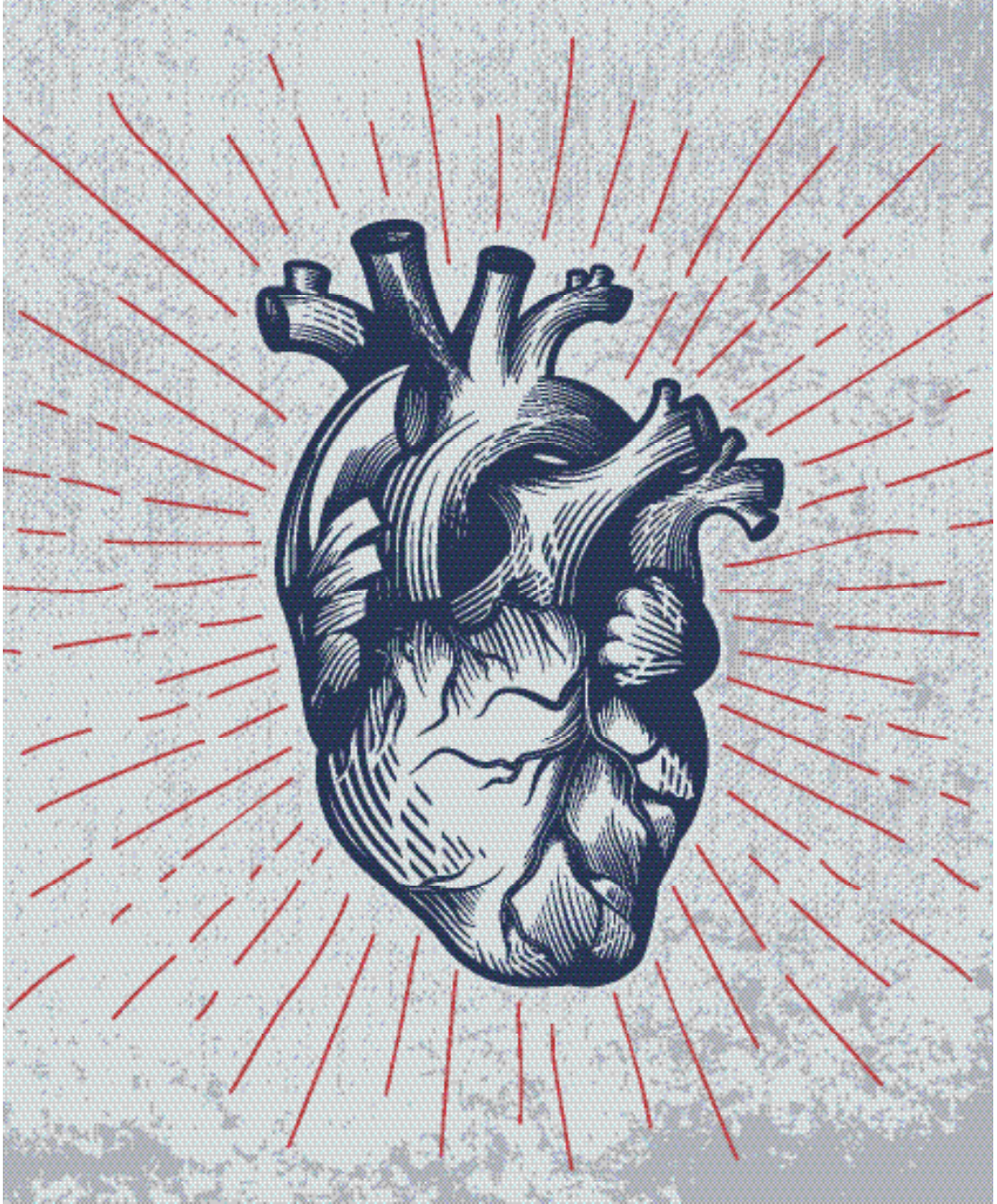




# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 22, 2023



This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

## 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. We ask that you properly wear a mask at all times.**

### PRELUDE

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß  
("O Mankind, Mourn Your Great Sins"), BWV 622  
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

### \* INVITATION TO AN OBSERVANCE OF LENT

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston (12 pm)* One: Gracious God,  
you breathed into your creature of dust  
the breath of life;  
you create us in your image  
to live in communion with you  
and with one another.  
*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed (6:30 pm)* Call forth our prayers and devotion,  
bless us by your Holy Spirit  
that we may turn with confidence in your mercy  
and follow Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in whose name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

### \* HYMN 166

**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Seminarian Allison Muenzer (12 pm)*  
*Seminarian Caroline Grindrod (6:30 pm)*

#### Joel 2:1-5 & 12-16

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Fire devours in front of them, and behind them a flame burns. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, but after them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. They have the appearance of horses, and like war-horses they charge. As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

### THE PSALM

Psalm 51:1-18

(Cantor sings the verses; the congregation sings the refrain.)



The sac - ri-fice you ac-cept, O God, is a hum - ble spir-it.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
In your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
And cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses,  
And my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
So you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

#### **Refrain**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
A sinner from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
And would have me know wisdom deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
Wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. **Refrain**

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
That the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,  
And blot out all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me. **Refrain**

Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
And sinners shall be restored to you.

Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
And my tongue shall sing of your righteousness. **Refrain**

O Lord, open my lips,  
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
A troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise. **Refrain**

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

SOLO

Deep River • *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh, don't you want to go, to that gospel feast,  
That promised land where all is peace?

HOMILY

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

### “Repent”

SOLO

Give Me Jesus • *Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Moses Hogan*

In the mornin' when I rise,  
In the mornin' when I rise,  
In the mornin' when I rise,  
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,  
You may have all this world,  
Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I comes to die,  
Oh, when I comes to die,  
Oh, when I comes to die,  
Give me Jesus.

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*You are invited to come forward as the Spirit moves you. Please tell the clergy person your name. The pastors will respond by making the sign of the cross on your forehead with ashes and invite you to observe a holy Lent by saying: “Remember your baptism and be faithful.” Throughout the time when people are receiving ashes, you are invited to sing the Taizé chant, “Jesus, Remember Me.”*

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### LITANY OF INTERCESSION

One: Jesus, remember us,  
when you come into your kingdom.

**All: Hear our prayers.**

One: For your Church around the world,

**All: we ask new life.**

One: For all who carry out ministries in your Church,

**All: we ask grace and wisdom.**

One: For those who have accepted disciplines of piety,

**All: we ask inspired discipleship.**

One: For Christians of every land,

**All: we ask new unity in your name.**

One: For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,

**All: we ask your blessing.**

One: For those who cannot believe,

**All: we ask your faithful love.**

One: For rulers in this and every land,

**All: we ask your guidance.**

One: For those who suffer and know sorrow,

**All: we ask your peace.**

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\* DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*Silence is kept.*

*The imposition of ashes is made available for all who wish to participate in this act of prayer, the sign of repentance at the start of the Lenten season. The rite is not given or intended as a show of piety, but rather as a form of corporate prayer in bodily form and act.*

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The ministry of music this afternoon and evening is offered by:  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries  
Patrick Kreeger, Associate Organist • Shafiq Hicks, Baritone

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LENT & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Join us for our Lenten sermon series, *Tattoo: Faith's Essential Vocabulary*. Sunday worship is at 9:30 am in Kirkland Chapel & 11 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream at [fapc.org/live](http://fapc.org/live).

**REPENT**

Ash Wednesday | February 22  
The Rev. Werner Ramirez  
12 pm, Kirkland Chapel & Livestream  
6:30 pm, Kirkland Chapel

**SPIRIT**

First Sunday in Lent | February 26  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

**TRUTH**

Second Sunday in Lent | March 5  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

**SCAPEGOAT**

Third Sunday in Lent | March 12  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

**SIN**

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 19  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

**GLORY**

Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 26  
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

**ATONEMENT**

Palm Sunday | April 2  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

**COMMANDMENT**

Maundy Thursday | April 6  
The Rev. Dr. Jonah So  
6:30 pm, Sanctuary & Livestream

**PASSION**

Good Friday | April 7  
12–3 pm | Sanctuary & Livestream

**EPIPHANY**

Easter | April 9  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston  
9:30 am Sanctuary  
11:15 am Sanctuary & Livestream

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

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CONCERT

**DURUFLÉ REQUIEM**

*Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir & Orchestra*

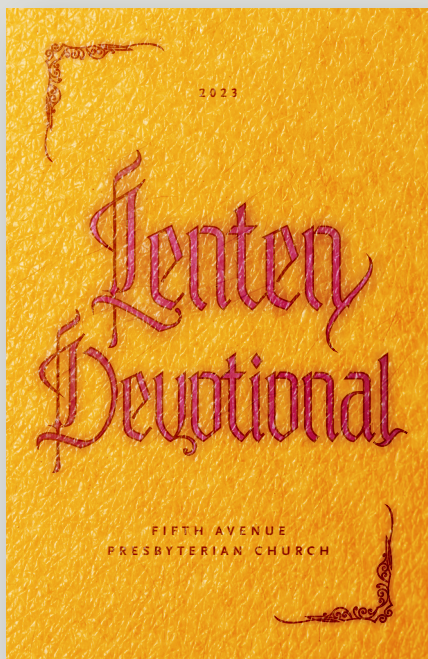
*directed by Ryan Jackson with Patrick Kreeger, organ*

Friday, March 31 & Saturday, April 1 • 7 pm, Kirkland Chapel

A work of tremendous beauty and spiritual depth, Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* is a pinnacle of 20th-century choral music. An orchestra joins the Fifth Avenue Choir for the Lent concert, which also features *From Darkness to Light*, a striking cantata by the celebrated Canadian composer Ruth Watson Henderson.

Saturday's performance is also available on livestream. Purchase tickets at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).

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## Pick up the 2023 Lenten Devotional

The Devotional features Scripture, a personal reflection or story of faith, and words of prayer for each day of the Lenten season.

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9 am – 8 pm

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8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 2:30 pm



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