



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7, 2023 • 12:00 PM



Greg Weatherby, *Crucifixion*, 2006

**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! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary. Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service to attend to your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. We 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.**

## GOOD FRIDAY

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we begin our preparation for worship.  
Please **silence all electronic devices** and do not take flash photos during the service.*

PRELUDE

Suite, op. 5: Prelude • *Maurice Duruflé* (1901–1986)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

One: Surely he has borne our grief

**All: and carried our sorrows;**

One: Yet we esteemed him stricken,

**All: smitten by God and afflicted.**

One: Amen.

\* HYMN 224

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

WELCOME

COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

One: It is Friday, Holy One,  
and we stand at the foot of the cross.  
Where shall we cast our eyes?

**All: We look down. We glance to the side.  
We stare inward. We look up... at him.**

One: My God, my God, what does this mean?  
How is this sacred?  
How can this save?  
How is this love?

**All: This is a hard place to stand.  
We want to run away.  
Yet you, gracious God, bid us stay.**

One: So we ask for courage, patience and calm.  
Help us to watch and listen and pray.

**All: It is Friday,  
and we stand at the foot of the cross.  
Hold on to us here.  
Do not let us go.  
This we pray in the precious name of Jesus,  
our suffering Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Reflection*

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## I. THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS

\* HYMN 220

**Go to Dark Gethsemane**

\* UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, author of our lives,  
we are covered in grief today.**

**The suffering of this world has left a mark on us.**

**Find us in this somber space.**

**Tattoo your love on our hearts. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal • *René Clausen (b. 1953)*

*Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,  
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love;  
neither can the floods drown it.

SCRIPTURE

*John 18:1-11*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

HOMILY

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

*Silent Reflection*

## II. PETER DENIES JESUS

\* HYMN 210

**Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me**

\* UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, author of our lives,  
we are covered in grief today.**

**The suffering of this world has left a mark on us.**

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ANTHEM

Drop, Drop Slow Tears • *Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)*  
*Text by Phineas Fletcher (1582–1650)*

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet  
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat  
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

SCRIPTURE

*John 18:15–18; 25b–27*

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

HOMILY

*Seminarian Caroline Grindrod*

*Silent Reflection*

III. JESUS BEFORE PILATE

\* HYMN 211

**Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice**

\* UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, author of our lives,  
we are covered in grief today.**

**The suffering of this world has left a mark on us.**

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**Tattoo your love on our hearts. Amen.**

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World • *Bob Chilcott (b.1955)*  
*Text: John 3:16*

God so loved the world,  
That he gave his only begotten son  
That whoso believeth in him,  
Should not perish but have everlasting life.

SCRIPTURE

*John 18:33–38*

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have



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handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the crowd. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the crowd again and told them, “I find no case against him.”

HOMILY

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

*Silent Reflection*

IV. THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

\* HYMN 218

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

\* UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, author of our lives,  
we are covered in grief today.**

**The suffering of this world has left a mark on us.**

**Find us in this somber space.**

**Tattoo your love on our hearts. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*O vos omnes · Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)*

*Text: Lamentations 1:12*

*O vos omnes qui transitis per viam,  
attendite et videte:*

*Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.*

*Attendite, universi populi, et videte  
dolorem meum.*

*Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.*

O all ye that pass by the way,  
attend and see:

If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

Attend, all ye people, and see  
my sorrow:

If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

SCRIPTURE

*John 19:16b–19*

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

HOMILY

*Seminarian Veronica Ota*

*Silent Reflection*

V. THE SOLDIERS CAST LOTS

\* HYMN 213

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

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\* UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, author of our lives,  
we are covered in grief today.  
The suffering of this world has left a mark on us.  
Find us in this somber space.  
Tattoo your love on our hearts. Amen.**

ANTHEM

The Crown of Roses • P.I. Tchaikovsky (1840–1893)  
*Text: Plechtchéev, trans. Geoffrey Dearmer*

When Jesus Christ was yet a child  
He had a garden small and wild,  
Wherein he cherished roses fair,  
And wove them into garlands there.

Now once, as summertime drew nigh,  
There came a troop of children by,  
And seeing roses on the tree,  
With shouts they plucked them merrily.

“Do you bind roses in your hair?”  
They cried, in scorn, to Jesus there.  
The boy said humbly: “Take, I pray,  
All but the naked thorns away.”

Then of the thorns they made a crown,  
And with rough fingers pressed it down,  
Till on his forehead fair and young  
Red drops of blood like roses sprung.

SCRIPTURE

*John 19:23–25a*

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did.

HOMILY

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

*Silent Reflection*

VI. MARY AND THE BELOVED DISCIPLE AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

\* HYMN 209

**My Song Is Love Unknown**

\* UNISON PRAYER

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we are covered in grief today.  
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Tattoo your love on our hearts. Amen.**

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ANTHEM

Mary Was the Queen of Galilee  
*Traditional Spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum (1931–1987)*

Who was Mary? Who was Mary? Who was Mary?  
Mary was the queen of Galilee.

Mary rode to Bethlehem,  
Mary was the queen of Galilee.  
There she brought forth the Holy Lamb.  
Mary was the queen of Galilee.

Mary saw him crucified,  
Mary was the queen of Galilee.  
When her Lord cried out and died,  
Mary was the queen of Galilee.

Oh, she wept and Martha moaned.  
Mary was the queen of Galilee.  
Sky turned purple all around.  
Mary was the queen of Galilee.

Now, after Sunday down at the Tomb,  
When the stone was rolled away,  
She didn't find her Lord.  
Angel came unto her, telling the good news  
That Jesus Christ is risen and will appear again.

Who was Mary? Who was Mary? Who was Mary?  
Mary was the queen of Galilee.

SCRIPTURE

*John 19:25b–27*

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

HOMILY

*Seminarian Allison Muenzer*

*Silent Reflection*

VII. THE DEATH OF JESUS

\* HYMN 221

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

\* PRAYER — UNISON

**Holy God, author of our lives,  
we are covered in grief today.**

**The suffering of this world has left a mark on us.**

**Find us in this somber space.**

**Tattoo your love on our hearts. Amen.**



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ANTHEM

Wondrous Love • *Traditional, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)*

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 dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.  
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, O my soul,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I am,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.  
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 joyful be,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

SCRIPTURE

*John 19:28-30*

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HOMILY

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

*Silent Reflection*

ANTHEM

Were You There? • *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Silent Reflection*

\* BENEDICTION

*You are invited to stay for a time of silent meditation following the service.*

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The ministry of music this afternoon 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* • Rachel Mikol and Rebecca Soelberg, *Sopranos*

## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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 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)).

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



Join us on Sunday for our Easter services,  
at 9:30 and 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.  
The 11:15 am service will be available on livestream.

We invite you to bring fresh-cut flowers to add  
to the Flowering of the Cross outside on Fifth Avenue.

## Support the Church

Scan this code using the camera  
on your smartphone and follow  
the instructions to make a secure  
donation to our ministries.

*[fapc.org/give](https://fapc.org/give)*



## Building Hours

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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