second Saturday of

the month, Fifth Avenue volunteers serve lunch and share fellowship with more

than 100 guests. To volunteer, contact Vijay Wisensudera (projectfind@fapc.org).

Next Sunday • Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

"Sunset" • Ephesians 4:25-32 • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching

#### **Tonight: Discussing Apartheid and Anti-Semitism**

The second in our three-part series on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict takes place next Sunday at 7 pm on Zoom. Our Adult Education program is bringing together a diverse group of expert voices to discuss apartheid and anti-Semitism in the wake of the controversial statement adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly last summer. Moderator of the discussion is the Rev. J.C. Austin, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and a former parish associate at Fifth Avenue. Details on the panelists, the General Assembly statement and online registration are all available at *fapc.org/adult-ed*. Our series concludes next Sunday, Feb. 5.

#### Register by Friday for the Chili Cook-Off

After a two-year Covid absence, 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 A Place at the Table, our twice-weekly lunch program for homeless and hungry neighbors. Your admission also allows you to judge all of the chilis, prepared by individuals, families and teams. Perennial champions Eleanor and Mike Peters have moved to South Carolina, opening the field for a new champion! If you want to compete for the crown, you will find entry rules and registration at *fapc.org/chili*. Entries are due by this Friday (Feb. 3).

#### Facilities Update: Bonnell Hall + the Seventh Floor

The renovation of the kitchen facilities in Bonnell Hall, which we had planned to do in January, is on hold as we await necessary permits from the city. We now hope to begin the work in mid-February and complete it in early March. Coffee Hour and Meals on Heels will continue to take place in Bonnell Hall until the renovations get underway. Meanwhile, on the seventh floor, we decided not to renew the lease of our longtime tenants so that we could provide badly needed meeting space for our community groups, FAYA (Fifth Avenue Young Adults) and other ministries. We are preparing the space with fresh paint, new carpeting and other improvements and expect it to be available by late Spring.

#### **Opportunities to Serve**

Chapel Church, our 9:30 am worship service, needs two volunteers every week to distribute bulletins and name tags, and collect the offering. If you are willing to serve, look for the sign-up link at *fapc.org/chapel-church*. Outreach Ministries needs 15 to 20 volunteers for Game Day with Homeless Neighbors, coming up on Sunday, Feb. 26. We'll gather in Jones Auditorium for food, fun and fellowship. Sign up at *fapc.org/volunteer*. For details on all volunteer programs and upcoming events, visit *fapc.org/volunteer*.

#### Winter Concert: Presented Live & On Livestream

Tickets are available for *To the Hands*: Songs of Compassion, the winter concert from the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir and Instrumentalists, set for 7 pm Friday, Feb. 10, in Kirkland Chapel and on livestream. The concert features a genre-defying selection of music that sings of the blessings and challenges of human connection. At the heart of the program, and the inspiration for the concert's title, is *To the Hands*, a modern-day masterpiece for choir and strings by the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Caroline Shaw. Go to *fapc.org/tickets* to reserve your seats or to receive the livestream link.

#### 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* 

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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!

Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to the 2023 Pledge Campaign. The campaign concludes on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. 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 in our business office (cyener@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3016).

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9 am - 5 pm

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8 am - 2:30 pm









