

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 2023 • 11:00 AM



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](http://fapc.org/welcome). Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

### Large-Print Worship Materials

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

*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

*Vater unser im Himmelreich* (“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”)  
*Heinrich Scheidemann (1595–1663)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Confirmand Jackson McLendon*

One: We are weary of arrogance,  
**All: so let us gather in humility.**  
One: We have had our fill of aggression,  
**All: so let us gather with gentleness.**  
One: We have tasted the bitter fruit of hate,  
**All: so let us gather to pursue love.**  
One: When God’s people dwell together in unity,  
**All: a new day will dawn.**  
One: Our hearts will be shaped by truth.  
**All: We will walk in the light of God.**

### \* HYMN 303

**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

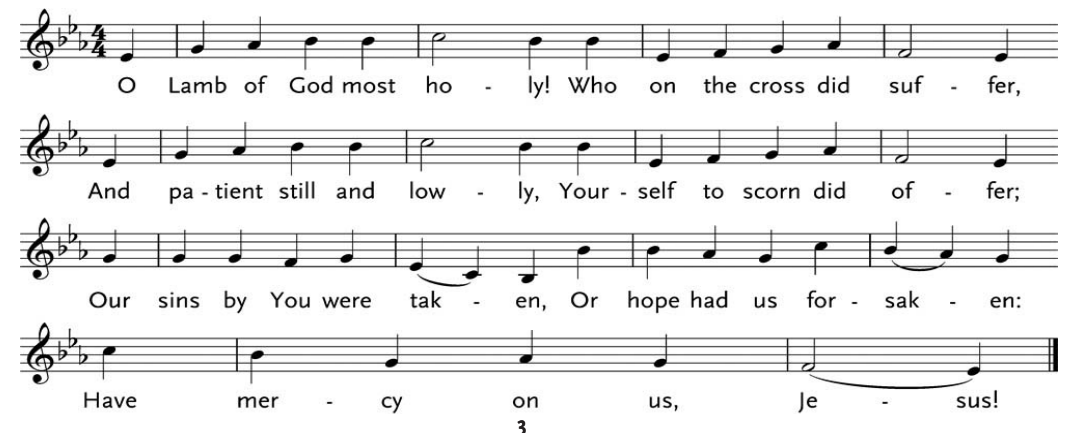
*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

### \* 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



O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,  
And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;  
Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for - sak - en:  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit.*

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul,  
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
 To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
 To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

- \* PASSING OF THE PEACE      One:      The peace of Christ be with you.  
    All:      And also with you.

*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.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

TESTIMONY      *Confirmands Annabelle Earl, Jackson McLendon and Collin Tount*

ANTHEM      *Kyrie, from Mass for Four Voices • William Byrd (1543–1623)*  
                          *Kyrie eleison,      Lord, have mercy upon us,*  
                          *Christe eleison,      Christ, have mercy upon us,*  
                          *Kyrie eleison.      Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed & Ashley Gonzalez, Director of Engagement*

**John 4:5-26** (New Revised Standard Version)

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew,

ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

**Psalm 15** (*The Message*)

God, who gets invited  
 to dinner at your place?

How do we get on your guest list?

"Walk straight,  
 act right,  
 tell the truth.

"Don't hurt your friend,  
 don't blame your neighbor;  
 despise the despicable.

"Keep your word even when it costs you,  
 make an honest living,  
 never take a bribe.  
 Live like this."

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**"Truth"**

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**God of compassion and honesty,  
 free me from the tendrils of falsehood  
 that entangle me.**

I pray that you would  
steady my steps,  
ground me in what is real,  
help me not to lie to myself,  
and give me courage to be true to others.  
This I pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
your living truth. Amen.

\* SONG RESPONSE

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

BAPTISM

CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Confirmands  
Laying on of Hands and Anointing Prayer  
Charge to the Confirmands

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sanctus*, from Mass for Four Voices • William Byrd

<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,</i>	Holy, Holy, Holy,
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	Lord God of hosts.
<i>Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.</i>	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.
<i>Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.</i>	Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

\* 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

*Confirmand Annabelle Earl*

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.



Music: American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx, 1984 - LAND OF REST. Text: Traditional liturgical text.  
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#### 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

##### COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei*, from Mass for Four Voices • William Byrd

<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
<i>miserere nobis.</i>	have mercy upon us.
<i>Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
<i>dona nobis pacem.</i>	grant us thy peace.

##### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

##### \* HYMN 624

**I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

##### \* BENEDICTION

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

##### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

A Celtic Prayer • Barry Peters, Text: Traditional

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
 walk with you on the road.  
 May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
 stretch out your hands to serve.  
 May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
 open up your hearts to love.  
 May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,  
 And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

##### POSTLUDE

*Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott*  
 ("Have Mercy On Me, O Lord God"), BWV 721  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

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 choral music this morning comes from William Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices*, one of the most beloved and celebrated pieces of Renaissance choral music. Composed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I around 1592, it is one of three Mass settings Byrd wrote in the early 1590s (the others are for three and five voices, respectively). Byrd was Roman Catholic in post-Reformation England at a time when performing the Catholic Latin Mass was illegal. As such, Byrd's masses were originally published without any information to identify the publisher, and without protective covers, which made them easier to carry and conceal. As these pieces needed to be sung in secret, they were not composed with the intention of being performed in large cathedrals, but as intimate chamber works for private chapels of the aristocracy. Because they could not be widely heard during his lifetime, Byrd's Masses were largely forgotten for many years. Happily, over the last century or so they have returned to their rightful place as pinnacles of the choral tradition.

## 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](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests).

### *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, Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Gerry & Lynn Nagy, Frank Owarish, Dexter Ramcharan Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby, Steve Sheppard, Taylor Shultz Spencer Robert Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither Susan Tobiason, Betty Ty, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

### *Faithful Departed:*

February 25, 2023: Lowell Lamb—beloved husband of Sandra Lamb and longtime member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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).

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.
12:15 pm	Tour the Church. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.
12:30 pm	Coffee Hour. Jones Auditorium.

This Week

Wed March 8	Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
	FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • Corning Logan Room. Weekly young adults’ gathering. Contact: The Rev. Sarah Speed (youngadults@fapc.org).
Sat March 11	Meals on Heels. 8:30 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to homebound neighbors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

Coming Up

Sun March 12	Deacons Clothing Drive. 9 am • 55th Street lobby. This week the Deacons are collecting new and lightly used clothing for the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership and Samaritan’s Closet. The drive concludes on Sunday, March 19.
	The Word Is Out (LGBTQ+ Community Group). 9:30 am • Sixth Floor Break Room. New members welcome!
	Congregational Meeting. 12:15 pm • Sanctuary. This meeting, for the election of officers, begins at the close of the 11 am worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.
Sun March 19	Believing & Belonging: New Member Class. 2 pm • Zoom. A two-week online class for prospective members begins today. Details and registration at fapc.org/membership. Contact: Ashley Gonzalez (membership@fapc.org).
	Adult Education: Lenten Labyrinths. 12:30 pm • Jones Auditorium. This class explores a variety of labyrinths for Lenten spiritual practice. Instructor: Jaime Staehle, director of Christian education.
Fri March 24	Youth Last Friday Meetup. 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Youth in grades six through 12 are invited to join us for games, supper and Bible study. Contact: The Rev. Werner Ramirez (familyministries@fapc.org).

Next Sunday • Third Sunday in Lent

“Scapegoat” • John 8:1-11 • The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Next Sunday: Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, March 12, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will convene a Congregational Meeting for the election of officers for the 2023–24 program year. The meeting will begin at the close of the 11 am worship service in the Sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to Our Confirmands!

This morning we welcome three confirmands—Annabelle Earl, Jackson McLendon and Collin Toung—into full membership in the church. This winter our confirmands completed a series of classes, did a service weekend at the Farminary and, on Tuesday, were examined and passed by the Session. Congratulations to you all!

Thank You for Pledging!

As we announced last week, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church has met our \$3.2 million goal for the 2023 Pledge Campaign. Our deepest thanks to all of you who made a financial commitment to this congregation. If you did not pledge, it is never too late! You can pledge online at fapc.org/pledge, drop a pledge card in the mail or offering plate, or contact Cengiz Yener in our business office (cyener@fapc.org, 212 247 0490 ext 3016).

Starting Next Week: Deacons Clothing Drive

The Deacons Clothing Drive begins next Sunday (March 12) and concludes on Sunday, March 19. This year’s drive benefits the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership and the Samaritan’s Closet, a collaborative ministry of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and St. James Episcopal Church. The Deacons will be in the 55th Street lobby on each Sunday to accept your donations of new or lightly used clothing for men, women and children. There is a particular need for spring and summer clothing, and packages of new underwear and socks (especially men’s). If you live outside New York, or are unable to come by in person, you are welcome to order socks and underwear and ship them directly to the church, to the attention of Lisauri Marizan.

The Sandwich Generation: A New Community Group

This Lent, the Sandwich Generation is meeting to swap wisdom and practical tips for raising families and caring for aging parents and relatives at the same time. Jama Toung leads this new, online community group on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 pm. The group will meet weekly on Zoom through April 6. Contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (community@fapc.org) if you would like to join. Or look for the enrollment form at fapc.org/community-groups.

We Hope to See You in May!

We are excited at the positive response we are hearing to our first-ever Beyond the Walls weekend, set for May 19–21. We invite all members and livestream worshipers who live outside the New York City area to come to town that weekend so that we can meet you, worship with you, serve with you and enjoy some time together. Look for details at fapc.org/beyondthewalls.

Spring Cleaning? Remember the Bazaar!

When spring cleaning comes around in your household, remember that the Women’s Association will gladly accept donations for November’s Holiday Bazaar. We welcome new or gently worn clothing, accessories, jewelry and collectibles—but please, no electronics, books or cookware. You may leave your donations at the 55th Street reception desk.

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 anyone who loves to sing. 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
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	and Supportive Housing
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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## Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

# Believing & Belonging

Believing & Belonging, our two-week class for prospective members, gets underway on Sunday, March 19, at 2 pm. The class will meet on Zoom, so we hope those of you outside New York will consider joining. Even if you are not sure whether membership is right for you, this class will teach you more about Fifth Avenue and the Presbyterian tradition.

You will find details and sign up at [fapc.org/membership](https://fapc.org/membership), or contact Ashley Gonzalez ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

*This is our last new member class until the summer!*

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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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