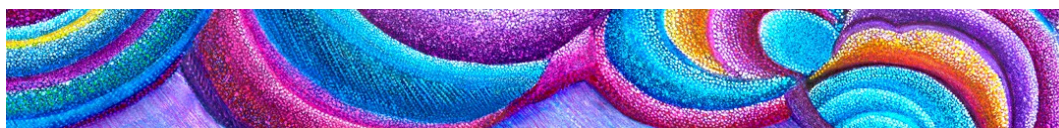
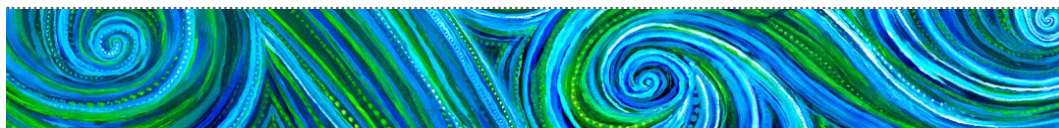




# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

ASCENSION SUNDAY  
MAY 21, 2023 • 11:00 AM



John August Swanson, *Storm*, 2020

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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

*L’ascension: Alleluias sereins* (“The Ascension: Serene Alleluias”)  
*Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Trustee Tom Wesley*

*from Ephesians 4*

One: Family of faith, we are called to live in new ways.

**All: Here, we put away bitterness and anger.**

One: Here, we share with those in need.

**All: Here, we learn to be kind.**

One: Here, we forgive one another.

**All: Here, we look on the troubled world  
with tender hearts.**

One: Just like God.

**All: Just like God.**

One: Let us worship the Holy One, tender and just.

### \* HYMN 309

**Come, Great God of All the Ages**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

### \* SUNG RESPONSE

O 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.

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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  
*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

ANTHEM      God Is Gone Up • Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)  
Text by Edward Taylor (c. 1646–1729)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:  
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:  
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,  
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!  
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,  
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,  
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,  
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody  
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;  
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string  
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-5

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

"Friends of God"

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Good and Gracious God,  
you gift us with friends,  
with people who share our good days and our bad ones,  
with folk who laugh at our silly jokes,  
with buddies who hold on to us when words fail.

These circles of love bless us.  
These relationships make life so much sweeter.  
We thank you, loving God, for friends.

In a world that desperately needs human connection,  
in a society that thirsts for "the ties that bind,"  
help us to honor, maintain and model healthy friendships.

This we ask in the precious name of Jesus,  
who looked with affection at his followers and said,  
"You are my friends."  
Amen.

\* SUNG RESPONSE

Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur - rec - tion song.

When in trou - ble move the fast - er to our God who rights the wrong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

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ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	
	Statement of Ordination and Installation
	Presentation of Candidates
	Constitutional Questions
	Prayer of Ordination
	The Lord's Prayer
	<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.</b>
	<b>Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</b>
	<b>Give us this day our daily bread,</b>
	<b>and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.</b>
	<b>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</b>
	<b>For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.</b>
	<b>Amen.</b>
	Declaration and Charge
* ORDINATION HYMN 691	<b>Lord, When I Came into This Life</b>
CALL TO GIVE	
<i>The Rev. Sarah A. Speed</i>	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	Jubilate Deo • <i>William Walton (1902–1983)</i> <i>Text: Psalm 100</i>
	O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, And come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us, And not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: And his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.
* DOXOLOGY	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</b> <b>Praise God, all creatures here below;</b> <b>Praise God above, ye heavenly host;</b> <b>Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.</b> <b>Amen.</b>
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	

* HYMN 265	<b>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</b>
* BENEDICTION	<i>Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.</i>
* CHORAL RESPONSE	God Be with You Till We Meet Again <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)</i> <i>Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)</i>
	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.
POSTLUDE	<i>L'ascension: Transports de joie</i> (“The Ascension: Outbursts of Joy”) • <i>Olivier Messiaen</i>

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* • Rachel Mikol, *Soprano* • Megan Schubert, *Alto*  
Wilson Nichols, *Tenor* • Christopher Seefeldt, *Bass*

## WORSHIP NOTES

The great English composer Gerald Finzi composed *God Is Gone Up* in 1951 for a St. Cecilia's Day celebration at St. Sepulchre Anglican Church in central London. Finzi chose the words of the American poet Edward Taylor (1646?–1729) to serve as the text for this, his most famous anthem. Taylor's Biblically-inspired poetry describes an imaginary celebration following the Ascension of Christ, an occasion marked each year on the Day of Ascension (celebrated this past week on Thursday, May 18). The joyous work begins with instrumental fireworks on the organ – "God is gone up with a triumphant shout!" the choir exclaims, and the organ rushes to join them. The piece is organized into three major sections: jubilant music of praise dominates the two outer sections, with a more serene section in the middle. This inner section, featuring sustained melodies and floating harmonies, beautifully captures images of flitting heavenly creatures encircling the chariot of God.

Olivier Messiaen was one of the most renowned organists and composers of the 20th century. His wonderfully evocative work *L'ascension* ("The Ascension") began its life as a four-movement suite for orchestra. Realizing it would make a fine organ piece, Messiaen arranged the first, second and fourth movements for organ, and composed a different third movement for the new version. This morning we hear the profoundly stirring second movement as our Prelude: *Alleluias sereins d'une âme qui désire le ciel* ("Serene alleluias of a soul that longs for heaven"); and the thrilling third movement as the Postlude: *Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne* ("Outbursts of joy of a soul before the glory of Christ, which is its own glory"), often referred to simply as *Transports de joie*. Like *God Is Gone Up*, we hear Messiaen's music this morning in commemoration of the Day of Ascension.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

***Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ellen (Gubernick) Howlett, with love from Ann Brownhill Gubernick.***

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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 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, Henry Waisapy, Bill Wanek Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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### ***Faithful Departed:***

April 2, 2023: Ellen (Gubernick) Howlett—beloved sister-in-law of Ann Brownhill Gubernick.

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	
10:30 am	Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
11 am	Worship. Sanctuary and livestream.
11:15 am	Children’s Church. Kirkland Chapel and Christian Education Center.
12:30 pm	Betsey Jackson Celebration. Bonnell Hall.

This Week	
Tue May 23	Unmasking the Powers of the Gun Violence Epidemic. 7 pm • Zoom. A conversation with Deanna Hollas, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Details and registration at <a href="https://fapc.org/gun-violence">fapc.org/gun-violence</a> .
Wed May 24	Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
Thu May 25	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.
Sat May 27	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> ).  New Member Intensive Class. 2 pm • Zoom. A three-hour online version of our Believing & Belonging class. Details and registration are at <a href="https://fapc.org/membership">fapc.org/membership</a> .

Coming Up	
Sun May 28	Day of Pentecost. 10 am • Sanctuary and livestream. Our summer worship schedule begins.  Bagels & Bible Study. 12 pm • Fourth floor. New members welcome to join our 30s and 40s community group.  FAYA Summer Kick-Off Party. 12 pm • Central Park. All young adults are invited! Contact: The Rev. Sarah Speed ( <a href="mailto:youngadult@fapc.org">youngadult@fapc.org</a> ).
Mon May 29	Memorial Day holiday. Building closed.
Tue May 30	Book discussion: America and Its Guns, by the Rev. James Atwood. 7 pm • Zoom. Details and registration at <a href="https://fapc.org/gun-violence">fapc.org/gun-violence</a> .
Thu Jun 1	Healing the Wounds of Gun Violence: An Online Vigil. 7 pm • Zoom. Details and registration at <a href="https://fapc.org/gun-violence">fapc.org/gun-violence</a> .
Fri June 2– Sun June 4	Family Camp. 5 pm • Holmes Camp & Retreat Center. Contact: Jaime Staehle ( <a href="mailto:familyministries@fapc.org">familyministries@fapc.org</a> ).
Sun June 4	Chapel Renovation Presentation. 11:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Details on the proposed renovation of Kirkland Chapel. All are invited to attend.

**Next Sunday • Day of Pentecost**  
“Day by Day” • Acts 2:1-13, 37, 41-42, 44-47  
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.

Congregational Meeting: June 4

On Sunday, June 4, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will convene a Congregational Meeting to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The meeting will begin at the close of the 10 am worship service in the Sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend.

Welcome to Our Extended Family!

With us this morning are 19 of our extended family—members and friends of Fifth Avenue from many parts of the country beyond New York. We have been delighted to host them for our first Beyond the Walls weekend. Please welcome these extended family members following worship in Bonnell Hall—you’ll spot them by their red name tags. And mark your calendars for next year’s Beyond the Walls weekend, which is set for May 17–19, 2024.

Congratulations to Our New Officers

This morning we ordain and install new officers for the Session and Board of Deacons, and install new members of the Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee. We congratulate you all and thank you for your service to the church! The complete slate of officers for the coming program year appears on page 11 of the bulletin.

Today: Betsey Jackson Portrait and Board Room Dedication

We invite you to Bonnell Hall following worship today, where we will welcome our special guest, the artist Clayton Singleton, and unveil his long-awaited portrait of Betsey Jackson, one of the founding members of this congregation. Afterward, we will hang the portrait in the Betsey Jackson Board Room on the fifth floor. Once the portrait is installed, we welcome you to come upstairs to view the newly renovated Board Room and Romeyn Room. Don’t miss the Betsey Jackson coloring-book portraits by our Sunday School children as well!

Tuesday: A Three-Part Series on Gun Violence Begins

This week Outreach Ministries begins a series of events focused on the epidemic of gun violence in the U.S. On Tuesday (May 23), we invite you to a conversation on Zoom with Deanna Hollis of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. The conversation begins at 7 pm. On Tuesday, May 30, we will host an online discussion of the Rev. Jim Atwood’s book, *America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé* (Cascade Books, 2012), and an evening vigil on Thursday, June 1. Details for all events are at [fapc.org/gun-violence](https://fapc.org/gun-violence).

Saturday: New Member Intensive

Our next new member class is happening this Saturday (May 27) at 2 pm on Zoom. This three-hour, intensive version of our Believing & Belonging class will fully prepare you for membership in Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Or, if you are not ready for membership, you will still learn a lot about this church and the Presbyterian tradition. Details and registration are at [fapc.org/membership](https://fapc.org/membership), or email Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

Next Sunday: Summer Schedule Begins

We begin our summer worship schedule next Sunday, May 28, with a single service at 10 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream. Sunday School, Youth Group and Children’s Choir all wrapped last week, but Children’s Church continues through Sunday, June 18. The Little Lambs nursery continues all summer. FAYA Midweeks also are through until the fall, but special events for Fifth Avenue’s young adults will be happening throughout the summer. Watch for details!

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*  
John Wyatt, *Clerk of Session* • Meg Sheehan, *Assistant Clerk of Session*  
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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Claire Kedeshian	Janeen A. Sarlin	Brian McLendon
John Kern	Meg Sheehan	Louisa Raitt
William Stone	Sylvia Winrich	Martha Van Hise
John Wyatt		

The Board of Deacons

Greg Dow, *Moderator* • Joann Harrah, *Vice Moderator* • Sarah McKoy, *Secretary*  
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