



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023 • 11:00 AM



John August Swanson, *Celebration*, 1997

**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.**

## 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

Organbook II: 3. *Pie Jesu • Ned Rorem* (1923–2022)

Elegy • *George Thalben-Ball* (1896–1987)

Organ Book II: 6. *In Nomine Domine • Ned Rorem*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Helen Harris*

*from Revelation 1:17-18*

One: Do not be afraid,

**All: Jesus is the first and the last.  
He is the living one.**

One: He was dead, and behold,  
he is alive for forever and ever.

**All: Because he lives, we also will live.**

One: Jesus Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed!**

### \* HYMN 361

**O Christ, the Great Foundation**

### \* 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*

### \* SONG 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.

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\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es; heaven - 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.  
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\* 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

ANTHEM

Three Motets: I. The Strength of the Spirit  
*Ruth Watson Henderson (b.1932), text from Romans 8*

In everything God works for good with those who love him.  
We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail  
Together until now, and even we ourselves,  
Who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly  
As we wait for God to make us his children.  
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;  
For we do not know how to pray as we ought,  
But the spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.  
In everything God works for good with those who love him.  
If God be for us, who can be against us?  
Neither death, nor life, nor anything else in all creation  
Can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
In everything God works for good with those who love him.



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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Romans 8:31-39*

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

### SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

### **"Who Will Separate?"**

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from Romans 8*

**I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### \* HYMN 45

**I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

### 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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The River • *Ruth Watson Henderson*  
*Text by Winston Harrison*

There is a river that runs so calm,  
A river that sings a new psalm,  
A psalm of peace and rest.  
Within its waters we are blessed.  
Come to these waters, these waters;  
Let your need be known.  
See the hurt around you;  
You are not alone, you are not alone.

There is a river that runs so calm,  
Come to its waters, its waters;  
Receive its balm.  
Here at its banks, there's no sunset or dawn;  
Only the Light; darkness is gone.  
Time stands still; it is God's will.

Come to the river;  
Leave your burden and care,  
For truly the Spirit is there.

There is a river that runs so calm,  
A river that sings a new psalm,  
Come, sing about its peace and rest.  
Let your voice soar to the mountain crest.  
Come! Bathe in its waters pure.  
Open your heart to the Spirit;  
Let your soul feel secure.

\* 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 295

**Go to the World!**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*  
*Text by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)*

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

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POSTLUDE

Processional on Vaughan Williams' *Sine Nomine*  
*David Cameron (b. 1937)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Christopher Seefeldt, *Bass* • Pablo Rubin-Jurado, *Tenor*  
Rachel Mikol, *Soprano*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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This morning's choral music was written by the Canadian composer and pianist Ruth Watson Henderson. Over the past five decades, Watson Henderson has been a pioneering female force in the world of classical composition which, especially in her earlier years, has been a field largely populated by men. Her music is admired throughout the world for its distinctive blend of musical sophistication and accessibility, which unites beautiful and memorable melodies with her characteristically impressionistic sense of harmony. Although she has written for various instruments and ensembles over the course of her career, Watson Henderson is especially celebrated for her remarkable choral music. Her love for the choral instrument and the mastery of her compositional craft were honed during her years as collaborative pianist for the internationally renowned professional choir the Elmer Iseler Singers. Over the coming year, the Fifth Avenue Choir will present many of Watson Henderson's most significant choral pieces in worship in preparation for a major concert and recording project of her works early in 2024. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting and important project!



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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### ***If You Are in Need of Prayer***

Deacons (wearing white stoles) are available to pray with you after the service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request that they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. You may submit prayer requests online at [fapc.org/prayer-requests](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests).

### ***Please pray for:***

Candy Asman, 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, 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 20, 2023: Susan Kempler—beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, aunt of Richard and Janice Roble, Robb Roble and Elaine Brunell, Mark and Hillary Roble, and great-aunt of Jaz, Shayna, Micah, Connor, Olivia and Scarlett.

April 21, 2023: Leondra Davidson—beloved niece of Andrie Blalock and Monique Curry.

April 24, 2023: Abraham Hewitt—beloved uncle of Ena Malone and great-uncle of Eva Malone.

April 25, 2023: François Dumont—beloved father-in-law of Eric Daniels.

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

## CALENDAR

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### Today

- 9 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Kirkland Chapel.
- Sunday School, Children's Choir, Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- The Word Is Out** (LGBTQ+ community group). Corning Logan Room.
- 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 Ecclesiastes.** Bonnell Hall. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, instructor. Refreshments will be served.
- Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- 1:30 pm** **Children's Choir Spring Concert.** Kirkland Chapel.
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### This Week

- Wed May 3** **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](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)).
- Thu May 4** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers and anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)) for the link.
- Sat May 6** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to homebound neighbors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).
- Fifth Avenue Serves.** 8:45 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Breakfast and commissioning for volunteers on our annual day of service.

### Coming Up

- Sun May 7** **CREDO: The Book of Psalms.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Our series on wisdom literature concludes. 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.
- The Word Is Out** (LGBTQ+ community group). Romeyn Room.
- Sunday May 21** **Officer Ordination & Installation.** 11 am • Sanctuary. On this special Sunday, we will unit for one worship service. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

### **Next Sunday • Fifth Sunday of Easter**

"A More Excellent Way" • 1 Corinthians 13  
*The Rev. Kate Dunn, preaching.*

**Today: An Afternoon of Learning and Listening**

We have two great events back to back this afternoon. At 12:30, Executive Pastor Jonah So leads the third week of our CREDO series on wisdom literature. Meet Jonah in Jones Auditorium as he teaches on the Book of Ecclesiastes. Coffee and pastries will be served. At 1:30, Family Ministries hosts our annual Children's Spring Concert, featuring our children's and youth choir, in Kirkland Chapel. A reception follows in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

**Last Call: Beyond the Walls**

We are delighted with the response to our first Beyond the Walls weekend (May 19–21), and we hope even more of you among our extended family (members and friends outside the New York area) will join us. But we need to hear from you no later than Monday, May 1. You'll find details and registration at [fapc.org/beyond](http://fapc.org/beyond), or contact Ashley Gonzalez ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

**Chapel Church Concludes & Summer Worship Approaches**

Our last morning of Chapel Church is coming up on Sunday, May 14. Chapel Church will then break for the summer, returning Sept. 17. 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. All services in the Sanctuary also will be available on livestream and on demand.

**June Events: Chapel Presentation, Women's Summer Sabbath & More**

There's lots coming up as summer approaches! Family Camp, our annual weekend at Holmes Camp & Retreat Center, is happening June 2–4. On Sunday, June 4, all members are invited to a presentation on the renovation of Kirkland Chapel, starting at 11:30 am in Bonnell Hall. The Women's Summer Sabbath is set for June 9–11 at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, New Jersey. Outreach Ministries is enlisting volunteers for the Margaret Shafer Community Picnic with homeless and hungry neighbors on Sunday, June 25. And the Youth Group volunteers with A Place at the Table (followed by a hangout in Central Park) on Wednesday, June 28. Details and sign-ups for all activities are on our Events calendar at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events).

**Coming in July: Children & Youth Summer Camp**

Family Ministries has organized a big week of camping for elementary school children, middle schoolers and high school students. Each group will enjoy a different camping experience, but it's all happening July 9–14 at Johnsonburg Camp in the New Jersey Highlands, 90 minutes from Manhattan. Contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)) for details.

**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 ministry that serves the resident and migrant populations of two neighboring cities—Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Mexico. The October trip marks our second trip to Frontera de Cristo. Ten members and staff visited for the first time in 2019. Online information sessions for prospective participants have been scheduled for 5 pm Sunday, May 14, and Sunday, June 4. To sign up for either session, go to [fapc.org/border](http://fapc.org/border). We will begin accepting applications for the mission trip later this spring. Contact: Christine Boyle ([outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org/adult-ed](http://fapc.org/adult-ed).

### Community Groups

After two years of lockdown, our community group ministry is back, with many of our longstanding groups returning and a number of new groups just getting started. Groups meet in person and online, joining members locally and from other parts of the country. The diversity of our community groups ensures that you will find the spot that's right for you. Learn more at [fapc.org/community-groups](http://fapc.org/community-groups), or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

### Congregational Care

If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also visit [fapc.org/care](http://fapc.org/care) to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program. Or contact Lisauri Marizan (212.247.0490 ext 3007, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)).

### Family Ministries

Family Ministries brings together families from diverse backgrounds to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs Nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am until 12:30 pm. Sunday School and Youth Group take place at 9:30 am during the program year (September through May). Children depart the 11 am worship service to attend Children's Church every Sunday. We also sponsor special events for families and kids throughout the year. Learn more (and register your child) at [fapc.org/family](http://fapc.org/family). Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).

### FAYA | Fifth Avenue Young Adults

FAYA is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s, led by the Rev. Sarah Speed. During the program year, we meet every Wednesday night for small groups, supper, Bible study and fellowship. Find out more about our weekly gatherings, monthly fellowship events and weekend retreats at [fapc.org/faya](http://fapc.org/faya) or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya). Or contact Sarah (212.247.0490 ext 4037, [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)). We'd love to get to know you!

### Membership

When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. Whether you live in the neighborhood, or across the country, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit [fapc.org/membership](http://fapc.org/membership) to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

## Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for 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)).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*  
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The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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## CLERGY & STAFF



**The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston** *Senior Pastor*

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