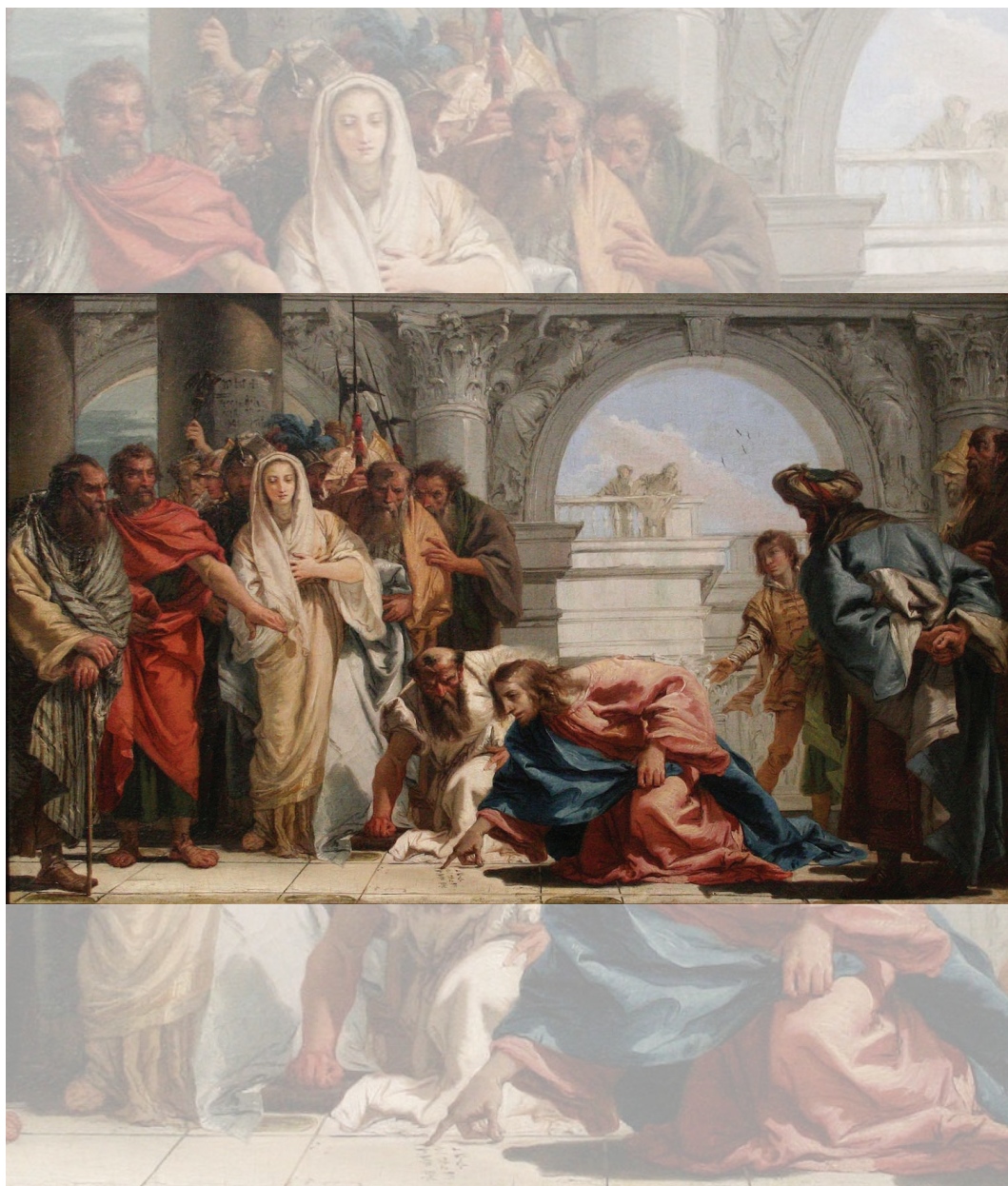




Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 11, 2023 • 10:00 AM



Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo, *Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery*, 1750–53

This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, gathered in the Sanctuary and online, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy or someone at our Welcome Table. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston
Senior Pastor

New to Fifth Avenue?

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at fapc.org/welcome. Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin 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 9:30 to 11:30 am 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

Three Pieces: Elevation • *George Walker* (1922–2018)

Byzantine Mosaics (1971): Fourth Mode

Anna Gerotheou Gallos (1920–2015)

Variation 1

Variation 2

Variation 3

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Meredith Fleck

Adapted from *Lamentations* 3

One: Your steadfast love, Lord, never ceases.

All: Your mercies never come to an end.

One: They are new every morning.
So let us proclaim—

**All: Great is your faithfulness.
Great is your love.
Great is your mercy.
And greatly is your name to be praised!**

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

* 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

(Choir sings once; then the congregation sings once.)

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Music: John L. Bell, 1995. Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995.
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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, - jah!

Music: George Mxadana.
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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LITANY OF PARTING

All: May God be with you there.
Children: May God be with you here.

*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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ashley Gonzalez, Director of Engagement

ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes • Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)
Text from Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help surely cometh from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber nor sleep.
The sun will not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
he shall preserve thy soul.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 4:4-8

Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, “God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says,

“God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

“Relationship: It’s Complicated”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the *Study Catechism*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

One: How do you understand the love
and power of God?

All: **Through Jesus Christ.
In his life of compassion,
his death on the cross,
and his resurrection from the dead,
I see how vast is God’s love for the world—
a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes,
yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it.**

One: What comfort do you receive from this truth?

All: **The powerful and loving God
is the one whose promises I may trust
in all the circumstances of my life,
and to whom I belong in life and in death. Amen.**

* HYMN 697

Take My Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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	<p>I Will Make a Way • <i>Tom Trenney (b. 1977)</i> <i>Text from Isaiah 43</i></p> <p>Behold! I will do a new thing! Everything old has passed away. See, everything old has become new. I will make a way in the wilderness. I will make rivers in the desert. Do not remember the former things or consider the ways of old. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and ostriches. For I give water in the wilderness, the desert shall be a pool.</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 463	<p>How Firm a Foundation (verse 2, high voices; verse 3, low voices)</p>
* BENEDICTION	
	<p><i>Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.</i></p>
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<p>The Lord Bless You • <i>E. Fred Morris</i></p> <p>The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you; May God's love ever, always surround you, Protect you, and guide you in all that you do; Our prayer for you. Amen.</p>
POSTLUDE	<p>Fanfare • <i>John Cook (1918–1984)</i></p>

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*
Choir members from First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska
Nebraska Wesleyan University
Tom Trenney, *Director*
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Dublin, Ohio
Jeremy Bankson, *Director*
Ariel Merivil, *Tenor Soloist*

WORSHIP NOTES

We are pleased to welcome the guest musicians leading us in worship this morning, a massed choir of members from First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska; Nebraska Wesleyan University (Tom Trenney, director); and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin, Ohio (Jeremy Bankson, director). These choirs are visiting New York for the weekend to participate in a performance by the National Masterworks Chorus at Carnegie Hall under the direction of their conductor, Tom Trenney, which took place last evening. In addition to being a gifted conductor, Tom is a renowned organist, and we are delighted that he is leading our hymn singing in worship today. Tom's hymn arrangements and colorful accompaniments are beloved throughout the country, and he has a special gift for illuminating the texts of these sacred songs unlike any other. Welcome to Fifth Avenue, Tom and choirs—you bless us with your presence!

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 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

Faithful Departed:

May 8, 2023: David R. Morrison—beloved brother of the Rev. Dr. Pattie Kitchen.

June 2, 2023: Stan Noland—beloved father of Steve Noland, beloved father-in-law of Catherine Noland, and beloved grandfather of Ellis, Emily, Peter, Sam and William Noland.

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).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

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

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

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

5:30 pm **Banquet for Graduating Seniors.** Bonnell Hall.

This Week

Thu June 15 **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez (membership@fapc.org) for the link.

Cocktails with Scott. 5:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. The first of two, all-congregation events to celebrate Scott Black Johnston's 15th year as senior pastor. *You must RSVP for this event no later than today!* Go to fapc.org/scott15 or email Katie Miller (kmiller@fapc.org).

Sat June 17 **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).

FAYA Baseball Night. 6 pm • Brooklyn. Fifth Avenue's young adults cheer on the Brooklyn Cyclones. Tickets are \$15. Contact: The Rev. Sarah Speed (youngadults@fapc.org).

Coming Up

Sun June 18 **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary and livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Celebrating Scott's 15th Anniversary. 11:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Join us following worship as we celebrate Scott's 15 years as senior pastor. No RSVP needed—just come!

Memorial Service for Suzanne Warnecke. 2:30 pm • Kirkland Chapel. The Rev. Kate Dunn, presiding.

Sun June 25 **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary and livestream. The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching. Join us as we celebrate Pride Sunday!

Pride March Watch Party. 12 pm • FAYA (Fifth Avenue Young Adults) hits the streets to celebrate Pride. Contact: The Rev. Sarah Speed (youngadults@fapc.org).

Margaret Shafer Community Picnic. 1 pm • Central Park. Our annual fellowship event with neighbors in need. Sign up to volunteer at fapc.org/volunteer.

Next Sunday • Third Sunday after Pentecost

"The View from Here, Part 16" • 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching

Next Week: 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 this Thursday, June 15, in Bonnell Hall. *If you plan to come on Thursday, we must hear from you today!* RSVP to fapc.org/scott15 or email Katie Miller (kmiller@fapc.org). Following worship next Sunday, June 18, we will host a special celebration during Coffee Hour, also in Bonnell Hall (no RSVP required). Come join us in honoring Scott before he begins his summer study leave!

Call for Volunteers: Margaret Shafer Community Picnic

One of our most beloved traditions at Fifth Avenue, the Margaret Shafer Community Picnic, is coming up on Sunday, June 25. Volunteers gather in Central Park to share a picnic lunch and conversation with our neighbors in need. If you are available to help set up, serve or clean up, please submit the volunteer form you will find at fapc.org/volunteer.

Coming Up: Celebrating Pride

New York's celebration of Pride month culminates on Sunday, June 25, with the annual Pride March, which steps off at noon from Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. We will mark the occasion during worship at 10 am, with the Rev. Sarah Speed in the pulpit. Afterward our young adults will head down the avenue to enjoy the march. If you are in your 20s or 30s and want to come along, contact Rev. Sarah at youngadults@fapc.org.

Summer Events for Youth and Young Adults

While many of our programs take a break for the summer, our youth and young adults do not. The Youth Group has a volunteer day and Central Park hangout coming up later this month, with summer camp and a day trip to the Farminary ahead. FAYA (Fifth Avenue Young Adults) has a summer filled with baseball, bowling, prom night and much more. Check out fapc.org/youth and fapc.org/faya for a complete calendar and contact information. We love to welcome new faces!

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.

Tours Continue All Summer

Free, docent-led tours of our historic Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and the Chesnut Gallery will be offered every Sunday, all summer long, following worship. Tours last about half an hour. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary, just inside the Fifth Avenue entrance, and look for the docent holding the yellow "TOUR STARTS HERE" sign.

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



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Join the church

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Make a donation

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Prepare for baptism

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

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

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

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

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

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Please contact Timothy Palmer Curl (fapc@fapc.org) if you have questions or concerns.

If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



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