

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

DAY OF PENTECOST MAY 28, 2023 • 10:00 AM



Marianne Gonzales, The Fire that Lights the Church

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 if 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 Fantasia on Komm, Heiliger Geist

("Come, Holy Spirit"), BWV 651

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Chorale Variations on "Veni creator"

("Come, Holy Ghost") Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Jennica Carmona-Arandia One: Holy Spirit, Creator,

in the beginning you moved over the waters.

From your breath all creation drew life.

Without you, life turns to dust.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Chad Schepp, in German One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration,

the prophets spoke and acted in faith.

You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

All: Holy Counselor, come!

Dicky Tuwaidan, in Indonesian One: Holy Spirit, Power,

you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;

you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

All: Spirit of Power, descend upon us!

Ashley Gonzalez, in Spanish One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,

you created us children of God;

you make us the living temple of your presence;

you intercede within us

with sighs too deep for words.

All: Fall upon us, Sanctifying Spirit!

Patrick Obeng-Frimpong, in Twi One: Holy Spirit, Giver of Life,

you guide and make holy the Church you create.

You give gifts—

The spirit of wisdom and understanding...

All: You give us the spirit of unity...

Ashley Gonzalez, in Spanish One: The spirit of counsel and fortitude...

Elize Kim & Jake Yoon, in Korean One: The spirit of knowledge and piety...

Jacky Radifera, in Malagasy One: The spirit of the fear of the Lord...

Liturgists: That the whole creation

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(in all languages) may become what you want it to be.

All: Come and be with us, Giver of all good gifts.

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Liturgists:

True and only Light,

(in all languages) from whom comes every good gift,

send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.

Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.

Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

\* Hymn 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

\* CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Werner Ramirez

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

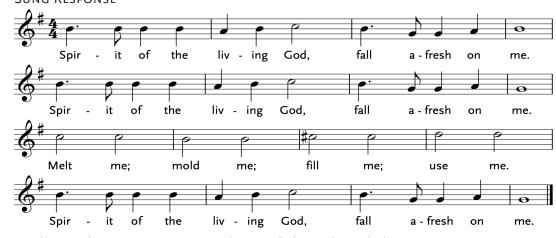
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

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

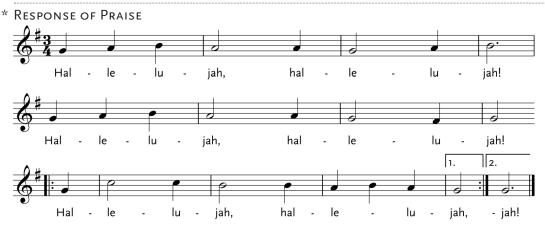
## \* SUNG RESPONSE



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\* Assurance of Pardon



Music: George Mxadana.

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\* Passing of the Peace

ANTHEM
Fifth Avenue Choir
& Community Choir

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

His Eye Is on the Sparrow • Traditional, arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come, Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heav'n and home; When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is he; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

Refrain

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free; For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
From care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know he watches me.
Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ashley Gonzalez, Director of Engagement

Anthem

Bless the Lord, O My Soul • Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Text: Psalm 104:1-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:

Who maketh the clouds his chariot:

Who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits;

Who maketh his angels spirits

His ministers a flaming fire!

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-13, 37, 41-42, 44-47

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

SERMON

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

\* Affirmation of Faith

Day by Day

Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith

Presbyterian Church (USA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

\* HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Seminarian Caroline Grindrod

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

I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

I'm gonna sing 'til the spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes. It was grace that brought me, It was grace that taught me, It was grace that kept ame,

And it's grace that will lead me home.

I'm gonna pray 'til the spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes. Can't you feel the spirit movin'?

I'm gonna shout 'til the spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes. I'm gonna sing 'til my Jesus comes.

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\* 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 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

(Veni creator spiritus) 9th century plainsong

Text: attrib. Rhabanus Maurus, 8th-9th cent.; trans. John Cosin, 1627

Teach us to know the Father, Son, And thee, of both, to be but One; That through the ages all along This, this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE Final Variation on "Veni creator" ("Come, Holy Ghost")

Maurice Duruflé

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Community Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, Associate Organist
Ezekiel Andrew, Sharon Byrne, Claire Myers McCormick, Rachel Mikol
Richard Saunders, Rebecca Soelberg, Soloists

## WORSHIP NOTES

The Anthem this morning is an exciting and evocative piece by one of the leading composers of choral music today: Jonathan Dove. In his distinctive, minimalist fashion, Dove vividly captures the fire and wonder of this morning's commemoration of Pentecost. In his own words, Dove says, "Bless the Lord, O My Soul was commissioned by a group of people whose early lives were dedicated to choral singing. I wanted their Millennium Anthem to be a celebration of song, and Psalm 104 provided a wonderful sequence of expansive imagery. The organ part is quite virtuosic, beginning with a flourishing fanfare suggesting a heavenly vision, which provokes the choir into a wordless cry of wonder; in contrast, their first words are hushed, awe-struck. The organ creates a backdrop of twinkling stars for 'who coverest thyself with light' and a calm sea for 'who layest the beams of his chambers in the waters'. The hushed 'Bless the Lord' returns, but now fast and loud, ushering in the most dramatic imagery: the chariot of clouds, the wings of the wind, and finally the depiction of God's ministers as a 'flaming fire'."

The Offertory Anthem, I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart, is one of the most famous arrangements by the great Moses Hogan, one of America's foremost composers and arrangers of choral music. Hogan's inimitable spiritual settings are sung and beloved throughout the world. They are widely admired for their masterful and stylish use of the choral instrument. Although Hogan was only 45 when he passed away from a brain tumor in 2003, his legacy lives on through his many compositions and arrangements as one of the most creative and influential figures in 20th-century American choral music.

The Prelude and Postlude are based on the traditional Pentecost hymn Veni creator spiritus ("Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"). The tune of this hymn is among the oldest in Western music, dating to the ninth century. Duruflé's monumental work Prelude, Adagio, and Chorale Variations on the Theme of "Veni creator" is one of the most sublime pieces in the organ repertoire. This morning we hear the final movement in its entirety, a set of five beautiful variations: the first four will be heard in alternation with the choir singing the original plainsong during the Prelude, and the final variation, a joyous and festive toccata, will be heard as the Postlude.

## 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, 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

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

9:30 am Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

**10 am** Worship. Sanctuary and livestream.

11:15 am Coffee Hour. Weber Terrace.

**Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.

11:30 am Bagels & Bible Study. Fourth floor. New members welcome to join our 30s and

40s community group.

12 pm FAYA Summer Kick-Off Party. Central Park. All young adults are invited! Contact:

The Rev. Sarah Speed (youngadult@fapc.org).

This Week

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 fapc.org/gun-violence.

**Thu June 1** Career Directions. 10 am • Zoom. A weekly gathering for job seekers or anyone

seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez (membership@fapc.org) for

the link.

Healing the Wounds of Gun Violence: An Online Vigil. 7 pm • Zoom. Details

and registration at fapc.org/gun-violence.

Fri June 2- Family Camp. Fifth Avenue families gather for our annual weekend at Holmes

**Sun June 4** Camp & Retreat Center.

Sat June 3 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).

Memorial Service for Julie Chan. 12 pm • Kirkland Chapel. The Rev. Seamus

Campbell, presiding.

Coming Up

Sun June 4 Chapel Renovation Presentation. 11:30 am • Bonnell Hall. All are invited to hear

the details of a proposed renovation, set to begin in 2024. An online presentation

will be available the week of June 5.

Fall Mission Trip Information Session. 5 pm • Zoom. Learn about our upcoming

visit with our mission partner Frontera de Cristo along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Register at fapc.org/border.

Fri June 9 – Women's Spring Sabbath Retreat. Community of St. John Baptist, Mendham,

**Sun June 11** New Jersey. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Next Sunday • Trinity Sunday

"A Most Holy Place" • Ezekiel 4:1-4

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, 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.

## **Next Sunday: 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.

## Also Next Sunday: Mission Trip Information Session

If you are interested in applying for the October mission trip to the U.S.-Mexico border, but you have not attended an information session, next Sunday is your last chance. Join us on Zoom at 5 pm to learn about our mission partner Frontera de Cristo and what you can expect from our weeklong visit. Details and registration are at *fapc.org/border*.

## Sign Up by Tuesday for the Women's Spring Sabbath!

There is room for you at our upcoming weekend retreat at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, New Jersey. But we need to hear from you by this coming Tuesday (May 30). The spring sabbath begins with dinner on Friday, June 9, and concludes right after lunch on Sunday, June 11. Go to fapc.org/adult-ed for more details and to register.

## Celebrating Scott's 15th Year at Fifth Avenue

This year marks Scott Black Johnston's 15th year as senior pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. To celebrate this milestone, and express our gratitude to the Black Johnston family, the church has scheduled two events—and you are invited to both. The first is an evening cocktail party from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Thursday, June 15, in Bonnell Hall. Then, following worship on Sunday, June 18, we will host a celebration during Coffee Hour, also in Bonnell Hall. If you plan to come on Thursday evening, please RSVP at *fapc.org/scott15* so that we are prepared with plenty of food and drink. Come join us in honoring Scott before he leaves for his summer study leave!

## Announcing Our New Director of Communications & Development

Sean McAvoy joins the Fifth Avenue staff on Tuesday, June 13, as the director of communications and development. Sean is relocating to Manhattan from New Haven, Connecticut, where he served on the development staff at Yale University for eight years, most recently as senior writer. A native of East Providence, Rhode Island, Sean has a bachelor of arts degree from Boston College (he is, regrettably, a Red Sox fan), and a master of arts in religion from Yale Divinity School and the Institute of Sacred Music. He succeeds Tim Palmer Curl, who has served as interim director of communications and development for the past year. Learn more about Sean at <code>fapc.org/news</code>.

## 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 & Retreat Center, a Christian summer camp in the New Jersey Highlands, about 90 minutes from Manhattan. Contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez (familyministries@fapc.org) for details and registration.

## GETTING CONNECTED

#### **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**

Our community group ministry helps you find your circle within the larger circle of the church. 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; our summer hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 am. 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 (except for our summer break, from June 25 until Homecoming). We also sponsor special events for families and kids throughout the year. Learn more (and register your child) at <code>fapc.org/family</code>. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, <code>familyministries@fapc.org</code>).

#### **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. 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 <code>fapc.org/choirs</code> 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.

## **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 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

Garden of Hope
Hands Along the Nile Development Services

Holmes Camp and Retreat Center Ministry of Hope Lesotho

Mission co-workers in

Madagascar, the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border

Search and Care
Urban Outreach Center NYC
WANA Community Resource Center

West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing

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).

## 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

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## Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



## Our Summer Schedule Starts Today

Please note our adjusted building hours (below) and worship schedule for the summer. From today through Sept. 3, we will offer one Sunday worship service, at 10 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream. Children's Church continues through Sunday, June 18. The Little Lambs nursery continues all summer. On Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 10, we will worship at 11 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream. Chapel Church returns at 9:30 am Sunday, Sept. 17, when we resume our regular worship schedule for the program year.

Details on upcoming services are on our worship calendar, fapc.org/worship.

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## **Building Hours**

Monday – Friday

9 am - 5 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 12 pm









