



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023 • 11:00 AM

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*I Go To Prepare A Place For You, 2021.*

A quilt by Bisa Butler, based on a photograph of Harriet Tubman by Benjamin F. Powelson, c. 1868.

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**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 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

Chorale Prelude on “Lord of the Dance” • *John Burge (b.1961)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Chad Shepp*

*from Psalm 100*

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness.**

One: Come into God’s presence with singing!

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God,**

One: whose mercy is everlasting;

**All: and whose faithfulness endures  
to all generations.**

One: Let us worship God, tender and just.

### \* HYMN 619

**Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

### \* 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 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.

ANTHEM  
*Children's Choir & Youth*

Love One Another • Brad Nix (b. 1975)  
Love is patient, love is kind.  
Love is gentle, love divine.  
Love forgives, is never rude.  
Love rejoices in the truth.

Refrain  
Love one another, as God has also loved you.  
Love one another, as God has also loved you.

Love is faithful, love is pure.  
Love is hopeful, love endures.  
Love is humble, love is strong.  
Love is such a joyous song.

Refrain  
As God has loved you, as God has loved you,  
As God has also loved you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

Baptismal Questions  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Baptism

\* CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church;  
for we are all one in Christ.

We promise to love, encourage and support you,  
to share the good news of the gospel with you,  
and to help you know and follow Christ.

Choir and Congregation

\* SUNG RESPONSE

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

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

Rise up, my Love, my Fair One • Healey Willan (1880–1968)  
Text: Song of Solomon

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear upon the earth;  
The time of the singing of birds is come;  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Joshua 1:1-9*

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

"Be Strong and Courageous"



* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<p><i>A Brief Statement of Faith</i>, Presbyterian Church (USA)</p> <p>God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.</p>
* HYMN 324	For All the Faithful Women
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE <i>The Rev. Werner Ramirez</i>	
THE LORD’S PRAYER	<p>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.</p>
CALL TO GIVE	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<p>My God Is So High <i>Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)</i></p> <p>My God is so high you can’t get over him, He’s so low you can’t get under him, He’s so wide you can’t get ‘round him, You must come in by and through the lamb.</p> <p>One day as I was walkin’ along the heav’nly road, My Savior spoke unto me, And he filled my heart with his love.</p> <p>I’ll take my gospel trumpet and I’ll begin to blow, And if my Savior helps me, I’ll blow wherever I’ll go.</p>
* DOXOLOGY	<p>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.</p>

* OFFERTORY PRAYER	
* HYMN 307	God of Grace and God of Glory
* BENEDICTION	<i>Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.</i>
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<p>May God Who Creates You • <i>Louise Skibsted</i></p> <p>May God who creates you give you light; May God who sustains you make you wise; May God who protects you give you joy; May God who surrounds you give you peace.</p>
POSTLUDE	Fugue in G major (“Gigue”), BWV 577 • <i>J.S. Bach (1685–1750)</i>
<p>The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir Dr. Ryan Jackson, <i>William S. Perper</i> Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries Rich Saunders, <i>Vocalist</i> Children’s Choir and Youth Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, <i>Director</i> • Joseph Vaz, <i>Pianist</i></p>	

***Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mae J. Cannon, Jean Cannon Kalberer and Kathrine Maione in celebration of Mother's Day, with love from Fred Cannon.***

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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).

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***Please pray for:***

Candy Asman, Pat Backus, Algernon John Baptiste, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiua, 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

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***Faithful Departed:***

April 23, 2023: Eileen P. Holcombe—beloved wife of Scott Holcombe, a longtime member of Fifth Avenue.

May 6, 2023: Michael Kofi Bawuah—beloved father of Fifth Avenue staff member Sheila Bawuah.

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. Christian Education Center. The Word Is Out (LGBTQ+ community group). Romeyn Room.
11 am	Worship. Sanctuary and Livestream.
11:15 am	Children’s Church. Kirkland Chapel and Christian Education Center. Tour the Church. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour. Weber Terrace.
5 pm	Mission Trip Information Session. Zoom. If you are interested in applying for the fall mission trip to the U.S.-Mexico border, we encourage you to attend this session. A second session is set for Sunday, June 4. Sign up at <a href="https://fapc.org/border">fapc.org/border</a> .

This Week	
Wed May 17	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 ( <a href="mailto:youngadults@fapc.org">youngadults@fapc.org</a> ).
Thu May 18	Career Directions. 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez ( <a href="mailto:membership@fapc.org">membership@fapc.org</a> ) for the link.
Fri May 19	Youth Outing in Brooklyn. 6 pm. An adventure followed by a trip to Shake Shack. Contact: The Rev. Werner Ramirez ( <a href="mailto:youth@fapc.org">youth@fapc.org</a> ).
Fri May 19– Sun May 21	Beyond the Walls Weekend. 5 pm • Sanctuary. Fifth Avenue welcomes our extended family—members and friends from outside the New York City area—for our first weekend gathering. Details at <a href="https://fapc.org/beyond">fapc.org/beyond</a> .
Sat May 20	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 ( <a href="mailto:moh@fapc.org">moh@fapc.org</a> ). Sacred Sites Open House. 1 pm • Sanctuary. Fifth Avenue opens its doors for two hours of docent-led tours as part of the New York Landmarks Conservancy’s yearly celebration of the state’s ecclesiastical architecture.
Sunday May 21	Officer Ordination & Installation and Volunteer Recognition. 11 am • Sanctuary and Livestream. On this special Sunday, we will gather as a family for one worship service. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

**Next Sunday • Ascension Sunday**  
“Friends of God” • Acts 1:1-5 • The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.  
11 am • Sanctuary

**Baptized Today**  
AaNiya Saphyre Ameerah Smith, child of Sharon Billey and Marlon Smith.

**Today: Information Session on the Fall Mission Trip**  
If you are interested in applying for the October mission trip to the U.S.-Mexico border, we encourage you to attend one of the two information sessions we have scheduled in the coming weeks. Starting on Oct. 7, Outreach Ministries will host a week-long visit to our mission partner Frontera de Cristo. Frontera de Cristo is a Presbyterian ministry that serves the migrant and resident populations of two neighboring cities—Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Mexico. The first online information session is happening at 5 pm today, with a second session Sunday, June 4. To sign up for either session, go to [fapc.org/border](https://fapc.org/border). We will begin accepting applications for the mission trip later this spring. Contact: Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions ([outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).

**Next Sunday: Join Us for a Special Day!**  
Next Sunday is one of those Sundays you don’t want to miss. We will gather for worship at 11 am in the Sanctuary, when we will ordain, install and celebrate our new officers. We also will recognize all who have served Fifth Avenue as volunteers during this program year. Among the congregation will be a number of our extended family—members and friends joining us for our first Beyond the Walls weekend. Following worship, we will gather for a celebration in Bonnell Hall, where our guest will be the portrait artist Clayton Singleton. We will unveil Singleton’s long-awaited portrait of Betsey Jackson, one of the founding members of this congregation. Then we will hang the portrait in the newly renovated Betsey Jackson Board Room on the fifth floor. This will be a great day to come in person and bring a friend along!

**Summer Worship Approaches**  
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, when we will gather at 11 am in the Sanctuary. All services in the Sanctuary also will be available on livestream and on demand.

**Addressing Gun Violence: A Three-Part Series**  
On Tuesday, May 23, Outreach Ministries begins a series of three online events focused on the epidemic of gun violence in the U.S. The events include a conversation with Deanna Hollis from the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship; a discussion of the Rev. James Atwood’s book, *America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé* (Cascade Books, 2012); and an evening vigil. Details and registration for all events are at [fapc.org/gun-violence](https://fapc.org/gun-violence).

**June 4: Chapel Renovation Presentation**  
All members are encouraged to attend a special presentation on Sunday, June 4, beginning at 11:30 am in Bonnell Hall. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston, along with members of the Chapel Renovation Task Force, will discuss plans for an “above the ceiling to below the floor” renovation of Kirkland Chapel, beginning in 2024. Full details on the project will be available online at the conclusion of the June 4 event.

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)).

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. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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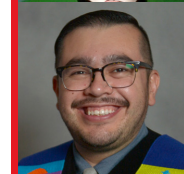
CLERGY & STAFF



**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*

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8 am – 1 pm

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8 am – 2:30 pm



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