



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2023 • 11:00 AM



Gustav Klimt, *Bauerngarten*, 1907

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. 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. This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at fapc.org/pray. Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at fapc.org/this-sunday. For information about future worship services, visit fapc.org/worship.

Parking

We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park for up to three hours, seven days a week. Please provide your mobile phone number or an email address to the staff person at the 55th Street reception desk. You will receive a QR code to use at the garage. (The garage no longer provides physical validation stickers.)

We recommend that all who worship with us in person be vaccinated (and boosted) against Covid-19. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, please stay home and worship with us via livestream. You will find the livestream service every week at fapc.org/live.



We provide mask-required and mask-optional seating areas in the Sanctuary.
Please ask an usher if you have questions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Organ Sonata no. 6 in D minor, op. 65: III. Finale: Andante
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Prelude in G major, op. 37, no. 2 • *Felix Mendelssohn*

Organ Chorale Preludes, op. 122: 1. *Mein Jesu, der du mich*
 (“My Jesus Calls To Me”) • *Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Joanna McNurlen

One: We gather to praise and worship God,

All: the one who created us for love.

One: We gather to worship the true vine,

All: the one in whose love we abide.

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

* HYMN 236

The Strife is O’er

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

* 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 Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do all our
in - most hearts pos - sess; O Lord of all, with us a -
bide In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

Music: Trier ms., 15th century; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609 - PUER NOBIS NASCITUR.
Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heav - en in earth should ring.
 Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es; heav - en - ly mu - sic let it ring.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867 - REGENT SQUARE. Text: William M. James, 1979 © The United Methodist Publishing House. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-721169.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
 All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM
 Fifth Avenue Choir &
 Community Choir

I Lift Up My Eyes • Margaret Burk (b. 1990)
 Text: Psalm 121
 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
 From where is my help to come?
 My help comes from the Lord,
 The maker of heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot be moved,
 He who watches over you will not fall asleep.
 The Lord himself watches over you;
 The Lord is your shade at your right hand,
 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
 Nor the moon by night.
 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
 It is he who shall keep you safe.
 The Lord shall watch over your going out
 And your coming in,
 From this time forth for evermore.

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

ANTHEM

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren
 ("Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee")
 Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, Do not be sorrowful or regretful;
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, Be calm, as God has ordained,
so sei vergnügt mein Wille! and thus my will shall be content.

Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.

What do you want to worry about from day to day?
 There is One who stands above all
 who gives you, too, what is yours.

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,
das ist und heißt das Beste.

Only be steadfast in all you do,
 stand firm; what God has decided,
 that is and must be the best.

Amen.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
 I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Matthew 6:25-34

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

"Consider the Lilies"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Philippians 4:6-7*

**Do not worry about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

BAPTISM

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

* HYMN 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Kate Dunn

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He, watching over Israel, from *Elijah* • *Felix Mendelssohn*
Text: Psalm 121:4 and Psalm 138:7

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken 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

* HYMN 251

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*
Text by R. Gordon Nodwell

May the blessing of God be upon you.
May God's love light all your way.
May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.
May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE

Symphony no. 1, op. 36: Toccata • *Rachel Laurin (b. 1961)*

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

Brahms composed this morning's Anthem in 1856 when he was all of 23 years old. *Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren* (also known as *Geistliches Lied*, or "Sacred Song") is a deeply personal and reflective piece for choir and organ. The vocal lines unfold in a double canon (led by the sopranos and tenors), which, by Brahms' time, would have been considered rather old-fashioned, an academic compositional technique harkening back to the music of J.S. Bach and the Renaissance masters before him. In the gifted hands of Brahms, however, this piece is anything but a mere contrapuntal exercise—the relatively conservative, stepwise entrance of each line gives way to plaintive and distinctly Romantic downward leaps of tritones, sixths and octaves in each voice, creating a spare soundscape of tremendous expressivity. The inspired reversal of the vocal entrances for the closing "Amen" (beginning with the basses and the altos) sets the stage for one of the most beautiful codas in all the Romantic choral repertoire.

The Offertory Anthem is a chorus from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, an English-language oratorio written in 1846 for a music festival in Birmingham, England. Like the Brahms, this piece was composed in the spirit of Mendelssohn's Baroque predecessors Bach and Handel, whose music he loved, but with distinctly Romantic innovations. In 1829, Mendelssohn had organized the first performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* since the composer's death, and was instrumental in bringing this and other Bach works to widespread popularity. *Elijah* depicts various events in the life of the Biblical prophet, with texts drawn from the books 1 and 2 Kings. "He, watching over Israel" is one of the most well-known and frequently performed choruses from this beloved oratorio.

The Postlude is the final movement of Rachel Laurin's Symphony no. 1 for organ—a fiery toccata that really puts the organ (and the organist!) through its paces. Over the past few decades, Laurin has firmly established her reputation as one of the world's most important composers and performers of organ music. A native of Quebec, Canada, Laurin's music is characterized by its great energy, virtuosity and the striking contrasts she creates between the organ's various sonic resources. Her Symphony no. 1 was composed in 2002. Although this symphony is reminiscent of the 19th-century organ symphonies of Louis Vierne and Charles-Marie Widor, Laurin's compositional voice is distinctly her own: her tonal language and particular technical demands on the performer give her music an unmistakable character and appeal.

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.

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Pat Backus, Algernon John Baptiste, 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, Janet Gibbs, 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, 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, Lily Zivkovic

Faithful Departed:

April 17, 2023: Mary Virginia Harwood—beloved mother of Sally Harwood.

If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Lisauri Marizan (congregationalcare@fapc.org, 212.247.0490).

Today

- 9 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Kirkland Chapel.
Sunday School, Children’s Choir, Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship. Sanctuary.** The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- 11:15 am** **Children’s Church.** Kirkland Chapel and Christian Education Center.
- 12:30 pm** **CREDO: The Book of Job.** Jones Auditorium. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston.
Tour the Church. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.

This Week

- Wed April 26** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
- Thu April 27** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers and anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez (membership@fapc.org) for the link.
- Fri April 28** **FAYA Retreat.** 5 pm • Holmes Camp & Retreat Center. Fifth Avenue’s young adults head north for a weekend on the lake. It’s not too late to join us! Contact: The Rev. Sarah Speed (youngadults@fapc.org).
Youth Last Friday Meetup. 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Youth from grades 6 through 12 are invited for Bible study, games and snacks. This is our last Friday meetup until the fall! Contact: The Rev. Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org).
- Sat April 29** **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).

Coming Up

- Sun April 30** **CREDO: The Book of Ecclesiastes.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, instructor.
Children’s Choir Spring Concert. 1:30 pm • Kirkland Chapel.
- Sat May 6** **Fifth Avenue Serves.** 8:45 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- Sun May 7** **CREDO: The Book of Psalms.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, instructor.
- Sun May 14** **Chapel Church: Last Service until the Fall!** 9:30 am • Kirkland Chapel. Join us for a special celebration as Chapel Church wraps for the summer break. This service returns on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday of Easter
 “Who Will Separate?” • Romans 8:31-39
 The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Today: CREDO Continues

CREDO, our annual Adult Education series on the fundamentals of Christian theology, returns for week two of our four-week study of wisdom literature. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston is teaching the Book of Job at 12:30 pm in Jones Auditorium. Details on upcoming classes are listed on page 10. CREDO continues through Sunday, May 7.

Welcome, New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome these new members into the church:

Lila Balistreri	Meghan Curran	Brendon Lee	Tim Russell	Rachael Young
Brendan Birth	Beverly Gantt	Mckenna Nelson	Charity Scalzi	
Anna Bruns	Ken Hoover	Grant Rusk	Neva Strom	
Joshua Code	Kyle Hughes	Nicole Rusk	Ricki Thompson	
Benjamin Curley	Steffen Land	Jill Russell	John Young	

Spring & Summer Worship Calendar

Our last morning of Chapel Church is on Sunday, May 14. Chapel Church will break for the summer, returning Sept. 17. On Sunday, May 21, we have one worship service, at 11 am in the Sanctuary, when we will ordain and install our new officers. We begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, May 28, with a single service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston’s last Sunday before his summer sabbatical is on June 18. On Sunday, July 16, the Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall begins a six-week residency at Fifth Avenue. And if you want to mark your calendars for Homecoming, it’s on Sunday, Sept. 10. All services in the Sanctuary also will be available on livestream and on demand.

Facilities Update: What’s Happening in the Church House

There’s fresh paint, new furniture and appliances, and energy improvements happening throughout the Curry Church House. The kitchen renovations are moving toward completion in Bonnell Hall. Both the Betsey Jackson Board Room and the Romeyn Room on the fifth floor, and the entire space on the seventh floor, are getting a top-to-bottom refresh. And the cooling tower project is 90 percent complete. The air conditioning will remain off until this project—part of our effort to improve energy efficiency in compliance with Local Law 97—is fully completed. All of this work will be finished by mid-May.

Spring & Summer Youth Group Events

Youth Group’s last Last Friday Meetup is happening this Friday at 7 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. But there are plenty more events coming up this summer, including Beat the Bomb & Shake Shack on Friday, May 19; volunteering with A Place at the Table on Monday, June 26; and summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg, July 9–14. Details at fapc.org/events, or contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org).

Fall Mission Trip to the Border

Outreach Ministries announces a week-long mission trip to visit our mission partner Frontera de Cristo, beginning Oct. 7. Frontera de Cristo is a Presbyterian border ministry serving two neighboring cities—Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Mexico. This marks our second trip to Frontera de Cristo; 10 members visited for the first time in 2019. Online information sessions for prospective participants have been scheduled for 5 pm on Sunday, May 14, and Sunday, June 4. To sign up, go to fapc.org/border. Contact: Christine Boyle (outreach@fapc.org).

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.

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, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, 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 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).

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. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, 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 or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya). Or contact Sarah (212.247.0490 ext 4037, 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 to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, 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 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, or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, 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.

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).

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Family Ministries*

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed *Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*



The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*

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Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director of Music for Family Ministries*



CONTACT US



Announce a birth or adoption

Jaime Staehle
familyministries@fapc.org



Fund the altar flowers

Lisauri Marizan
congregationalcare@fapc.org



Join the church

Rev. Sarah A. Speed
membership@fapc.org



Make a donation

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Plan your wedding

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Prepare for baptism

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Add a name to the prayer list • Lisauri Marizan, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

Notify us of a death or illness • Lisauri Marizan, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Request a bulletin announcement • Tim Palmer Curl, fapc@fapc.org

Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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INTENSIVE NEW MEMBER CLASS

Believing & Belonging

Thinking about membership at Fifth Avenue but can't commit to a two-week class? This opportunity is for you. On Saturday, May 27, we will offer a three-hour intensive version of our Believing & Belonging class. The class, which meets on Zoom, will provide information about membership, about the history and ministries of this church, and about the Presbyterian tradition.

Register at fapc.org/membership, or email Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (membership@fapc.org).

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Tuesday • Wednesday

9 am – 8 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 2:30 pm



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