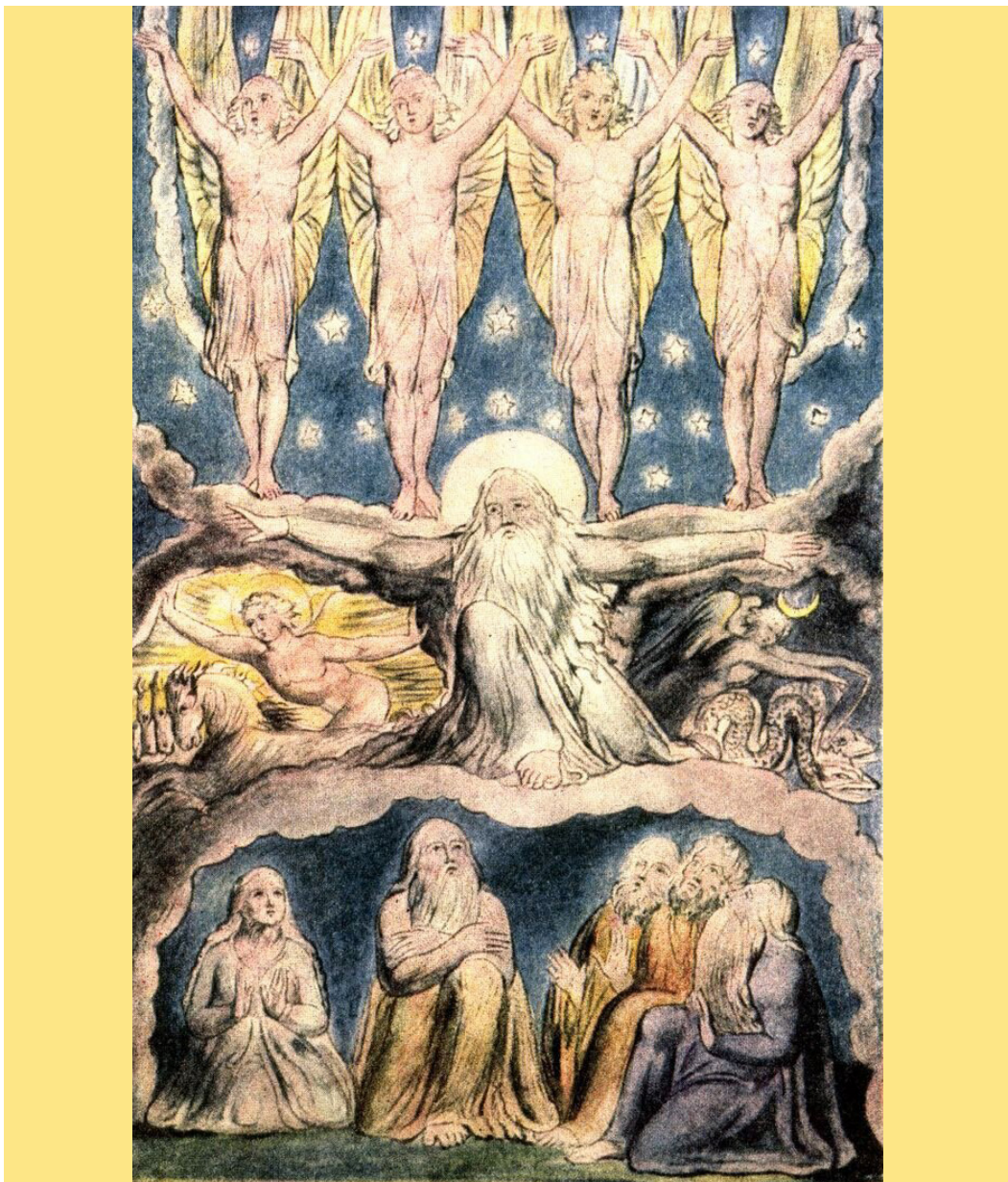


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 12, 2023 • 11:00 AM



William Blake, *When the Morning Stars Sang Together*, 1820

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Hope Griggs

from Psalm 92

One: It is good to give thanks to God,
to sing praises to the Most High;

All: **It is good to declare
God’s steadfast love in the morning,
and God’s faithfulness by night,**

One: It is good to lift praise to heaven with the lute
and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: **For you, O Lord, have made us glad through music;
and so we sing for joy.**

* HYMN 689

When the Morning Stars Together

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

* 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.)

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, - jah!

Music: George Mxadana.
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* 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
The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT Jan & Jeff Scott

----- MUSIC OF THE SPHERES -----

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

INTRODUCTION

I. *Musica universalis*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19:1-4
The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

REFLECTION

Dr. Ryan Jackson

ANTHEM

At Heaven's Proclamation (2023) • Jessica French (b. 1984)
Text by Mechtilde of Magdeburg (1207–1294)
trans. Margaret White and Jessica French

O <i>ardens mons</i> ,	O burning mountain,
O <i>electe sol</i> ,	O chosen sun,
O <i>perfecta luna</i> ,	O perfect moon,
O <i>inestimabilis fons</i> ,	O fathomless well,
O <i>claritas immodica</i> ,	O clearness beyond all measure,
O <i>sapientia aeterna</i> ,	O wisdom without end,
O <i>misericordia infinita</i> ,	O mercy without all limit,
O <i>virtus ultra resistentiam</i> ,	O strength beyond resistance,
O <i>excelsum ineffabilis</i> ,	O unattainable height,
O <i>lux inaccessabilis</i> ,	O unattainable light,
O <i>corona omnis majestatis</i> .	O crown of all majesty.

All creation humbly sings your praise:
Bright stars, high mountains,
Depths of the seas, rushing waters,
All these break into song
At heaven's proclamation:
This is my Son, my beloved,
My chosen One.
Alleluia!

LITANY One: As the universe sings,
All: O God, hear our song.

* SUNG RESPONSE

My life flows on in end-less song a - bove earth's la - men - ta - tion,___

I hear the real though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. ___

Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing; ___

it sounds an e - cho in my soul: how can I keep from sing - ing? ___

Music and Text: Robert Lowry, 1869 – HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING.

II. Musica humana

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:18-20
Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

ANTHEM

Thou Whose Harmony Is the Music of the Spheres (1996)
Stephen Chatman (b. 1950)
Text by Robert French Leavens (1878–1961)

Thou whose harmony is the music of the spheres,
By our presence here with one another,
In thy presence,
May some of the harshness and discord of our human lives
Be transmuted into music.
A new song in our hearts may there be,
And a new harmony in our beings,
So we shall return to our many duties,
With fresh courage, with rejoicing,
And with eagerness.
Amen.

LITANY One: As our souls sing,
 All: O God, hear our song.

* SUNG RESPONSE



What if my joys and com-forts die? I know that Truth is liv- ing.____

What though the dark - ness 'round me close? Still Truth its light is giv- ing!____

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that rock I'm cling- ing.____

Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing- ing?____

Music and Text: Robert Lowry, 1869 – HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING.

III. Musica instrumentalis

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 16:17-23
So Saul said to his servants, ‘Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me.’ One of the young men answered, ‘I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him.’ So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, ‘Send me your son David who is with the sheep.’ Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. Saul sent to Jesse, saying, ‘Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight.’ And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

ANTHEM

Morning Hymn (2018)
Patrick Murray (b. 1990), text by Patricia Orr

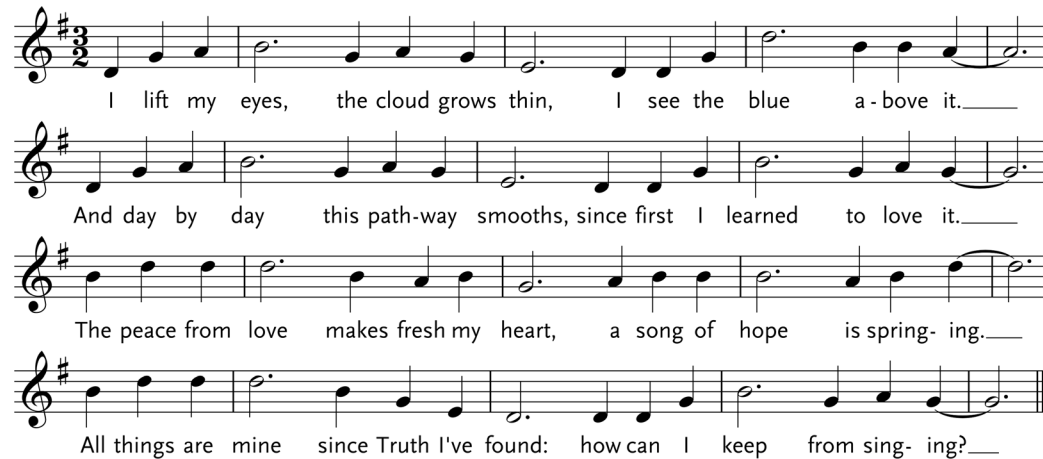
First voice of dawn,
Last carol of the evening sun,
Through time eternal
And what may gloriously be
You carry me,
You speak my language,
Music.

How shall we touch the rafters,
Raise the roof,
Disturb the sky,
How shall we mark the rhythm of our days,
In celebration of the language of the heart,
You speak my soul.

And we shall sing through silence when it falls,
We shall go deep,
For twilight and the dawning are bridged
By the blessed hymns of God.

LITANY One: As we join the chorus,
 All: O God, hear our song.

* SONG RESPONSE



Music and Text: Robert Lowry, 1869 – HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING.

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**You, O God, are the Great Composer.
You bless us with the music of the spheres.
You sing love songs to us.
Tune our hearts to these holy ballads.
Help us, and all of this fractured world,
to learn to move to the music of life.
This is our earnest prayer. Amen.**

* HYMN 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 150 (1996) • *Ruth Watson Henderson (b. 1932)*

O praise God in his holiness:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
Praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
Praise him upon the strings and pipe,
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals,
And the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Alleluia!

* 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 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*
Text by R. Gordon Nodwell

POSTLUDE

Jauchz, Erd' und Himmel, Jubel!
(“Rejoice and Shout, Heaven and Earth”),
op. 67, no. 15 • *Max Reger (1873–1916)*

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* • Sean Clark, *Tenor* • Ian Tyson, *Clarinet*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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, 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, The McCall Family Frank Owarish, Dexter Ramcharan, Don Rogers, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby Taylor Shultz, Spencer Robert Smith, Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Caroline Todd, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler, Wayne Zhou

Faithful Departed:

November 7, 2023: Tiya Saba Habachy—beloved daughter of Nazeeh Habachy, beloved sister of Dora Habachy, beloved niece of Suzan Habachy and Nimet Habachy.

November 7, 2023: Ninfa Krueger—beloved mother and mother-in-law of Dan Krueger and Lauren Krueger, grandmother of Wyatt Krueger and Grace Krueger, and beloved wife of the late Rev. Edgar Krueger.

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, Sunday School & Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Chapel Church. Kirkland Chapel.
11 am	Worship. Sanctuary and livestream.
11:15 am	Children's Church. Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour. Online.
12:30 pm	But First, God: A Conversation with Julie Chen Moonves. Bonnell Hall & on livestream. Noted television personality and friend of Fifth Avenue, Julie Chen Moonves, shares lessons from her spiritual awakening.

This Week

Tue Nov 14	Staff-led Bible study. 12 pm. For more information, please contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed (bible-study@fapc.org).
Wed Nov 15	Zoom Women's Bible Study. 8 am. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle (adulted@fapc.org). Asian-American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room and Zoom. FAYA Midweeks. 6:30 pm. The Living Room. The Fifth Avenue Young Adults weekly meeting. Please contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed (youngadults@fapc.org).
Thu Nov 16	Career Directions. 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone looking for career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (membership@fapc.org) for the link. Fifth Avenue Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All are welcome.
Sat Nov 18	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 Nov 19	Between the Listening and the Telling: How Stories Can Save Us. 7 pm. Webinar, with author and spiritual director Mark Yaconelli. For more information, contact Jaime Staehle (adulted@fapc.org).
Tue Nov 21	Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Day. 10 am – 3 pm. Volunteers are needed to help distribute clothing, coats, essential items, and meals to those in need. Supper Club Friendsgiving. 6:30 pm • Offsite. All are welcome to this gathering for fellowship and discussions at the intersection of food and faith. Communion will be served. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (engagement@fapc.org).

Next Sunday • Pledge Sunday

“The Edge of the Field” • Psalm 100; Leviticus 19:9-10
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

TODAY: But First, God: A Conversation with Julie Chen Moonves

Julie Chen Moonves, a faithful member of Fifth Avenue, will soon release *But First, God: An Audio Memoir of Spiritual Discovery*. In it, she shares her transformative spiritual awakening, revisiting pivotal moments from her life and career through fresh eyes. Julie Chen Moonves is the longtime host of “Big Brother” on CBS and host of her YouTube channel, *GOD 101*. Today she sits down with Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston to talk about her memoir and her personal encounters with the divine. This event will be available on livestream and playback on demand. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle (adulted@fapc.org).

This Month: Deacons Angel Tree

The Christmas Angel Tree Project, sponsored by the Deacons, returns for another season of gift-giving for children in need. Go to fapc.org/angel for details and a link to an online gift registry, where you can purchase presents for children living in city shelters or other challenging circumstances. Please purchase your gift(s) no later than November 26 to help ensure delivery to the church by December 1.

Tuesday, November 14: Online Bible Study

This is the perfect opportunity for you to strengthen your relationship with Scripture and deepen your faith. Throughout the year, Fifth Avenue's senior staff will guide you through some of the Bible's most thought-provoking passages. This month, the Rev. Sarah A. Speed examines fascinating stories of both famous and obscure women in the Bible. This series meets every Tuesday at 12 pm on Zoom. For more information, please reach out to Rev. Speed (bible-study@fapc.org). To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.

Friday, November 17: Youth Group Last Friday Meetup

Let's meet up one last time before the holidays! Youth in grades 6–12, join us in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center for pizza, games, and Bible study. This is our last monthly meet-up until 2024! For more information or to register, please contact (youth@fapc.org).

Friday, November 17: 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, appetizers, and drinks! We'll welcome Jenna Campbell, a certified Christian educator and director of children and youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Come discover a new look on parenting as a spiritual practice—spirituality in the midst of the ordinary, crazy life of raising children. Visit fapc.org/family-events to register or email Jaime Staehle (familyministries@fapc.org). Registration is required.

Tuesday, November 21: Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Day

The Ecumenical Outreach Partnership (EOP) hosts its annual Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Day to distribute coats, winter clothing, and other essentials to our homeless and vulnerable neighbors. Volunteers are needed in two, three-hour shifts, from 10 am to 3 pm in Kirkland Chapel. Volunteers will direct guests to different stations, fit coats to individual needs, distribute hygiene kits, and ensure the event runs smoothly. Meals along with coffee will also be served! Register online or by emailing Christine Boyle (outreach@fapc.org). To volunteer, please email Christine Boyle (outreach@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. We also host a Christmas Tea for the congregation each December. We welcome you to take part! Contact: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed (womensministry@fapc.org).

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Plan your wedding

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Planned giving

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Prepare for baptism

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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

Request a bulletin announcement • Sean McAvoy, fapc@fapc.org

Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Abiding Light

The 2024 Pledge Campaign

Next week is Pledge Sunday! Join your fellow Fifth Avenue family members in support of our *Abiding Light*.

You are invited to come forward and make your pledge during the worship service. Your generosity is the light this church needs to flourish, from our music ministries to our hybrid church initiative, outreach to our homeless neighbors, and so much more.

You make this church shine. Thank you.

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Support the Church

Scan this code using the camera on your smartphone and follow the instructions to make a secure donation to our ministries.

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Building Hours

**Monday,
Wednesday – Friday**
9 am – 6 pm

Tuesday
9 am – 9 pm

Saturday
8 am – 1 pm

Sunday
8 am – 2:30 pm



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