

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1, 2023 • 11:00 AM



Olivia Thomason, *Dinner on the Grounds*, 2021

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

Missa Mundi (“World Mass”): V. Prayer
Charles Camilleri (1931–2009)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Mae Cheng-PaVon

Psalm 116

One: What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done?

**All: We will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

* 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

* SUNG RESPONSE

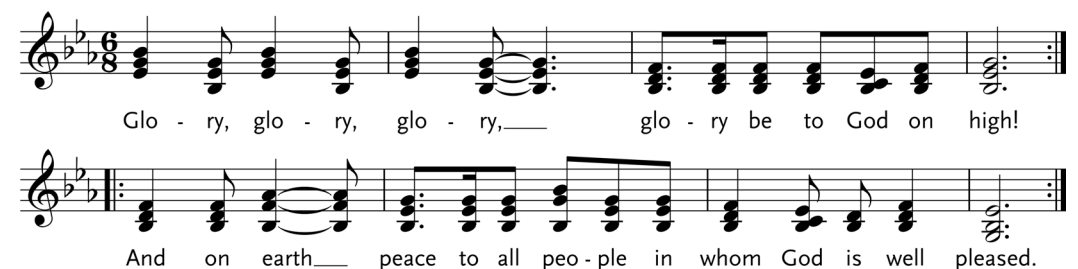
(Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE One: The peace of Christ be with you.
 All: **And also with you.**

*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.*

LITANY OF PARTING All: **May God be with you there.**
 Children: **May God be with you here.**

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

ANTHEM The Deer's Cry (2007) • Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ in me,
Christ on my right,
Christ above me,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me,
Christ with me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 34:1-8*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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

SERMON **"Real Presence"**
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

* HYMN 529 **Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee
Traditional, arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)
Text: 12th-century Latin, trans. Edward Caswall

Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
The savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who ask 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;
In thee be all our glory now,
And through eternity.

* 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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
The Rev. Dr. Jonah So & The Rev. Werner Ramirez

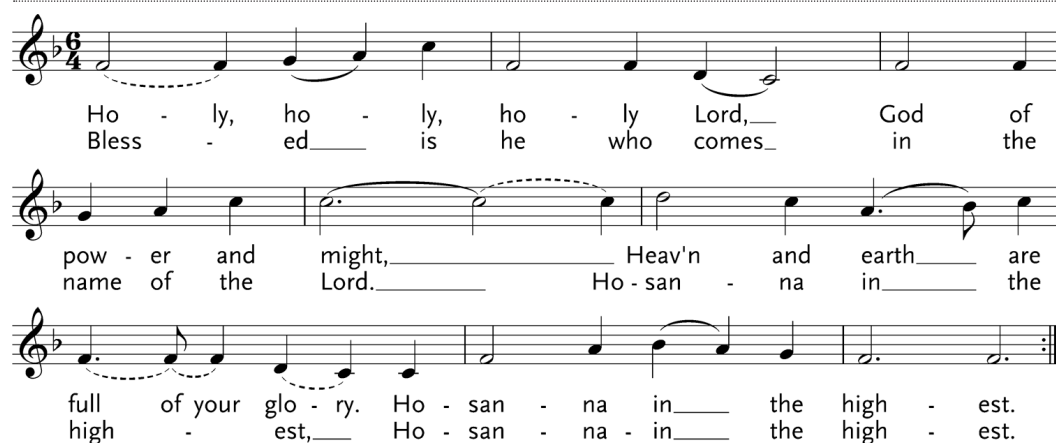
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.
We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ, in whom your fullness dwells.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God in of the
Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us.
Dying on the cross, he saves us. Rising from the dead, he gives new life.
Living with you, he prays for us. Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.
Receive our sacrifice of praise.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion
in the body and blood of our Lord.
Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.
Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,
that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.
We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,
in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

Music: American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx, 1984 - LAND OF REST. Text: Traditional liturgical text.
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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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Come and Taste • *Traditional, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)*
Text by John Leland (1754–1841)

Come and taste along with me
Consolation flowing free,
From the Father's wealthy throne,
Sweeter than the honeycomb.

Refrain

*I'll praise God and you praise God,
And we'll all praise God together;
We'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done,
And we'll bless his name forever.*

All that come with free good will
Make the banquet sweeter still;
Now I go to Mercy's door,
Asking for a little more.

Refrain

Goodness, running like a stream
Through the new Jerusalem,
By a constant breaking forth
Sweetens earth and heaven both.

Refrain

O, return, ye child of grace,
Turn and see God's smiling face.
Hark, God calls backsliders home,
Then from God no longer roam.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 511

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

O Taste and See • *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*
Text: Psalm 34:8

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest are the ones that trusteth in him.

POSTLUDE

Voices of the World (2023) • *Iain Farrington (b. 1977)*

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

In honor of World Communion Sunday, this morning's music selections draw on sacred music traditions from all around the world. The *Kyrie* comes from Africa by the composer Dinah Rein-dorf of Ghana, and the *Gloria* comes from South America by the Argentinian composer Pablo Sosa.

Arvo Pärt is an Estonian composer renowned for his deeply spiritual choral compositions written in a distinctly minimalist style. *The Deer's Cry* draws on the final verses of an ancient Irish prayer called St. Patrick's Breastplate. The earliest complete version of the prayer is contained in the 11th-century *Liber Hymnorum*, but it is likely that the prayer originated with Irish monks as early as the 6th century, or possibly even in St. Patrick's own time, the 5th century. Legend has it that this prayer was inscribed on the shields of knights and that it was recited before going into battle. In the case of St. Patrick, the story goes that he and his followers avoided being attacked in the forest after reciting this prayer, passing by their would-be assailants and appearing as a doe and twenty fawns. It is from this story that the prayer received its nickname, "The Deer's Cry." Pärt's setting of this ancient text juxtaposes liberal use of silence with a dramatic crescendo, powerfully capturing in music the mystical assertion of Christ in and through all.

Paul Halley is a Canadian church musician of international renown. He is perhaps most famous for his tenure at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine here in New York City, where he served as music director from 1977 to 1989. A major champion of world music, Halley's compositions and arrangements are notable for their musical creativity and accessibility. His unique setting of the famous hymn, *Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee*, is especially notable for its colorful organ accompaniment—cascading sixteenth notes give the setting an airy, weightless quality from the opening measures, and jazzy modulations throughout breathe fresh life into this old classic.

Alice Parker is an iconic figure in American choral music and is celebrated for her prolific contributions to the genre over many decades. Her setting of *Come and Taste* exemplifies her unique style and her passion for creating interesting arrangements of American folk songs and hymns.

British composer Iain Farrington maintains a busy and diverse career as a pianist, organist, composer, and arranger. Farrington was commissioned to compose a new organ piece for the Coronation of King Charles III in Westminster Abbey this past spring, which resulted in the piece being played as this morning's Postlude. *Voices of the World* is a thrilling and inventive new organ piece based on traditional folk melodies from around the world mixed together in a joyful, jazzy, and dance-like setting—quite possibly the pipe organ as you've never heard it before!

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

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 & Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Chapel Church. Kirkland Chapel.
11 am	Worship. Sanctuary and livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour. Weber Terrace and online.
12:30 pm	Mighty Austin Organ Tour. Choir Loft.

This Week

Tue Oct 3	Staff-led Bible Study. 12 pm • For more information, contact Jaime Staehle (adult@fapc.org). Supper Club. 6:30 pm. For more information, please contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (membership@fapc.org).
Wed Oct 4	Women's Bible Study. 8 am • Zoom. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle (adulted@fapc.org). Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome! Bereavement group. 7 pm. For more information, please contact Natalie Wardius (congregationalcare@fapc.org).
Thu Oct 5	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 Oct 6	FAYA Fall Retreat. For more information, please contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed (youngadults@fapc.org).
Sat Oct 7	Meals on Heels. 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

Coming Up

Sun Oct 8	Deacons Food Drive Begins. Bring your non-perishable foods to worship or drop them off throughout the week at the 55th Street reception desk. Believing & Belonging. 2 pm • Zoom. Class for new members. For more information, contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (membership@fapc.org).
Wed Oct 11	Asian-American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.
Fri Oct 13	Youth Fall Retreat. 5 pm. For more information, please contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org).

Next Sunday • Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Practicing Heaven" • Luke 7:24-35; Philippians 2:12-13

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: The Mighty Austin Organ Tour

Come to the choir loft at 12:30 pm to see and hear for yourself what makes our Mighty Austin pipe organ a miracle of engineering. This tour is led by Dr. Ryan Jackson, the William S. Perper Director of Music & Fine Arts Ministries. To register, please go online or contact Jaime Staehle (adulted@fapc.org).

Tuesday, October 3: New Online Bible Study

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 (membership@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).

Sunday, October 8: Believing & Belonging Membership Class

A free 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).

Friday, October 13: Youth Fall Retreat

The semester is going full steam ahead, so maybe you need some time away from the screens, the books, and the homework. Youth in grades 6-12, join us for a weekend of hanging out, hiking, games, cooking together, and just being ourselves. The cost is \$200 for the weekend (scholarships available). We will depart on Friday evening and return to the church on Sunday at noon. We have limited spots, so sign up soon! To register or have your questions answered, please contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org).

Friday, October 20: Celestial Songs: In Celebration of Music

The Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir presents *Celestial Songs*, an evening of choral music in celebration of sacred song and poetry. Immerse yourself in the soundscape of Benjamin Britten's *Hymn to St. Cecilia*, performed alongside Francis Poulenc's setting of the *Gloria*. The program also features the concert premieres of Jessica French's majestic new anthem, *At Heaven's Proclamation*, and Philip Stopford's festive *Te Deum*, commissioned by the Fifth Avenue congregation in honor of Ryan Jackson's 10th anniversary as music director. Reserved seats, general admission, and livestream tickets are available at fapc.org/tickets.

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*
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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Announce a birth or adoption

Jaime Staehle

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Fund the altar flowers

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Join the church

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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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

Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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