

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 • 11:00 AM

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Jean-François Millet, *The Gleaners*, 1857

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**This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.**

# Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, gathered in the Sanctuary and online, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy or someone at our Welcome Table. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston  
Senior Pastor

## ➔ New to Fifth Avenue?

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at [fapc.org/welcome](http://fapc.org/welcome). Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

## ➔ Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin or hymnal to follow the service.

## ➔ Families with Children

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

## ➔ Worship Resources Online

A replay of today’s service will be available this afternoon at [fapc.org/playback](http://fapc.org/playback). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray). Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at [fapc.org/this-sunday](http://fapc.org/this-sunday). For information about future worship services, visit [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship).

## ➔ Parking

We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park for up to three hours, seven days a week. Please provide your mobile phone number or an email address to the staff person at the 55th Street reception desk. You will receive a QR code to use at the garage. (The garage no longer provides physical validation stickers.)

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.*

*Please **silence all electronic devices** and **do not take flash photos** during the service.*

### PRELUDE

Sinfonia from *Nun danket alle Gott*  
 (“Now Thank We All Our God”), BWV 79 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Matt Martinez

*Psalm 100*

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness.**

One: Come into God’s presence with singing!

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God,**

One: whose mercy is everlasting;

**All: and whose faithfulness endures  
to all generations.**

One: Let us worship Almighty God, tender and just.

### \* HYMN 367

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

### \* 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.)



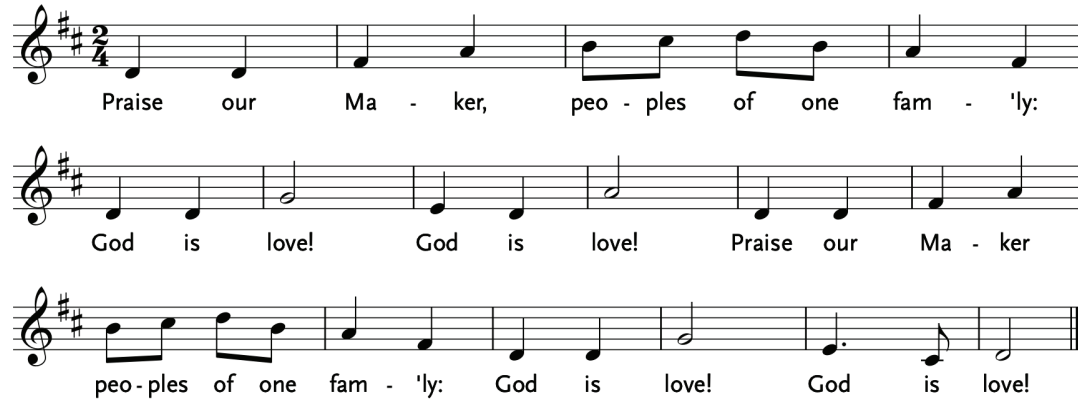
Music and Text: Martin J. Nystrom, 1984.

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### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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.

ANTHEM

*The Combined  
Fifth Avenue Choirs*

Let There Be Peace on Earth  
*Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, arr. Joel Raney*  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*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 *Darby Blaker & Matt Martinez, 2024 Pledge Campaign Co-Chairs*

ANTHEM

All Good Gifts, from *Godspell* • Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)  
Text by Matthias Claudius (1740–1815)  
Trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817–1878)  
We plow the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter,

The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine  
And soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above.  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
For all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
For all thy love imparts.  
But that which thou desirest,  
Our humble thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above.  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
For all his love.

I really want to thank you, Lord,  
I want to thank you, Lord,  
Thank you for all of your love,  
Oh, thank you Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**James 1:17-18**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

**Leviticus 19:5, 9-12, 17-18**

When you offer a sacrifice of well-being to the Lord, offer it in such a way that it is acceptable on your behalf. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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



SERMON	<b>“The Edge of the Field”</b>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston</i>	
* RESPONSE OF FAITH	<i>Matthew 22 (The Message)</i>
	One: A scholar posed a question to Jesus: `“Teacher, which commandment in God’s Law is the most important?”
	All: <b>Jesus said, ““Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commandments are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.”</b>
	One: Amen?
	All: <b>Amen!</b>
* HYMN 712	<b>As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought</b>
CALL TO GIVE	
ACT OF COMMITMENT	<i>Congregants with pledge cards are asked to come forward using the center aisle. Please place your cards in the baskets. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher, who will accept your card.</i>
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing <i>Traditional, arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)</i> <i>Text by Robert Robinson (1735–1790)</i> Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.  Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I’m come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

	Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.  O, to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand’ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.
* DOXOLOGY	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
<i>The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike</i>	
THE LORD’S PRAYER	<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.</b>
* HYMN 643	<b>Now Thank We All Our God</b>
* BENEDICTION	<i>Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.</i>
* CHORAL RESPONSE	May God Who Creates You • <i>Louise Skibsted</i>  May God who creates you give you light; May God who sustains you make you wise; May God who protects you give you joy; May God who surrounds you give you peace.

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POSTLUDE

*Nun danket alle Gott • Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by:

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir • Fifth Avenue Community Choir

Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*

Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Wayne Wilson, *vocalist*

Children's choir and youth

Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director* • Shanade Hernandez, *Children's Music Assistant*

Joseph Vaz, *Pianist*

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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, Irene P. Gilman, 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 Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler Doris Wurgler, Wayne Zhou

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**Faithful Departed:**

November 15, 2023: Caroline Todd—beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, beloved sister of Peyton Todd and beloved aunt of Audrey Caroline Todd.

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

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Little Lambs Nursery, Sunday School, and Youth Group.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. <b>Chapel Church.</b> Kirkland Chapel.
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Children's Choir.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
<b>11 am</b>	<b>Worship.</b> Sanctuary and livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Children's Church.</b> Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.
<b>12 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Hour.</b> Bonnell Hall and online.
<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Between the Listening and the Telling: How Stories Can Save Us.</b> Zoom. Register at <a href="http://fapc.org/adult-ed">fapc.org/adult-ed</a> .

### This Week

<b>Tue Nov 21</b>	<b>Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Day.</b> 10 am. Contact Christine Boyle ( <a href="mailto:outreach@fapc.org">outreach@fapc.org</a> ) to learn more. <b>Staff-led Bible study.</b> 12 pm. For more information, please contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed ( <a href="mailto:bible-study@fapc.org">bible-study@fapc.org</a> ). <b>Supper Club Friendsgiving.</b> 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 ( <a href="mailto:engagement@fapc.org">engagement@fapc.org</a> ).
<b>Wed Nov 22</b>	<b>Zoom Women's Bible Study.</b> 8 am. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle ( <a href="mailto:adulted@fapc.org">adulted@fapc.org</a> ).
<b>Thu Nov 23</b>	<b>Meals on Heels.</b> 8 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver a Thanksgiving feast to homebound neighbors and others in need. If you are available to help, contact John Wyatt ( <a href="mailto:moh@fapc.org">moh@fapc.org</a> ).
<b>Thu Nov 23– Fri Nov 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday.</b> The church is closed.
<b>Sat Nov 25</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> ).
<b>Sun Nov 26</b>	<b>Bagels &amp; Bible.</b> 12:30 pm • Romeyn Room. All 40s are welcome!

### Coming Up

<b>Wed Nov 29</b>	<b>Asian-American Bible Study.</b> 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room and Zoom.
<b>Thu Nov 30</b>	<b>Women's Ministry Dream Night.</b> 6:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Register online or email <a href="mailto:womensministry@fapc.org">womensministry@fapc.org</a> .

### Next Sunday · Christ the King Sunday

"A God Who Seeks" • Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Today: Between the Listening and the Telling: How Stories Can Save Us.

Mark Yaconelli is an Oregon-based author, retreat leader, spiritual director. At 7 pm on Zoom, he explains how storytelling can unite, enrich, and mobilize communities for the common good. His most recent book is *Between the Listening and the Telling: How Stories Can Save Us* (Broadleaf Books, 2022). Register at [fapc.org/adult-ed](http://fapc.org/adult-ed) or by emailing Jaime Staehle ([adulted@fapc.org](mailto:adulted@fapc.org)).

### Tuesday, November 21: Online Bible Study

This is the perfect opportunity for you to strengthen your relationship with Scripture and deepen your faith. 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 email Rev. Speed ([bible-study@fapc.org](mailto:bible-study@fapc.org)). To register, visit [fapc.org/bible-study](http://fapc.org/bible-study).

### 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. Register online or by emailing Christine Boyle ([outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).

### Thursday, November 30: Women's Ministry Dream Night

Join Rev. Sarah A. Speed at 6:30 pm in Bonnell Hall to envision the future of women's ministry at Fifth Avenue. To participate, email [womensministry@fapc.org](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org) or register at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events).

### This Month: Deacons Angel Tree

The Christmas Angel Tree Project returns for another season of gift-giving for children in need. Go to [fapc.org/angel](http://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.

### Sunday, December 3: The Joe Vedella Holiday Dinner

Come welcome members of the homeless community at the annual Joe Vedella Christmas Dinner. Guests dine in Bonnell Hall, complete with table service at this three-course, fine-dining experience. Volunteers are needed to greet guests, escort them to their tables, serve as table captains, prepare and distribute the meal, and so much more! You can volunteer online or by emailing Christine Boyle ([outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, December 3: Nativity Art at the Met

This Advent we'll explore the Metropolitan Museum of Art in our search for wonder and transcendent awe of the divine. Artists have been depicting Christ's birth for millennia. During this adventure, a guide will introduce us to some of the Nativity art in the Western Hemisphere's largest art museum. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes your ticket. You must register by tomorrow to participate. You can register online or email Jaime Staehle ([adulted@fapc.org](mailto:adulted@fapc.org)).

### Friday, December 8 & Saturday, December 9: Carols by Candlelight: The Advent Concert

Enjoy an hour of choral music and congregational carols in the candlelit beauty of Kirkland Chapel. Broadway star and beloved member of the Fifth Avenue Family Jeanne Lehman reads seasonal poetry as the Chamber Choir performs a selection of familiar music and new treasures that illuminate the wonder and majesty of Jesus' birth. To purchase tickets visit [fapc.org/tickets](http://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](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:

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. 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](mailto:womensministry@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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Sam Griggs	Janeen A. Sarlin	Brian McLendon
Claire Kedeshian	Meg Sheehan	Louisa Raitt
John Kern	Sylvia Winrich	Martha Van Hise
William Stone		
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### Join the church

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### Make a donation

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### Plan your wedding

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9 am – 6 pm

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9 am – 9 pm

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