

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 • 11:00 AM

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*Pillars of Creation, James Webb Telescope, 2022*

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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! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary (to the right when looking down the aisle). Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service with your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. Every Sunday, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. There is Sunday school for children in preschool through 5th grade at 9:30 am and Children’s Church for children in preschool through 2nd grade at 11:15 am.

## ➡ 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.*

### PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### INTROIT

“Jubilate Deo” • *Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)*  
*Text: Psalm 100*

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;  
Glory be to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end, Amen.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Clerk of Session John Wyatt*

One: Why do you come to worship God?  
**All: We come seeking a blessing from the Lord.**

One: What is this blessing that you seek?

**All: We seek an encounter with the Holy One,  
the Author of Creation.**

One: My friends, I have good news for you!

**All: What’s that?**

One: The Author of Creation is also looking for us,  
intent on washing us in mercy, filling us with love,  
and calling us to service.

**All: This IS good news!  
Let us worship Almighty God, tender and just.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 409

**God Is Here!**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

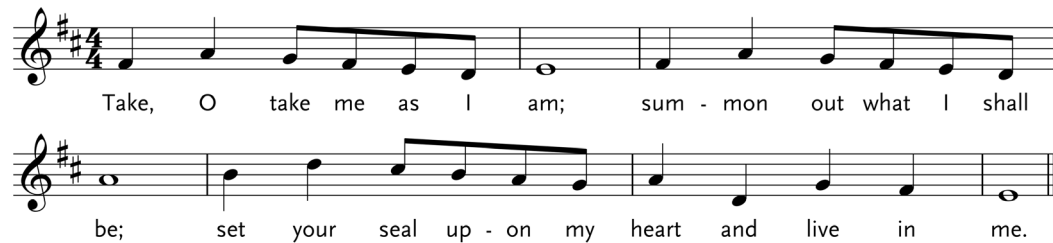
\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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



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\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Baptism

\* CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

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

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

*Choir and Congregation*

\* SUNG RESPONSE

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

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

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

REMARKS

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SONG

"The Lord" from *Seven Psalms* • Paul Simon (b. 1941)

*Chapel Church Music*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Psalms 139:1-14*

*Natalie Owens-Pike, Director of Ministry to the Online Campus*

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

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



SERMON	<b>“Wired for Wonder”</b>
* RESPONSE OF FAITH	<p><i>based on Revelation 3</i></p> <p>One: Wonder seeks us out. Wonder raps at the door of our hearts. “Hello!” says Wonder...</p> <p><b>All: “I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you. I will share life with you.”</b></p> <p>One: Our souls yearn for this encounter. When Wonder knocks on the door.</p> <p><b>All: We will get up. We will pay attention. We will let heaven in!</b></p> <p>One: Amen to that. Amen.</p>
* HYMN 29	<b>O God, You Search Me</b>
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE <i>The Rev. Sarah A. Speed</i>	
THE LORD’S PRAYER	<p><b>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.</b></p>
CALL TO GIVE	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<p>Fifth Avenue Te Deum (2023) • <i>Philip Stopford (b. 1977)</i></p> <p>We praise thee, O God, We acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud, The Heavens and all the Powers therein. To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy Glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs praise thee. The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; The Father of an infinite majesty</p>

	<p>Thine honorable, true, and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, Thou did’st not abhor the Virgin’s womb. When thou had’st overcome the sharpness of death, Thou did’st open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee help thy servants, Whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting. O Lord save thy people and bless thine heritage, Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify thee and we worship thy name, Ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin, O Lord, have mercy upon us, O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted. Let me never be confounded.</p>
* DOXOLOGY	<p><b>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.</b></p>
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	
* HYMN 625	<b>How Great Thou Art</b>
* BENEDICTION	<p><i>Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.</i></p>
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<p>“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)</i> <i>Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)</i></p> <p>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.</p>
POSTLUDE	<p>Sinfonia from Cantata no. 29 <i>J.S. Bach (1685–1750), arr. Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)</i></p>
<p>The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir Dr. Ryan Jackson, <i>William S. Perper</i> Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries Dr. Patrick Kreeger, <i>Associate Organist</i> Chapel Church Music feat. Can Olgun, Jennifer Reed, Wayne Wilson, and Tim Bassom</p>	

## WORSHIP NOTES

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This morning we are overjoyed to offer the world premiere performance of Philip Stopford's "Fifth Avenue Te Deum." This is a brand-new piece for choir and organ commissioned by the Fifth Avenue congregation in honor of Ryan Jackson's tenth anniversary as Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries.

In the words of Philip Stopford himself, "It has been my great pleasure to compose a new work for Ryan Jackson and the Choir of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. As with any sacred work, the job of the composer is to express through new music the text being set. With the Te Deum, we have an ancient hymn of praise, often used at the conclusion of a great service, as at the conclusion of the recent Coronation of King Charles III at Westminster Abbey. My new Te Deum reflects the same text with music influenced by the sights and sounds of New York City—bright lights, rhythmic energy, Broadway-style melodies and all the joy of the city that never sleeps. I really hope you enjoy this ancient text wrapped up in a new sound."

Sacred music is a living tradition. Through the commissioning and performance of new works such as this, it is kept vibrant and vigorous. All your Fifth Avenue musicians offer their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the fund for this extraordinary gift. We hope you enjoy this marvelous new addition to the beloved repertoire of music for choir and organ!

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of those lost on 9/11,  
with love from Patricia Hann.***

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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, Janet Gibbs, Sterling Gillis IV, Wanda Roush Hannan Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie 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, Taylor Shultz, Spencer Robert Smith Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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### **Faithful Departed:**

September 2, 2023: Toby Van Buren—beloved member of the Fifth Avenue community.

September 4, 2023: Jean McDowell—beloved sister-in-law of Jeanne Pape.

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

## CALENDAR

### Today

- 9:30 am** **Family Ministries Homecoming Breakfast.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Homecoming Worship.** Sanctuary and livestream.
- 12:30 pm** **Homecoming Celebration.** Featuring a photo booth, book raffle, delicious food, fun activities, and fellowship.

### This Week

- Wed Sep 13** **Feed Your Soul.** 6 pm • Bonnell Hall & Kirkland Chapel. For more information, please contact Christine Boyle ([outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).
- Office Hours for Natalie Owens-Pike.** 5:30 – 7 pm. A chance for members to get to know Natalie and each other over Zoom. Contact Natalie ([hybridchurch@fapc.org](mailto:hybridchurch@fapc.org)) for the link.
- Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!
- Thu Sep 14** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)) for the link.
- Sat Sep 16** **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](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Sep 17** **Chapel Church returns!** 9:30 am • Kirkland Chapel.
- Worship.** 11 am. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- Wed Sept 20** **Return of Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) Midweeks!** 6:30 pm. Our first session will kick off with small groups in the Living Room.
- Thu Sep 21** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)) for the link.
- Sat Sep 23** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall.
- Sun Sep 24** **Worship.** 11 am. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- The Word Is Out.** 9:30 am • 6th Floor Break Room. All are welcome. To learn more, contact Ashley Gonzalez ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).
- Fri Oct 6–Sun Oct 8** **FAYA Fall Retreat.** Join us as we head out of town for a lovely fall weekend. Registration is available online. Email [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) for questions!

### Next Sunday • Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“Swept Up” • 2 Samuel 6:12b-19

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Welcome to Homecoming

Today Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston returns to the pulpit and we welcome back the full Fifth Avenue Choir! Scott begins a 12-week sermon series, *Detectives of Divinity*, which explores where we can encounter the divine in our own lives. The Arts & Our Faith Committee opens *The King of Instruments*, an exhibition of the rich history and exciting future of organ music at Fifth Avenue. Then, don’t miss the Homecoming Celebration, an afternoon of good food and good friends as we begin the new program year. The festivities start at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall.

### Baptized Today

Eloise Rue Kenton, child of Joseph and Tammi Kenton.

### Wednesday, September 13: Feed Your Soul

The staff of Fifth Avenue welcome you for an evening of breaking bread, fellowship and communal prayer. Feed Your Soul readies us for a year of faithful service as officers, vocalists, ushers, greeters, Sunday School teachers, Outreach volunteers, and more! Join us for dinner starting at 6 pm in Bonnell Hall, followed by reflection and communion in Kirkland Chapel. Please register online by Monday, Sept. 11. Registration is required for this event. For more information, please contact Christine Boyle ([outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, September 17: Chapel Church Returns!

We’re excited to celebrate the joyous return of Chapel Church at 9:30 am! Come worship with us in Kirkland Chapel and hear some great music from our Chapel Church Music, featuring members of the Fifth Avenue family. For more information, please contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed ([chapelchurch@fapc.org](mailto:chapelchurch@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, September 17: Reimagining Gospel Miracles for Today’s World

Take an illuminating journey into the heart of miracles with Reverend Dr. Eric D. Barreto, the Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. We will delve into Gospel stories of healing, exorcism, and the feeding of the 5000, focusing on how these ancient narratives and offer profound insights for our lives. Registration is required. For more information and to register, please contact Jaime Staehle ([adulthood@fapc.org](mailto:adulthood@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, September 24: Adult Education: How Bad Policy Systematizes Violence for People of Color

Adult Education, the Anti-Racism Response Team, and Outreach Ministries jointly sponsor this 7 pm conversation with Pastor Gilford Monroe, founding president of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, a.k.a. The GodSquad. Monroe also serves as the director of faith-based and community partnerships for the Office of the Mayor of New York City. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle ([adulthood@fapc.org](mailto:adulthood@fapc.org)).

### Wednesday, September 27: Online Bereavement Group

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will host a 10-week, online bereavement support group for anyone struggling with grief and the aftermath of loss. The group, led by bereavement counselor Ellen Theg, will meet on Zoom every Wednesday at 7 pm, beginning Sept. 27 and ending on Dec. 6. Enrollment is limited to eight persons. The cost is \$150 for the full program. Financial assistance is available. For more information, please contact Natalie Wardius ([congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)).

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### 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

Want stronger relationships? Community groups make that possible. We have over 20 community groups to help you form closer bonds within the Fifth Avenue family. Options available online and in-person. Learn more at [fapc.org/community-groups](http://fapc.org/community-groups), or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement ([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.

### 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 9:30 am to 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 (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 [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 ([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.

### 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 Care
Garden of Hope	Urban Outreach Center NYC
Hands Along the Nile Development Services	West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing
Holmes Camp and Retreat Center	
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	
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*  
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*  
John Wyatt, *Clerk of Session* • Meg Sheehan, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Jill Borrero	Eric Daniels	Rachel Brenner
Mae Cheng-PaVon	Ann Marie Koehler	Dennis Bushe
Bruni Fernandez	Sara Rodgers	Roseanne Lind
Paul Griggs	Chris Rogers	Nate Mahrer
Sam Griggs	Janeen A. Sarlin	Brian McLendon
Claire Kedeshian	Meg Sheehan	Louisa Raitt
John Kern	Sylvia Winrich	Martha Van Hise
William Stone		
John Wyatt		

### The Board of Deacons

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

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Jennica Carmona	Kirsten Aiello	Chrissy Badger
Greg Dow	Kelly Baer	Brendan Birth
Joann Harrah	Jessica Carmona	Joshua Code
Beverly Elmyra Johnson	Hope Griggs	Rumel Francois
Lydia Kalmen	Jane Henn	Jeanne Lehman French
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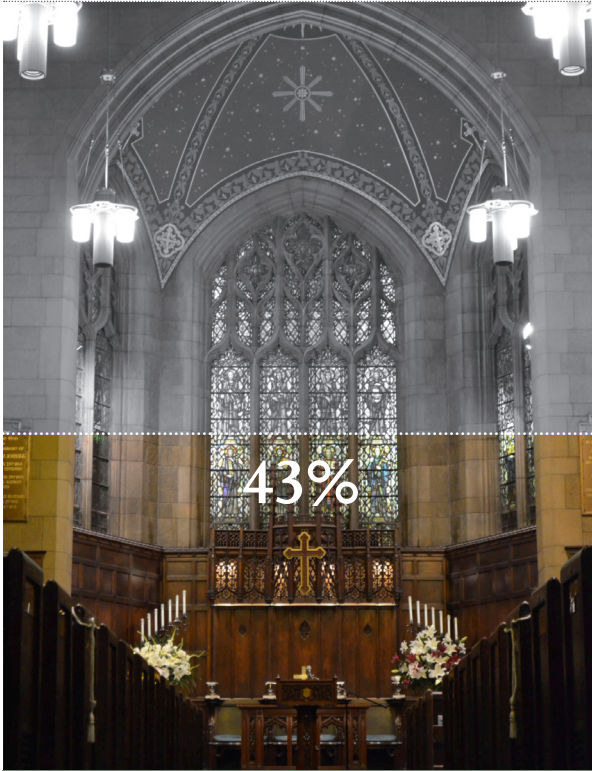
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