



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 • 11:00 AM

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Richard McBee, *David Dancing*, 1998

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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

## 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 settings of *Lobe den Herren*  
 (“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”)  
*Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748);*  
*Helmut Walcha (1907–1991); Gunther Martin Göttsche (b. 1953)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder Jill Borrero*

One: As we gather on this sacred day,  
we seek to learn, to grow, to connect  
with the Holy One:

All: **So, we ask for openness,  
we long to be surprised by God’s grace;**

One: We ask for humility,  
we yearn to be changed by Christ’s compassion;

All: **We ask for discernment,  
we want to hear the Spirit calling us;**

One: We ask for courage,  
we intend to answer heaven’s call.

All: **Let us worship the Living God,  
our reason for singing in praise.**

### \* HYMN 35

**Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

### \* 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*

\* SONG RESPONSE (Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)

Send your Ho - ly Spir - it on your gath - ered peo - ple,  
mer - ci - ful and lov - ing God, hear us, as we pray.

Music & Words: Jim Strathdee, 1993.  
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\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979. Words: Traditional Liturgical Text.  
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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  
The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM Salmo 150 (“Psalm 150”) • Ernani Aguiar (b. 1950)

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| Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius:         | Praise the Lord in his sacred places:           |
| Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis eius. | Praise him in the firmament of his power.       |
| Laudate eum in virtutibus eius,          | Praise him for his mighty acts,                 |
| Laudate eum secundum                     | Praise him according to                         |
| Multitudinem magnitudinis eius.          | His excellent greatness.                        |
| Laudate eum in sono tubae,               | Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,       |
| Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.     | Praise him with the psaltery and the harp.      |
| Laudate eum in timpano et choro,         | Praise him with the timbrel and the dance,      |
| Laudate eum in chordis et organo.        | Praise him with the strings and the organ.      |
| Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus;  | Praise him with high-sounding cymbals,          |
| Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis.    | Praise him with cymbals of joy.                 |
| Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.           | Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. |
| Laudate Dominum, Alleluia!               | Praise the Lord, Alleluia!                      |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Samuel 6:12-20

It was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ maids, as any vulgar fellow might shamelessly uncover himself!”

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

SERMON  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Swept Up”

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God above, who animates the cosmos,  
and who fills us with joy, hope and love,  
you know our weaknesses and our scruples.  
You know how easy it is for us to feel embarrassed and ashamed.  
Loosen the screws that give us the illusion of control.  
Free our spirits to cavort and shout and act with silly generosity.  
Be our dance partner this day and always. Amen.

\* HYMN 276

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
The Rev. Werner Ramirez

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.

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CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      Elijah Rock • *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*  
Oh Elijah, Oh Elijah...  
Elijah rock, Oh...  
  
Come on sister help me to pray,  
Tell me my Lord done pass this way.  
  
Elijah rock, shout, shout.  
Elijah rock, comin' up Lordy.  
Elijah rock, shout, shout.  
Elijah rock, comin' up Lord.  
  
Satan ain't nothin' but a snake in the grass.  
He's a conjur. He's a liar.  
Hallelujah Lord.  
  
Elijah rock, shout, shout.  
Elijah rock, comin' up Lordy.  
Elijah rock, shout, shout.  
Elijah rock, comin' up Lord.  
  
If I could I surely would  
Stand on the rock where Moses stood.  
If I could I surely would  
Stand on the rock where Moses stood.  
  
Oh, Elijah, Oh, Elijah...  
I'm comin', I'm comin', I'm comin' up Lord.

\* 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 645      **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

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

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\* CHORAL RESPONSE      May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*  
*Text by R. Gordon Nodwell*  
  
May the blessing of God be upon you.  
May God's love light all your way.  
May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.  
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.  
May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE      Toccata in Seven · *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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The Anthem is by Ernani Aguiar, perhaps one of the best known contemporary Brazilian composers. With its rapid articulations and gripping rhythms, Aguiar's setting of Psalm 150 is characteristic of his style, and an exciting example of contemporary Latin-American choral music.

The Offertory Anthem, *Elijah Rock*, is one of the most visceral and exciting expressions of spiritual ecstasy in all of choral music. *Elijah Rock* is a famous arrangement 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, and 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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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

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

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| <b>9:30 am</b>  | <b>Little Lambs Nursery.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.  |
| <b>9:30 am</b>  | <b>Chapel Church Returns!</b> Kirkland Chapel.  |
| <b>11 am</b>    | <b>Worship.</b> Sanctuary and livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.                           |
| <b>12:15 pm</b> | <b>Coffee Hour.</b> Weber Terrace and online.   |
| <b>12:30 pm</b> | <b>Adult Education: Reimagining Gospel Miracles for Today's World.</b><br>Jones Auditorium & Webinar.             |
|                 | <b>Tour the Church.</b> Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.  |
| <b>2 pm</b>     | <b>Memorial Service for Ed Fagan.</b> Kirkland Chapel. The Rev. Kate Dunn and the Rev. Werner Ramirez, presiding. |

### This Week

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| <b>Tue Sept 19</b> | <b>Supper Club.</b> 6:30 pm. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ( <a href="mailto:membership@fapc.org">membership@fapc.org</a> ) to learn more.  |
| <b>Wed Sept 20</b> | <b>Community Choir.</b> 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!<br><b>FAYA Midweek.</b> 6:30 pm. The Living Room. All 20s & 30s are welcome!   |
| <b>Thu Sept 21</b> | <b>Career Directions.</b> 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ( <a href="mailto:membership@fapc.org">membership@fapc.org</a> ) for the link. |
| <b>Sat Sept 23</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> ).          |

### Coming Up

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| <b>Sun Sept 24</b> | <b>The Word is Out.</b> 9:30 am • 6th floor of the Curry Church House.  |
| <b>Thu Sept 28</b> | <b>Career Directions.</b> 10 am • Zoom. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ( <a href="mailto:membership@fapc.org">membership@fapc.org</a> ) for the link.  |
| <b>Fri Sept 29</b> | <b>Parents Community Night.</b> 7 pm • Corning Logan.<br><b>Youth Group Last Friday Meetup.</b> 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. To register and for more information, please contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez ( <a href="mailto:youth@fapc.org">youth@fapc.org</a> ).     |
| <b>Sat Sept 30</b> | <b>Meals on Heels.</b> 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall.  |
| <b>Sun Oct 1</b>   | <b>The Mighty Austin Organ Tour.</b> 12:30 pm • Choir Loft. Led by Dr. Ryan Jackson, the William S. Perper Director of Music & Fine Arts Ministries. Space is limited. To register, please go online or contact Jaime Staehle ( <a href="mailto:adulthood@fapc.org">adulthood@fapc.org</a> ). |

### Next Sunday • Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

“God’s Shovel” • Matthew 7:7-11, Philippians 4:4-7  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Tuesday, September 19: Supper Club

This intergenerational group meets for dinner twice a month at various locations in the city. To learn more, please contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, September 24: The Word Is Out

All are welcome to “The Word is Out,” a Community Group for LGBTQ people of faith facilitated by John Kern. Join us for fellowship at 9:30 am on the 6th Floor Break Room in the Curry Church House. To learn more, contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)) for the link.

### 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. The GodSquad is a Brooklyn-based organization of clergy focused on lessening neighborhood tensions and acting as a liaison between their communities and law enforcement. 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)).

### Friday, September 29: Parents Community Night

Drop off your kids and teens in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center and head upstairs for an evening of fellowship, programming, and some hearty appetizers and drinks! Tonight Jaime Staehle leads a conversation about stewardship, reminding us that caring for the church is about much more than money. Registration required. To register, visit our website or contact Jaime Staehle ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).

### Friday, September 29: Youth Group Last Friday Meetup

It’s our first Last Friday of the fall, so don’t miss it! All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a night of pizza, games, and bible study. To register and for more information, please contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez ([youth@fapc.org](mailto:youth@fapc.org)).

### Did you know...

...that you can sponsor a Coffee Hour? In honor of a loved one, celebration of a milestone, or commemoration of a significant personal or familial event, you can support a Coffee Hour at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Please contact Rodrigo Rosas ([rodrigo@roxoevents.com](mailto:rodrigo@roxoevents.com)) for more information.

## 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](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-Grissom, 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-Grissom, 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:

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| 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> |
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| 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 |
| Shane Markstrum        | Sarah McKoy          | Bruce Ramsden        |
| Auguste Nipabi         | Jeannine Rodgers     | Susan Roberson       |
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