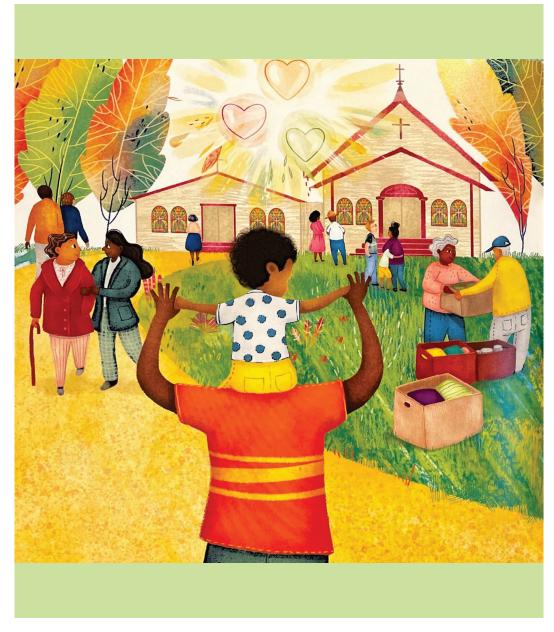


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 14, 2024 • 11:00 AM



Camilla Carrossine, God's Beloved Community, 2022

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 if 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 opporunities.

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	Lay My Burden Down: IV. Steal Away Traditional, arr. Iain Farrington (b. 1977)			
Introit		I Believe This is Jesus Traditional, arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)		
	I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see. The Light of God shines in his face, He offers all his pard'ning grace; Come and see, come and see.			
* CALL TO WORSHIP	from Isaiah 12			
Trustee Jane Hong	One:	Surely, God is our salvation.		
	All:	We will trust and not be afraid.		
	One:	God is our strength and our might.		
	All:	Amen. God is our salvation!		
	One:	God bids us draw water from the well of life.		
	All:	We will pull these buckets up with joy.		
	One:	We will pray. We will sing.		
	All:	We will worship Almighty God, tender and just.		

In Christ There Is No East or West

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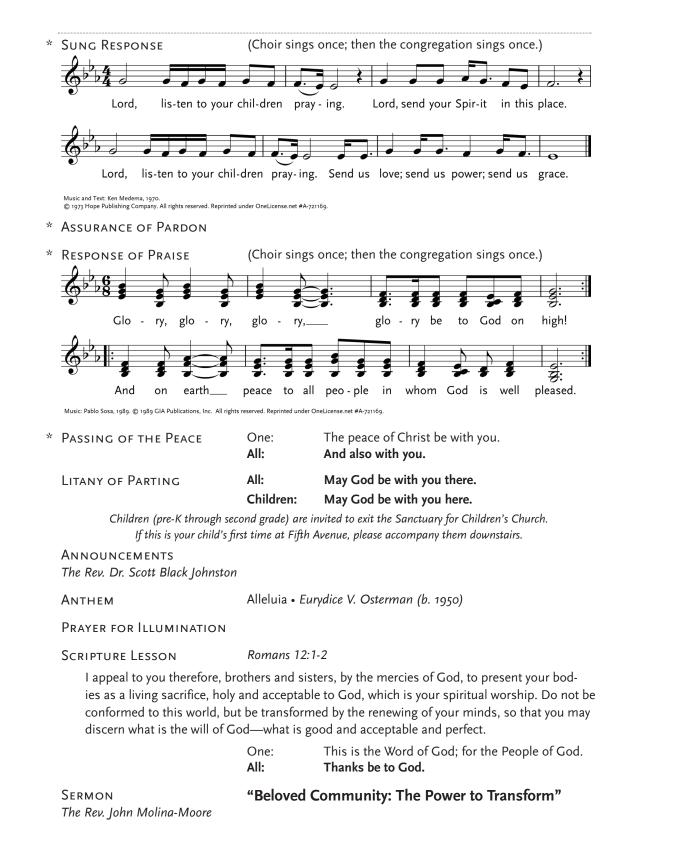
- * CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Sarah A. Speed
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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Affirmation of Faith	from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)				
	In a broken and fearful world				
	the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,				
	to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,				
	to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,				
	to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,				
	and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. Ame				
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1 Ho - ly God, you 2 Mo - ral con-science	raise up_proph-ets; praise and hon - or do we sing, e of his na - tion, re - con - cil - ing black and_ white,				
3 Teach - er of Christ					
4 Preach - er of Christ's	s love_ for_neigh-bor, he won No-bel's prize for_peace;				
5 So, when felled by	snip - ers bull - et, un - der heav-ens ov - er - cast,				
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CALL TO GIVE

Offertory Anthem	O! What a Beautiful City Traditional, arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)	
	Hallelujah! O! What a beautiful city! Twelve gates to the city, Hallelujah!	
	Have you heard about the city? The streets are paved with gold! Twelve gates to the city, Hallelujah!	
	Three gates in-a the east! Three gates in-a the west! Three gates in-a the north! Three gates in-a the south! See those gates of pearl, open to all the world! Twelve cages to the city, hallelujah!	
* Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
* Offertory Prayer		
* Нүмн 339	Lift Every Voice and Sing	
* BENEDICTION Please remo	ain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.	
* Choral Response	May God Who Creates You • Louise Skibsted	
	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.	
Postlude	Lay My Burden Down: V. Every time I feel the spirit Traditional, arr. Iain Farrington	
Dr. Ryan Jacksor	nis morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir n, William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries	

Dr. Patrick Kreeger, Associate Organist

Known as the Dean of Black Women Composers, Undine Smith Moore studied composition at Fisk University and the Juilliard School, from which she graduated *cum laude* in 1926. While her list of compositions include works for piano and other instrumental ensembles, Moore is more widely known today for her choral works. *Scenes from the Life of a Martyr*, a 16-part oratorio on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., premiered at Carnegie Halll and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Her joyous setting of *I Believe This is Jesus*, heard as the Introit this morning, is a wonderful example of her distinctive style.

Dr. Eurydice Osterman is a published author and composer whose works have been read and performed around the world. A listing of her works is cited in the book, *Music by Black Women Composers: A Bibliography of Available Scores* by Helen Walker-Hill. A brilliant musician, Dr. Osterman is a composer, organist and pianist who began her career in education in 1972 as a keyboard teacher and choir director at the Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio. She then spent two years in Louisiana teaching music at the Berean SDA Church School. Transitioning into academia, Dr. Osterman taught at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, as a professor of music for 38 years until her retirement in 2016. She served as the university's primary theory teacher and chairman of the music department, directing a 100-person college choir for fourteen years and directing the Aeolians, the college's select choir, for two years. This morning's Anthem is Dr. Osterman's joyful setting of the *Alleluia*, which features kaleidoscopic harmonies and thrilling rhythmic drive.

Shawn Kirchner's arrangement of *O! What a Beautiful City* gives the traditional spiritual a powerful gospel piano treatment. Set in eight vocal parts throughout, Kirchner skillfully weaves the piece's harmonies and vibrant rhythmic textures into a rich and engaging tapestry of sound. The arrangement features an enormous dynamic range, allowing the choir to build from the hushed excitement of the opening measures to the exuberant celebration of its conclusion. The beauty of this arrangement combined with the timeless message of the spiritual's text has made this piece a modern classic, and it is beloved throughout the world by choirs and audiences alike.

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

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).

Today 9:30 am Little Lambs, Sunday School & Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Womanist Proclamation and the Arts. Bonnell Hall. Children's Choir. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. 10:15 am 11 am Worship. Livestream & Sanctuary. Children's Church. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. 11:15 am Blessing of Kirkland Chapel Renovation. Kirkland Chapel. 12 pm Coffee Hour. Bonnell Hall and online. 12 pm Tour the Church. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship. This Week Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome! Wed Jan 17 Asian-American Bible Study. 6:30 pm. • 6th floor conference room & Zoom. Kate Bowler Book Study. 6:30 pm. Zoom. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (engagement@fapc.org) to sign up. Thu Jan 18 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. Sat Jan 20 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). Women's Winter Sabbath Retreat. Corning Logan Room and Zoom. For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed (womensministry@fapc.org). Coming Up Sun, Jan 21 **Game Day with the Homeless.** $1 - 3 \text{ pm} \cdot \text{Jones Auditorium}$. We are looking for 15-20 volunteers. Please contact Christine Boyle, Director of Outreach & Missions (outreach@fapc.org) with any questions. New York Historical Society Exhibit Tour: Acts of Faith - Religion and the American West. 2 pm. To learn more, contact Jaime Staehle (adulted@fapc.org). Believing & Belonging: New Member Class. 2 pm • Zoom. An online class for prospective members. Details and registration at fapc.org/membership. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom for more information (membership@fapc.org). Fri Jan 26 Youth Group: Last Friday Hangout. 7 pm. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. To register, contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez (youth@fapc.org).

Next Sunday · Third Sunday after Epiphany

"Beloved Community: We Who Are Many" • Romans 12:3-8 The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

Welcome Rev. John Molina-Moore

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is delighted to welcome the Rev. John Molina-Moore today as we honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Molina-Moore is the General Presbyter of the National Capital Presbytery and a former Fifth Avenue intern. He will launch our 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. We will find God in relationship, in listening, and in time together. This retreat will be from 10 am to 2 pm ET 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: Deadline for Officer Recommendations

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 let us know. More information on the officer election process, and the officer recommendation form, are available at *fapc.org/officer-elections*.

Sunday, January 21: Exhibit Tour – Acts of Faith: Religion and the American West

Join our very own Jeanne Pape, docent at the New York Historical Society (170 Central Park West at 77th Street), on a guided tour of their new exhibit *Acts of Faith: Religion and the American West.* The tour begins at 2 pm on Jan. 21. The cost is \$22 per person. Register at *fapc.org/adult-ed*.

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! 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 and associate professor of the history of Christianity in North America at Duke Divinity School. She also hosts the popular podcast *Everything Happens*. To secure a ticket, head to *fapc.org/gotto*. 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). Please reach out to *engagement*@ *fapc.org* if you would like to join us. We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

Coming Up: The Chili Cook-Off

Sponsored by our Youth Group, this year's cook-off will take place on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Your \$10 admission goes directly to the Souper Bowl of Caring, which works to alleviate hunger in local communities. Your admission also allows you to judge all of the chilis, prepared by individuals, families, and teams. If you want to compete for the crown, you will find entry rules and registration at *fapc.org/chili*.

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*. 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:

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Mission co-workers in Madagascar, the Philippines & the U.S.-Mexico border Parity Search and Care Urban Outreach Center NYC West Side Federation for Senior 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*.

Fifth Avenue Women's Ministry

For generations, the women of Fifth Avenue have gathered for service, fellowship, and deeper faith. Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before, we continue to connect and would love to include you in our community. The women's ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is trans affirming and welcoming to women of any age and stage. We meet for annual retreats, fellowship events, Bible study, and small groups. To learn more and get involved, email Rev. Sarah A. Speed at *womensministry@fapc.org*.

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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Monday, Wednesday – Friday 9 am – 6 pm

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