

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 • 11:00 AM



Amanda Macaulay, *Miner's Pan Shovel*, 2013

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 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. 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.)

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

Views from the Oldest House: 2. Elms • *Ned Rorem* (b. 1923)

A Quaker Reader • *Ned Rorem*

4. “There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil...”

8. “...No darkness at all...”

Organbook I: 3. Song • *Ned Rorem*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Emily Sytsma

One: We are weary of arrogance,

All: so we gather in humility.

One: We have had our fill of aggression,

All: so we gather with gentleness.

One: We have tasted the bitter fruit of hate,

All: so we gather to pursue love.

One: When God’s people dwell together in unity,

All: a new day will dawn.

One: Our hearts will be shaped by truth.

All: We will walk in the light of God.

* HYMN 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

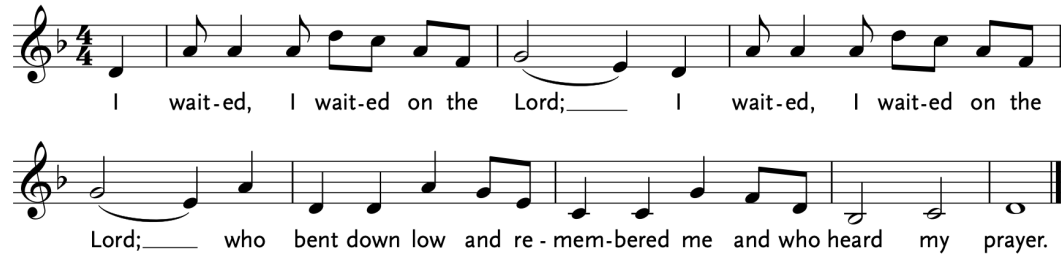
**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

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

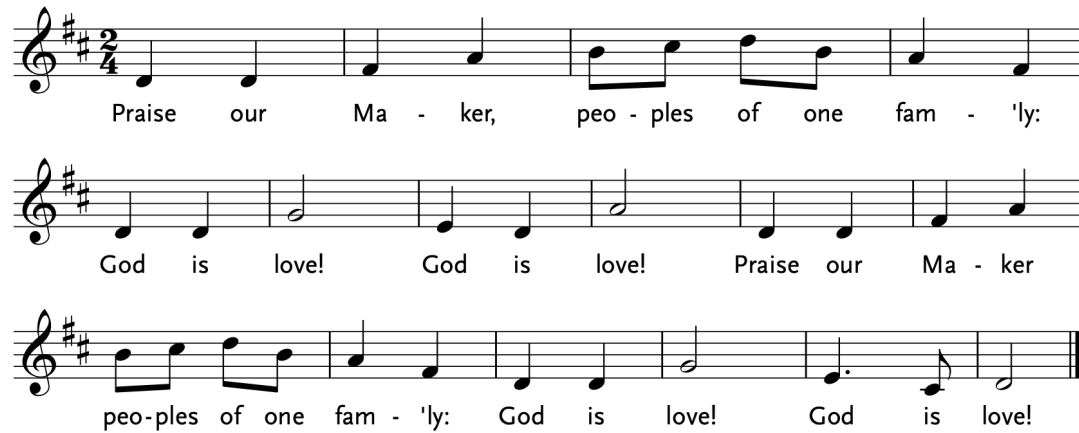


I wait-ed, I wait-ed on the Lord; I wait-ed, I wait-ed on the
 Lord; who bent down low and re-mem-bered me and who heard my prayer.

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Praise our Ma-ker, peo-ples of one fam-'ly:
 God is love! God is love! Praise our Ma-ker
 peo-ples of one fam-'ly: God is love! God is love!

Music: E. Rawdon Bailey (1859–1938). Text: Church and School Hymnal, 1926; adapt. RGH.

* 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 Pilgrims' Hymn • Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)
 Text by Michael Dennis Brown (b. 1940)
 Even before we call on your name
 To ask you, O God,
 When we seek for the words to glorify you,
 You hear our prayer;
 Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
 Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father,
 And to the Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit.
 Even with Darkness sealing us in,
 We breathe your name,
 And through all the days that follow so fast,
 We trust in you;
 Endless your grace, O endless your grace,
 Beyond all mortal dream.
 Both now and for ever,
 And unto ages and ages,
 Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“God’s Shovel”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Teach us to pray, O listening God.
 When we bow our heads,
 gift us with courage and honesty.
 And then, mold our hearts.
 Shape us as we dig for your truth.
 This is our earnest prayer,
 in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

* HYMN 175

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

Praise the Lord, O My Soul • *Ned Rorem (1923–2022)*
Text: Psalm 146

Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Put not your trust in rulers nor in any child of earth,
For there is no help in them.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
And in that day their thoughts perish.
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
Whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas,
And all that is in them;
Who keeps his promise forever;
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
And food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous;
The Lord cares for the stranger;
He sustains the orphan and widow,
But frustrates the way of the wicked.
The Lord shall reign forever,
Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

* 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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Peace of God (2021) • *Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)*
Text: Philippians 4:7

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
Shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in B major, op. 7 • *Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

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

Stephen Paulus's *The Three Hermits* is based on Leo Tolstoy's short story of the same name, an exploration of the nature of prayer. In the story, a bishop travels to a remote island because he has heard that three holy hermits live there, and he feels called to save their souls by teaching them how to pray properly. After spending a difficult day trying to teach them the Lord's Prayer, he returns to his boat which is anchored some distance from the island. As they're practicing the words the bishop has just taught them, the hermits realize they have forgotten part of the prayer. They run out on top of the water to the bishop's boat as though on dry land, and ask him to teach them again. The astonished bishop replies that God is obviously pleased with the way they pray already, and bids them go back to continue as they were. "The Pilgrims' Hymn" is sung by a chorus of Pilgrims accompanying the bishop on his voyage. This piece was sung at the funerals of Presidents Reagan and Ford.

Ned Rorem, the composer of this morning's Offertory Anthem, was born in Richmond, Indiana on October 23, 1923, and spent most of his youth in Chicago. He received his musical training at the American Conservatory of Music, Northwestern University, the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, and the Juilliard School. Particularly renowned for his art songs, Rorem also composed operas, symphonies, as well as pieces for various chamber ensembles. In 1976, Rorem received the Pulitzer Prize for Music recognizing his suite *Air Music: Ten Etudes of Orchestra*, which was first performed in Cincinnati in December of 1975. Rorem composed extensively for choir and wrote several pieces for solo organ. *Praise the Lord, O My Soul* is a wonderful example of Rorem's up-tempo and rhythmic choral style—the musical language is fundamentally tonal, with punchy chromaticism that is usually playful, sometimes a bit startling, often resulting in harmonies evocative of jazz. Rorem passed away in 2022 at the age of 99 in New York City.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Deacons (wearing white stoles) are available to pray with you after the service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request that they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. You may submit prayer requests online at fapc.org/prayer-requests.

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Pat Backus, Algernon John Baptiste, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa Narmella Elissa, Sohn Fong, 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

Faithful Departed:

September 17, 2023: Nghi Tran—beloved mother of David Tran and mother-in-law of Lydia Kalmén-Tran.

November 19, 2010: Margaret Witmer—Beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, and beloved mother of Maggi Pack.

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, 212.247.0490).

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Kirkland Chapel.
- 9:30 am** **The Word is Out.** 6th floor of the Curry Church House.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary and livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- 12:15 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall and online.
- 12:30 pm** **Bagels & Bible Study.** 7th Floor Conference Room. All 40s are welcome!
- 7 pm** **Gun Violence and Racial Justice: How Bad Policy Systematizes Violence for People of Color.** Webinar. Contact Jaime Staehle to register (adulthood@fapc.org).

This Week

- Wed Sept 26** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
- Wed Sept 27** **Asian-American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 7th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.
- Online bereavement group.** 7 pm. For more information, please contact Natalie Wardius (congregationalcare@fapc.org).
- Thu Sep 28** **Career Directions.** 10 am. Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (membership@fapc.org) for the link.
- Fri Sep 29** **Youth Group.** 7 pm. Last Friday Meetup. Calling all youth for our first Last Friday of the fall! To register, please contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org).
- Parents Community Night.** 7 pm. Corning Logan. An evening of fellowship, programming, and some hearty appetizers and drinks! Registration required. To register, please contact Jaime Staehle (familyministries@fapc.org).
- Sat Sep 30** **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).

Coming Up

- Sun Oct 1** **The Mighty Austin Organ Tour.** 12:30 pm. Choir Loft. Come see and hear for yourself what makes our Mighty Austin pipe organ a miracle of engineering, 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 (adulthood@fapc.org).

Next Sunday · World Communion Sunday

“Real Presence” • Psalm 34:1-8
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: Bagels and Bible Study..

Calling all those in their 40s to join the Rev. Dr. Jonah So after worship for bagels and Bible study. All are welcome at 12:30 pm in the 7th floor conference room!

Today: 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 Monrose, founding president of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, a.k.a. The GodSquad. Monrose also serves as the director of faith-based and community partnerships for the Office of the Mayor of New York City. His work focuses on ending gun violence, building relationships between the police and the public and improving community health. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle (adulthood@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).

Friday, September 29: Youth Group: Last Friday Meetup

Our popular Friday night youth group program returns! 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 supper, games and Bible study. To register, please contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org).

Sunday, October 8: Deacons Food Drive Begins

The annual Deacons Food Drive gets underway on Sunday, Oct. 8, and concludes on Sunday, Oct. 15. The Deacons will be on hand following worship each morning to accept your donations of non-perishable foods on behalf of our mission partner the Urban Outreach Center NYC. This year the Urban Outreach pantry is in particular need of peanut butter and one-pound bags of rice. You may also drop your contributions at the 55th Street reception desk during the week. For our extended family, go to your favorite delivery website and send us either peanut butter or rice. Set delivery to Deacons of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 W. 55th St., New York, NY 10019. For more information, contact Natalie Wardius (congregationalcare@fapc.org).

Coming Up

Sun Oct 8 Believing & Belonging. Online class to explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. To learn more, please contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (membership@fapc.org).

Available Now: The FAPC Congregational Survey

Take 5 minutes today to be counted in the Fifth Avenue Congregational Survey! Help us connect with you by completing this short survey of your demographic and contact info. We especially encourage our far-flung family to let us know who and where you are. Finishing the survey enters you in a raffle for a set of Kate Bowler's books or a fun Fifth Avenue swag bag! You can find the survey at fapc.org/survey. If you have any questions, please email Natalie Owens-Pike (hybridchurch@fapc.org).

GETTING CONNECTED

Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Community Groups

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, or contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom, director of engagement (membership@fapc.org).

Congregational Care

If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also visit fapc.org/care to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program.

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. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, 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 or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya). Or contact Sarah (youngadults@fapc.org). We'd love to get to know you!

Membership

When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. Whether you live in the neighborhood, or across the country, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit fapc.org/membership to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, membership@fapc.org).

Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for anyone who loves to sing. Visit 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, or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, outreach@fapc.org).

Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit fapc.org/volunteer.

Women's Association

The roots of the Women's Association date to 1810, shortly after the church was founded. Today we offer a year-round program of education, service, prayer and benevolence. The Women's Association Holiday Bazaar in early November supports the ministries of the church and other benevolences. We also host a Christmas Tea for the congregation each December. We welcome you to take part! Contact: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed (wassoc@fapc.org).

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org
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Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org
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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

New Online Bible Study



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If you have ever wanted to study Scripture or wondered what it has to say about life today, our upcoming Bible study is for you! This online Bible study will gather on Zoom on Tuesdays at 12 pm ET. Led by Fifth Avenue's pastors and senior staff, the group will explore different topics each month. Christine Boyle, Director of Outreach and Missions, launches this yearlong program on October 3 with an exploration of human migration in the Bible and the contemporary world.

Questions? Reach out to Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom, Director of Engagement, at membership@fapc.org.

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