

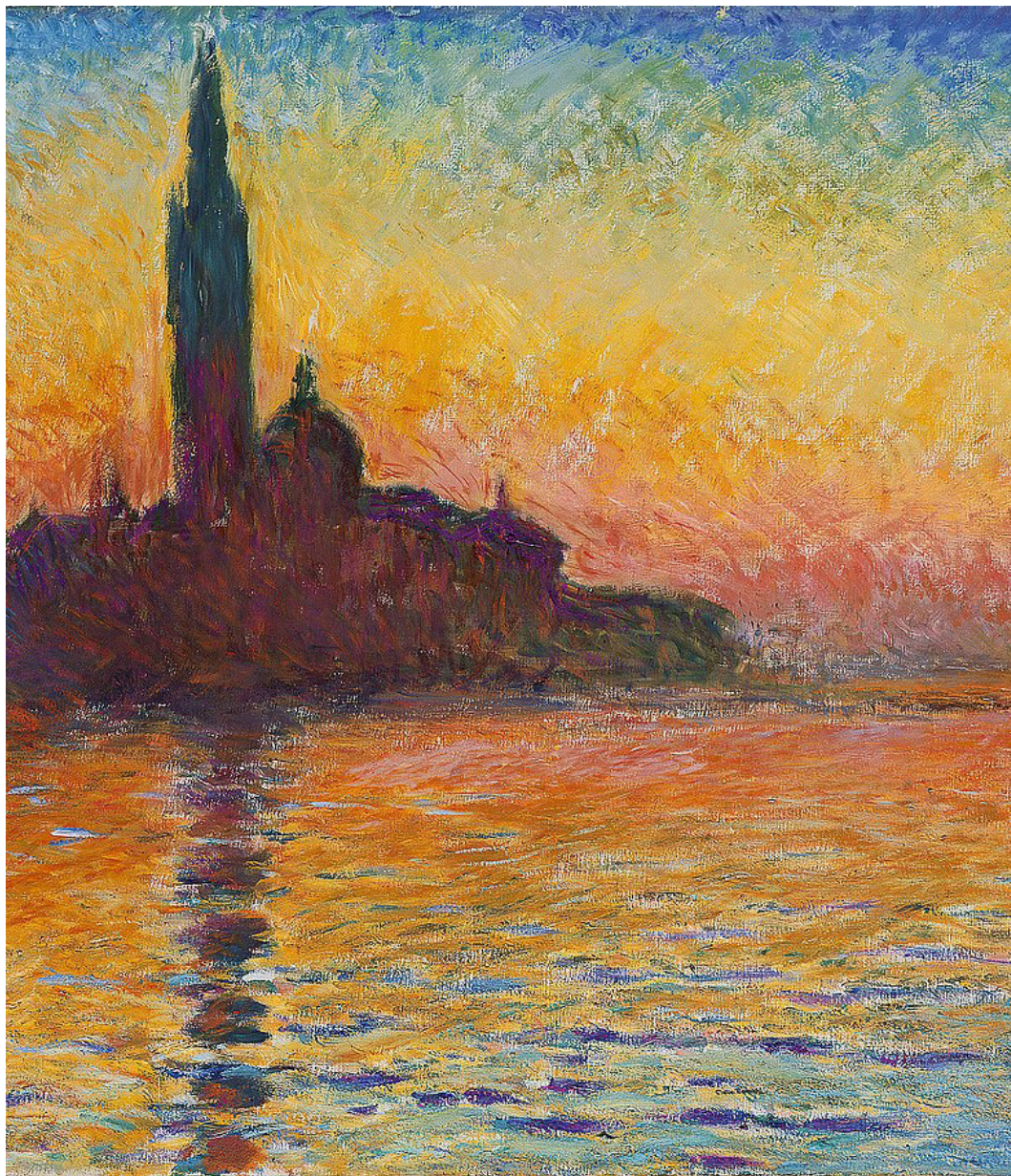


# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 • 11:00 AM

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Claude Monet, *Sunset in Venice*, 1908

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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 or hymnal 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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*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

A Pleasant Thought • *Florence Price (1887–1953)*  
Adoration • *Florence Price*  
Prelude on Land of Rest • *Richard Proulx (1937–2010)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder Emily Sytsma*

One: We are called to the work of Israel,  
to the work of Jesus.

**All: We are called to proclaim, to be shaped by  
and to live out the good news.**

One: We can do this work as we are,  
because of the Holy Spirit.

**All: By God's grace, we are light.**

One: We aim to be a shining beacon of sacred hope.

**All: By God's grace, we are leaven.**

One: We uplift and transform lives  
through worship, study and service.

**All: By God's grace, we are salt.**

One: We season this corner of God's world  
with Christ's grace and love.

**All: By God's grace, we are light, leaven and salt.  
God transforms us and uses us.**

One: Let us worship God, so full of transformative,  
life-changing grace.

### \* HYMN 755

**Alleluia! Laud and Blessing**

### \* 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*



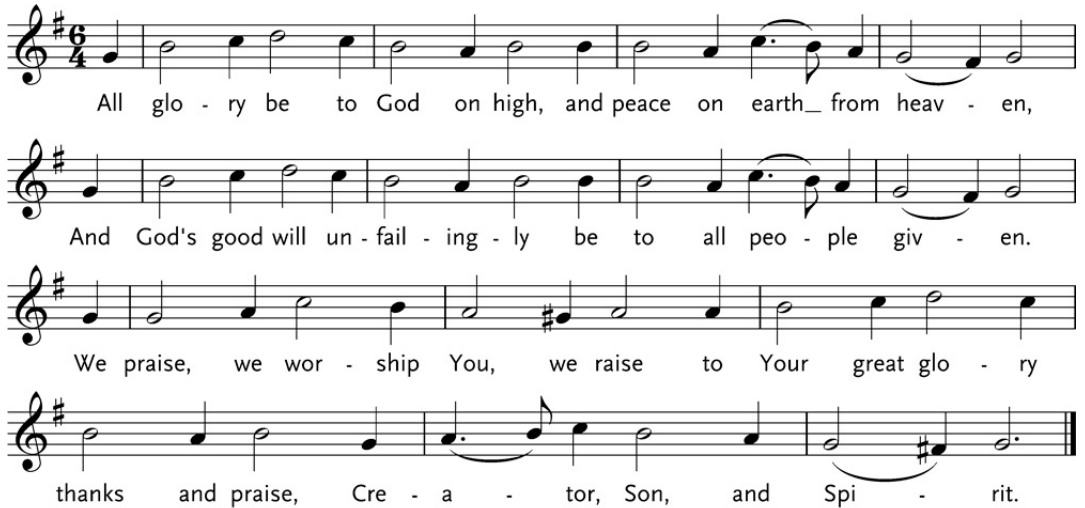
\* **SUNG RESPONSE** (Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



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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**

**ANTHEM**

Discipline • Benjamin Stein (b. 1966)  
Text by George Herbert (1593–1633)

Throw away thy rod,  
Throw away thy wrath:  
O my God, take the gentle path.  
For my heart's desire  
Unto thine is bent:  
I aspire to a full consent.

Not a word or look  
I affect to own,

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But by book, and thy book alone.  
Though I fail, I weep:  
Though I halt in pace,  
Yet I creep to the throne of grace.

Then let wrath remove;  
Love will do the deed:  
For with love, stonie hearts will bleed.  
Love is swift of foot;  
Love's a man of warre,  
And can shoot, and can hit from farre.

Who can 'scape his bow?  
That which wrought on thee,  
Brought thee low, needs must work on me.

Throw away thy rod;  
Though man frailties hath,  
Thou art God: throw away thy wrath.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Ephesians 4:25-32*

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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

#### SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

#### **"Sunset"**

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Study Catechism*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

One: How can you forgive those  
who have really hurt you?

All: **I cannot love my enemies,  
I cannot pray for those who persecute me,  
I cannot even be ready to forgive  
those who have really hurt me,  
without the grace that comes from above.  
I cannot be conformed to the image of God's Son,  
apart from the power of God's Word and Spirit.  
Yet I am promised that I can do all things  
through Christ who strengthens me. Amen.**

\* SONG RESPONSE

You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal - va - tion,  
And on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore cre - a - tion.  
You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own, and, with the Spir - it,  
You a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might

*John Gardner (1917–2011)*

*Text by J.S.B. Monsell (1811–1875)*

Fight the good fight with all thy might!  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

\* 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.**

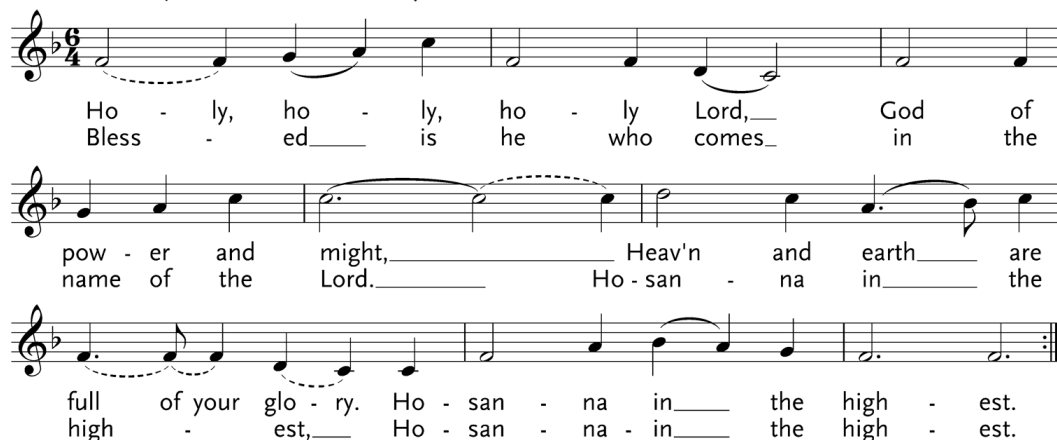
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.  
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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  
*Fifth Avenue Choir and  
 Community Choir*

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether • *Harold W. Friedell (1905–1958)*  
*Text by Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
 For when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together,  
 Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
 Then with thanks to God, Creator,  
 Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
 That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 We will serve thee faithfully.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 774

**There Is Now a New Creation**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Grace of Christ • *William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)*  
*Text by John Newton (1725–1807)*

May the grace of Christ our Savior,  
 And our Maker's boundless love,  
 With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
 Rest upon us from above.



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Thus may we abide in union  
Held together by the Word,  
And possess in rich communion  
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE

Alleluys • *Simon Preston (1938–2022)*

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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*

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beth Rumore's Father,  
Colonel Clinton Louis Noren, with love from your Bible Study Friends.***

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***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](http://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, 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, Jim Little, 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

***Faithful Departed:***

January 28, 2023: Dr. Dewey C. Benson—beloved brother of Carol A. Benson.

January 29, 2023: Libby Leshner—beloved sister of Helen DiZio, John, Cliff, and Dan Leshner.  
A memorial service for Libby Leshner will be held in Kirkland Chapel at 2 pm Sunday, Feb. 19.

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](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### 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.
- The Word Is Out (LGBTQ+ community group).** Romeyn Room.
- 11 am** **Worship. Sanctuary.** The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
- 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.
- Israel/Palestine: Discerning a Response.** Jones Auditorium. Our three-part Adult Education series on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict concludes.
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### This Week

- Wed Feb 8** **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](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)).
- 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](http://fapc.org/tickets). The concert also will be available on livestream.
- Sat Feb 11** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to homebound neighbors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).
- 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](mailto:projectfind@fapc.org)).
- Galentines & Palentines.** 5 pm • Corning Logan Room. Fellowship event for all who identify as female (women, non-binary and trans) in our young adult community. Contact: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Feb 12** **Chili Cook-Off.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Come and sample a variety of chilis and vote for your favorites. Your \$10 admission benefits A Place at the Table, our twice-weekly lunch program for homeless and hungry neighbors. If you want to compete, enter now at [fapc.org/chili](http://fapc.org/chili).
- Sun Feb 19** **Memorial Service for Libby Leshner.** 2 pm • Kirkland Chapel.

### **Next Sunday • Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

"Work It Out" • Matthew 18:15-22 • *The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

**Today: Our Israel-Palestine Series Concludes**

Today we conclude our discussion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with a conversation about where we go from here. Dr. Jonathan Golden helps us to explore what we have learned as a congregation and discern what our next steps might be. Dr. Golden is the director of the Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict, an interdisciplinary center focused on global peacebuilding at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Join us at 12:30 pm in Jones Auditorium.

**Welcome, New Members!**

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcomed the following new members into the church last Sunday:

Benjamin Curley	Ken Hoover	Jill Russell	Neva Strom	Rachael Young
Meghan Curran	Habib Qadri	Tim Russell	John Young	

**Friday: To the Hands, the Winter Concert**

Tickets are still 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](http://fapc.org/tickets) to reserve your seats or to receive the livestream link.

**Next Sunday: Don't Miss the Chili Cook-Off**

The Chili Cook-Off returns next Sunday at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Sponsored by our Youth Group, the event brings some heat to a winter afternoon while raising funds to fight hunger. 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 sample all of the chilis and cast your vote. Prizes will be awarded by a panel of judges and by popular vote.

**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](http://fapc.org/chapel-church). Next Saturday (Feb. 11), Fifth Avenue volunteers serve lunch to more than 100 guests at Project FIND's Woodstock Senior Center, 127 W. 43rd St. Contact Vijay Wisendera ([projectfind@fapc.org](mailto:projectfind@fapc.org)) if you can help. 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](http://fapc.org/volunteer).

**Beyond the Walls: An Invitation to Our Remote Audience**

We say it every Sunday: Our faith community extends far beyond the walls of this church. But remember, too, that worshippers "out there" are always welcome "in here." In fact, if you are part of our remote audience, come be part of our first-ever Beyond the Walls weekend, set for Friday, May 19, through Sunday, May 21. Tour the church, meet the pastors and staff, worship and serve with us, and enjoy a little time in New York. Learn more at [fapc.org/beyond](http://fapc.org/beyond), and complete the interest form to assist us in our planning. We hope to see you in the spring!

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### 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. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org/adult-ed](http://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](http://fapc.org/community-groups), or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://fapc.org/family). Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://fapc.org/faya) or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya). Or contact Sarah (212.247.0490 ext 4037, [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://fapc.org/membership) to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://fapc.org/outreach), or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, [outreach@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org)).



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### Announce a birth or adoption

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### Fund the altar flowers

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### Join the church

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### Make a donation

[fapc.org/give](http://fapc.org/give)



### Plan your wedding

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### Planned giving

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### Prepare for baptism

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**Add a name to the prayer list** • Lisauri Marizan, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)

**Hire our caterer** • Rodrigo Rosas, [rodrigo@roxoevents.com](mailto:rodrigo@roxoevents.com)

**Notify us of a death or illness** • Lisauri Marizan, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)

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