



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
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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. 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

*Reges Tharsis (Meditation sur l'offertoire de l'Epiphanie)
Gaston Litaize (1909–1991)*

*Chorale Fantasia on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
("How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"), BuxWV 223
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Shane Markstrum

One: Shout to the Lord your praises!

All: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

One: For God’s might and power
are established in the universe!

All: God’s transforming love beckons us.

One: Come, let us worship God
whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

**All: Let us praise the God of salvation
who brings us home. Amen.**

* HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

* 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

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth_ from heav - en,
And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry
thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit.

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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

ANTHEM

The Wise Men and the Star • *Oliver Tarney (b. 1984)*
Text by *Lucia Quinault (b. 1969)*

Sovereign scholars, weary of waiting,
Startled by starlight that kindles the sky.
Eager for answers, destiny drives them,
Watching with wonder, watching with wonder,
Watching with wonder, they follow the star.

Passing by palaces, greedy and golden,
Threading the byways of winter and cold,
Come to a doorway, low-built and lamplit,
Eagerly enter, eagerly enter,
Eagerly enter under the star.

Source of all starlight, simply they see him,
Laid in a manger and haloed with hay.
Bright in his beauty, shrouded with shadows.
Steady the star shines, steady the star shines,
Steady the star shines. Follow the star.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

"New Year's Project"

STAR WORD TESTIMONIES

Sara Rodgers and Thomas Pak

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**God of encouragement and hope,
help us to ride the wave of these star words given to us.
May they inspire us to act justly,
to love mercy,
and to walk humbly in your way. Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE



You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our_ sal - va - tion,
And on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore_ cre - a - tion.
You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own, and, with the Spir - it,
You a - lone share in_ the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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CALL TO GIVE
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Star-Song • Jonathan Dove
Text by Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue,
Where is the Babe but lately sprung?
Lies he the lily-banks among?

Or say, if this new Birth of ours,
Sleeps, laid within some ark of flowers,
Spangled with dew-light; thou canst clear
All doubts, and manifest the where.
Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek
Him in the morning's blushing cheek,
Or search the beds of spices through,
To find him out?

Star: No, this ye need not do;
But only come and see him rest
A Princely Babe in's mother's breast.

Choir: He's seen! he's seen! Why then around
Let's kiss the sweet and holy ground;
And all rejoice that we have found
A King before conception crown'd.

Come then, come then, and let us bring
Unto our pretty Twelfth-tide King,
Each one his several offering;
And when night comes, we'll give him wassailing;
And that his treble honours may be seen,
We'll choose him King, and make his mother Queen!

* 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 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 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 ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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.



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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

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob, from *Christus
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

Text: Matthew 2:1-2 and Numbers 24:17

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem,
in the land of Judea;
Behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem
there came wise men, and said:
“Say, where is he born, the King of Judea?
For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.”
There shall a star come out of Jacob,
And a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
With might destroying princes and cities.
As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.
Thy Word O Lord, radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

* 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

In dir ist freude (“In Thee is Gladness”), BWV 615
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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* • Rachel Mikol, *soprano*
Mendelssohn Trio: Wilson Nichols, Alex McCoy, and Christopher Seefeldt

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

***Flowers are given to The Glory of God and in loving memory of Dee & Alex Kojak,
beloved parents of Dawn Kojak.***

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, 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

Faithful Departed:

December 5, 2023: John Scott—beloved brother of Jeff Scott and brother in law of Jan Scott.
December 11, 2023: Anjwon Eadd, beloved friend of Ezekiel Andrew.
December 17, 2023: Ellen E. Benson—beloved sister of Lillian Jackson.
December 20, 2023: C.J. Mueller—beloved friend of Christopher Kleinman.

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. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Chapel Church returns! Jones Auditorium.
10:15 am	Children's Choir. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
11 am	Worship. Sanctuary & Livestream.
11:15 am	Children's Church. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
12 pm	Coffee Hour. Bonnell Hall and online.
12 pm	Tour the Church. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.

This Week

Wed Jan 10	Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome! 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). Kate Bowler Book Study. 6:30 pm • Zoom. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (engagement@fapc.org) to sign up.
Sat Jan 13	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).

This Week

Sun Jan 14	Womanist Proclamation and the Arts. 9:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Join us for an introduction to womanist theology with the Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White, Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary. Worship. 11 am • Sanctuary & livestream. The Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyterian of National Capital Presbytery, is our guest preacher as we honor the memory of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Molina-Moore will launch the winter's "Beloved Community" sermon series.
Mon Jan 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Building closed.
Wed Jan 17	Asian-American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • 6th floor conference room & Zoom.
Sun, Jan 21	Game Day with the Homeless. 1 – 3 pm • Jones Auditorium. We are looking for 15–20 volunteers. Please contact Christine Boyle, Director of Outreach & Missions (outreach@fapc.org) with any questions. Acts of Faith: Religion and the American West. 2 pm • New York Historical Society. The cost is \$22 per person. Please register at fapc.org/adult-ed .

Next Sunday · Second Sunday after Epiphany

"Beloved Community: The Power to Transform" • Romans 12:1-2
The Rev. John Molina-Moore, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Kate Bowler Book Study

This book group will meet Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom in January to prepare for our 2024 Gotto lecture. We will read and discuss Kate's bestselling memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* (Random House, 2018). All are welcome! Please reach out to engagement@fapc.org if you would like to join.

Sunday, January 14: Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

We have an engaging Sunday planned. Join us in Bonnell Hall at 9:30 am for "Womanist Proclamation and the Arts." The Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White, Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary and Theologian-in-Residence at The Riverside Church, introduces us to womanist theology and an exploration of black art as a site for wonder and grace. Breakfast will be served. Worship begins at 11 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream. Our guest preacher is the Rev. John Molina-Moore, General Presbyterian of National Capital Presbytery. Rev. Molina-Moore will launch the winter sermon series "Beloved Community."

Saturday, January 20: Women's Winter Sabbath Retreat

Come reflect and restore at this year's Women's Winter Sabbath Retreat, which will focus on storytelling. From large group keynotes to breakout Zoom conversations and "Emmaus walks" (ie: short, partnered walks through the city or building), we will find God in relationship, in listening, and in time together. This retreat will be from 10 am to 1 pm EST for our online participants and from 10 am to 3 pm for those attending in person. All generations of women are welcome and we hope to see you there! To sign up, visit fapc.org/womens-retreat. For more information, please email the Rev. Sarah A. Speed (womensministry@fapc.org).

Sunday, January 21: Game Day with the Homeless

Please join us for Game Day with members of the homeless community on Sunday, January 21, from 1 pm to 3 pm in Jones Auditorium. Be part of this befriending ministry tradition of sharing a meal with our homeless neighbors, playing games, and engaging our guests in conversation! We are looking for 15–20 volunteers to make this event a success. Please reach out to Christine Boyle, Director of Outreach & Missions (outreach@fapc.org) with any questions. Registration for the event will close on January 16.

Wednesday, January 31: The Sixth Annual Gotto Lecture

Author, historian, and podcast host Kate Bowler will deliver the sixth Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture in our Sanctuary and on livestream. Bowler is the author of six books that range from history and memoir to devotionals and blessings. She is an associate professor of the history of Christianity in North America at Duke Divinity School and hosts the popular podcast *Everything Happens*. Her latest book, *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day! Daily Meditations for the Ups, Downs & In-Betweens* will be released shortly before her lecture. To secure a ticket, head to fapc.org/gotto. For more information, please email Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (membership@fapc.org).

Give the Gift of Church Officers

The Nominating Committee is seeking your input as it prepares a slate of officer candidates for new, three-year terms. If you, or another member you know, would be a good candidate for the Board of Deacons, the Session, or the Board of Trustees, please send us your recommendation. More information on the officer election process, and the officer recommendation form, are available at fapc.org/officer-elections. Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, January 21.

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:

Asylum Support Clinic	Mission co-workers in Madagascar,
Church of Gethsemane	the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border
The Farminary Project	Parity
Garden of Hope	Search and Care
Hands Along the Nile Development Services	Urban Outreach Center NYC
Holmes Camp and Retreat Center	West Side Federation for Senior
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	and Supportive Housing

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.

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

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Fund the altar flowers

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

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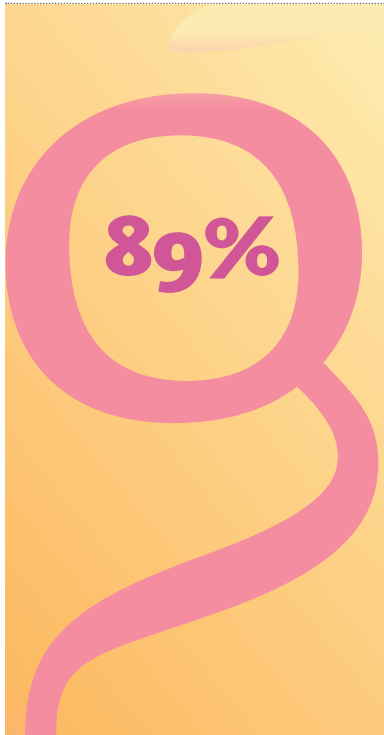
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