

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 23, 2023 • 10:00 AM

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Kebra Nagast, a 17th century Ethiopian manuscript, *Peter's Denial*

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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 9:30 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](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

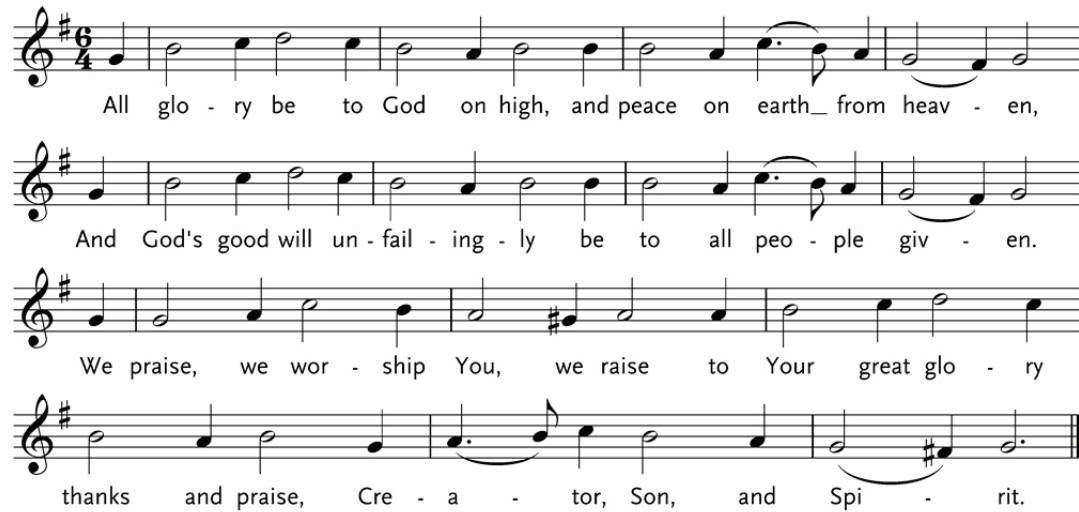
We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park for up to three hours, seven days a week. Please provide your mobile phone number or an email address to the staff person at the 55th Street reception desk. You will receive a QR code to use at the garage. (The garage no longer provides physical validation stickers.)

## 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.*

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| PRELUDE                                      | Symphony no. 5 in F minor: Adagio • C.M. Widor (1844–1937)   |
| * CALL TO WORSHIP<br>Elder Nancy Moore       | <i>Psalm 95:1,2</i><br>One: O come, let us sing to the Lord<br>and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!<br><br>All: <b>Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,<br/>singing joyful songs of praise.</b>  |
| * HYMN 361                                   | <b>O Christ, the Great Foundation</b>  |
| * CALL TO CONFESSION<br>The Rev. Sarah Speed |  |
| * PRAYER OF CONFESSION                       | <b>Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you<br/>in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,<br/>and by what we have left undone.<br/>We have not loved you with our whole heart;<br/>we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.<br/>In your mercy, forgive what we have been,<br/>help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,<br/>so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,<br/>to the glory of your holy name.</b><br><br><i>Silent Reflection and Confession</i> |
| * SUNG RESPONSE                              | (Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)<br><br>To you, O God, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.____  |
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| * ASSURANCE OF PARDON                        |  |

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth\_ from heav - en,  
And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.  
We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry  
thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit.

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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

SOLO

Acquaint Now Thyself with Him • *Michael Head* (1900–1976)  
*Text from Job 22; Psalms 96 & 99; Micah 6*

Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace;  
Thereby good shall come unto thee.  
Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace.  
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy hill.  
For the Lord our God is holy.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Fear before him all the earth.  
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.  
Bring an offering, and come unto his courts.  
Wherewith shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before the most high God?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings?  
He hath showed thee O man what is good  
And what doth the Lord require of thee,  
But to do justly, and to love mercy  
And to walk humbly with thy God.  
Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace;  
Thereby good shall come unto thee.  
Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 16:13-19*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall*

“Peter the Rock, who was sometimes a Rockhead”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Message* from Matthew 16:15-18

One: Who do you say Jesus is?

All: **Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah,  
the Son of the living God.**

One: God bless you.  
Now I’m going to tell you who you are, really are.  
You are a rock on which Christ will put his church,  
a church so expansive  
that not even the gates of hell  
will be able to keep it out.

All: **May it be so. Amen**

\* HYMN 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen*

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 SOLO	<p>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • <i>Eric H. Thiman (1900–1975)</i>  <i>Text by Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153), trans. E. Caswall</i></p> <p>Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;          But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.          Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find          A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.          O Hope of every contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,          To those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!          But what to those who find?          Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;          The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.          Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;          Jesu, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.</p>
* DOXOLOGY	<p><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></p>
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	
* HYMN 65	<b>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</b>
* BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	Symphony no. 1 in D minor: Final • <i>Louis Vierne (1870–1937)</i>

The ministry of music this morning is offered by  
 Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
 Alex McCoy, *Tenor*

## 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](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, John Macy 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

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### Faithful Departed

July 13, 2023: Edgar Ramirez—Beloved brother of Armando Ramirez, brother-in-law of Sandra Ramirez, and Tio to Werner and Marta Ramirez.

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



## CALENDAR

### Today

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Little Lambs Nursery.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
<b>10 am</b>	<b>Worship.</b> Sanctuary and livestream.
<b>10 am</b>	<b>Summer Kids Program.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. All kids in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle ( <a href="mailto:familyministries@fapc.org">familyministries@fapc.org</a> ).
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Tour the Church.</b> Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary. <b>Coffee Hour.</b> Bonnell Hall.
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Bagels and Bible Study.</b> 7th floor.

### This Week

<b>Sat July 29</b>	<b>Meals on Heels.</b> 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> ).
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### Coming Up

<b>Sun July 30</b>	<b>Worship.</b> 10 am. Sanctuary and livestream. The Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall, preaching. <b>FAYA at the PLAYA!</b> For more information, please contact: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed ( <a href="mailto:youngadults@fapc.org">youngadults@fapc.org</a> )
<b>Sun Aug 6</b>	<b>Worship.</b> 10 am. Sanctuary and livestream. The Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall, preaching.
<b>Thu Aug 10</b>	<b>Thursday Night at the Food Court.</b> For more information, please contact: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed ( <a href="mailto:youngadults@fapc.org">youngadults@fapc.org</a> )
<b>Thu Aug 17</b>	<b>Youth Day Trip to the Farminary.</b> For more information, please contact: The Rev. Werner Ramirez ( <a href="mailto:youth@fapc.org">youth@fapc.org</a> )

### Next Sunday • Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

“The Nameless Woman Who Will Always Be Remembered” • Mark 14:1-11  
The Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall, preaching.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Today: The Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall

The Rev. Dr. Laura Mendenhall will be with us from today until Sunday, August 13. Laura is a Presbyterian pastor, a former seminary president, and a longtime Texan. In recent years, Laura and her husband, Chuck, also a Presbyterian minister, have connected with Fifth Avenue via our livestream. Laura is a gifted preacher and storyteller. During her time with us this summer, her sermons will focus on Biblical stories in which God’s redemptive love enters the lives of ordinary folks.

### Sundays, July 23 – August 13, 10 am – 1:30 pm • Summer Kids!

All kids in Preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center for four Sundays this summer as we go on a roll with God in a Food Truck Party! We’ll discover God’s sustaining love in our lives through bible stories, crafts, music, games, and science. On vacation for a couple of weeks? No problem! Kids don’t need to attend each week in order to have a great time. Parents are encouraged to take part in our 10 am worship service and then head out for brunch or a walk in Central Park until our program is finished. The cost for each day is just \$10 and includes a pizza lunch. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, July 30 • FAYA at the PLAYA!

Bring a bathing suit and a towel to church this morning, because FAYA will be headed to Brighton Beach right after worship. Contact: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)).

### Thursday, August 10 • Thursday Night at the Food Court

Join FAYA after work for dinner at Urbanspace NYC, by Vanderbilt One and just north of Grand Central Terminal. Enjoy cuisines from all over the world, craft beer, and classic favorites, such as lobster rolls, burgers, and more. The food options are endless!

### Thursday, August 17 • Youth Day Trip to the Farminary

Join us as we head down to the Farminary, our mission partner near Princeton Theological Seminary. We’ll learn about how the land sustains food, and we’ll help to harvest some of that food. If you’re lucky, you can eat a cherry tomato right off the vine! For more information, contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez ([youth@fapc.org](mailto:youth@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, September 10: Homecoming

Mark your calendars for our annual Homecoming worship and celebration!

### This Fall: ‘Insight Trip’ to Egypt

Hands Along the Nile Development Services (HANDS), a Fifth Avenue mission partner, invites you to take part in a 12-day “insight trip” to Egypt, starting Nov. 5. Sponsored and led by HANDS staff, insight trips offer visitors a firsthand look at many of the ministries this congregation supports through our mission partner relationship. Participants will learn about Egyptian art and history, take a Nile River cruise, and share a meal with a local family. Details are available at [handsalongthenile.org/causes/insight-trips](http://handsalongthenile.org/causes/insight-trips). Registration and down payment are due by July 25.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*  
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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The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*  
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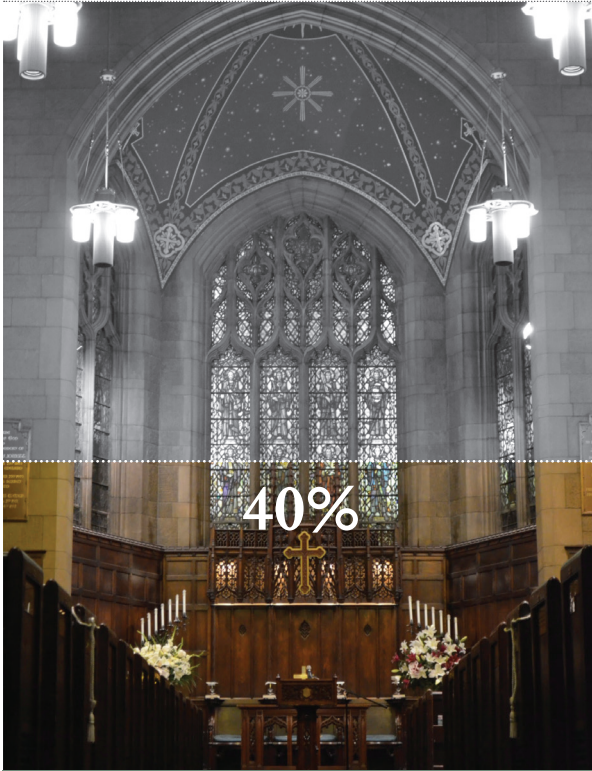


**Prepare for baptism**  
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**Add a name to the prayer list** • Lisauri Marizan, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)  
**Hire our caterer** • Rodrigo Rosas, [rodrigo@roxoevents.com](mailto:rodrigo@roxoevents.com)  
**Notify us of a death or illness** • Lisauri Marizan, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)  
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## Kirkland Chapel

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8 am – 12 pm



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