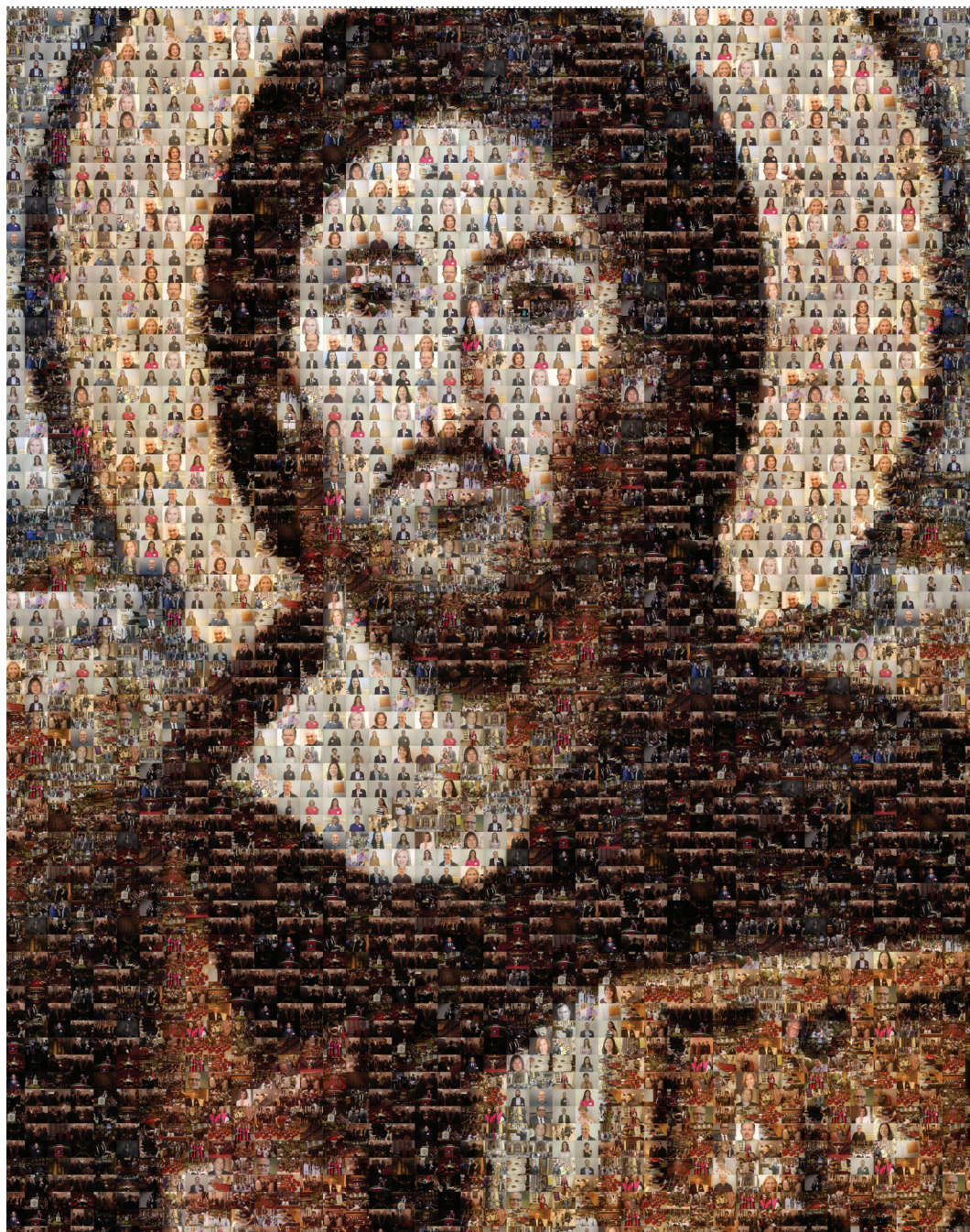


# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024 • 11:00 AM



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

Sicilienne • Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP Deacon Greg Dow

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

One: Way beyond all journeying,  
Truth behind all mystery,  
Life within all living:

**All: We praise you.**

One: Salve for every soreness,  
mender of every brokenness,  
midwife of a better future:

**All: We praise you.**

One: Ground of all being,  
judge of all nations,  
conscience of the universe,

**All: We praise you.**

One: Maker, Messiah,  
confessor, companion,  
befriender, inspirer,  
God beyond all names,

**All: We praise you.**

One: Let us worship the Holy One, tender and just.

### \* HYMN 301

**Let Us Build a House**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Werner Ramirez

### \* 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*



\* SONG 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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\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved\_ and\_  
called God's own. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah!\_ God's\_ good - ness is\_ e - ter - nal.

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

ANTHEM  
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian  
Church Choir  
and Community Choir

Draw the Circle Wide • Mark Miller (b. 1967)  
Tex by Gordon Light (b. 1944)  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side,  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

LITANY OF PARTING

All: May God be with you there.  
Children: May God be with you here.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian  
Church Choir

Come, Renew Us • Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)  
Text by David Adam (1936–2020)

Come Lord, come to us,  
Enter our darkness with your light.  
Fill our emptiness with your presence,  
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.  
In our sadness, come as joy,  
In our troubles, come as peace,  
In our fearfulness, come as hope,  
In our darkness, come as light,  
In our frailty, come as strength,  
In our loneliness, come as love.  
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:3-8

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Beloved Community: We, Who Are Many”

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God who calls us  
to build and nurture beloved communities,  
we confess that we find diversity  
to be both a blessing and a challenge.  
Help us to meet this challenge and embrace this blessing.  
Touch our hearts with grace,  
open our spirits to connection,  
fill our souls with courage,  
as we seek to do your work  
alongside a rainbow of faithful faces and perspectives.  
This we pray in the name of the One who unites us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

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\* HYMN 306

**Blessed Be the Tie That Binds**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

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.**

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What Does the Lord Require of You?  
*Mark Miller, Text: Micah 6:8*

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before God on high?  
God has told you,  
O mortal what is good, is good.

What does the Lord require of you?  
I want to know, I want to know.  
Justice! Kindness!  
Walk humbly with your God!

\* 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 300

**We Are One in the Spirit**

\* BENEDICTION

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

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\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Grace of Christ • *William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)*  
*Text by John Newton (1725–1807)*

May the grace of Christ our Savior,  
And our Maker's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
Held together by the Word,  
And possess in rich communion  
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in B major, op. 7 • *Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by:  
The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir & Community Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper* Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Hilary Gardner, *Alto*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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Both of the choral pieces this morning were written by Mark Miller. Miller currently serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music at Drew Theological School and is a Lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at Yale University. He is also the Minister of Music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey.

The first Anthem, *Draw the Circle Wide*, was written in 2008. According to Miller, “This piece is really at the heart of what I feel music ministry should be about, what the church should be about: telling more and more people about God’s love, and that the circle of God’s love is wide enough to embrace everyone.”

The Offertory Anthem, *What Does the Lord Require of You?*, was written in 2005. Miller’s memorable setting of this famous reading from Micah playfully combines two primary musical inspirations to tremendous effect: the African American Gospel tradition and the Baroque contrapuntal style of J.S. Bach.

## 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

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, Sunday School &amp; Youth Group.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. <b>Chapel Church.</b> Jones Auditorium. <b>The Word Is Out: LGBTQ+ Community Group.</b> Board Room.
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Children's Choir.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
<b>11 am</b>	<b>Worship.</b> Sanctuary & Livestream.
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Children's Church.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
<b>12 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Hour.</b> Bonnell Hall and online. <b>Tour the Church.</b> Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.
<b>1 pm</b>	<b>Game Day with the Homeless.</b> Jones Auditorium.
<b>2 pm</b>	<b>Exhibit Tour: Acts of Faith - Religion and the American West.</b> New York Historical Society.
	<b>Believing &amp; Belonging: New Member Class.</b> Zoom.

### This Week

<b>Wed Jan 24</b>	<b>Community Choir.</b> 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome! <b>Asian-American Bible Study.</b> 6:30 pm • 6th floor conference room & Zoom. <b>FAYA Midweek.</b> 6:30 pm • Corning Logan Room. Wednesday evening young adult gathering. Contact: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed ( <a href="mailto:youngadults@fapc.org">youngadults@fapc.org</a> ). <b>Kate Bowler Book Study.</b> 6:30 pm • Zoom. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ( <a href="mailto:engagement@fapc.org">engagement@fapc.org</a> ) to sign up.
<b>Thu Jan 25</b>	<b>Career Directions.</b> 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers and career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ( <a href="mailto:engagement@fapc.org">engagement@fapc.org</a> ) for the link.
<b>Fri Jan 26</b>	<b>Youth Group: Last Friday Hangout.</b> 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. To register, contact the Rev. Werner Ramirez ( <a href="mailto:youth@fapc.org">youth@fapc.org</a> ).
<b>Sat Jan 27</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>Coming Up</b>	
<b>Sun Jan 28</b>	<b>Frontera de Cristo Coffee Hour &amp; Frontera de Cristo Delegation Report.</b> Coffee Hour; 2 pm, Bonnell Hall. Delegation Report; 7 pm, Zoom.
<b>Wed Jan 31</b>	<b>The Sixth Annual Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture, featuring Kate Bowler.</b> 7 pm

### Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

"Beloved Community: Hold Fast" • Romans 12:9-10  
*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching*

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Deadline for Officer Recommendations

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/nominations](http://fapc.org/nominations). Please submit your recommendations by Tuesday, January 23.

### Sunday, January 28: Frontera de Cristo Coffee Hour & Frontera de Cristo Delegation Report

**Coffee Hour:** The church members from the October 2023 delegation to our mission partners Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta, Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona, want to share what they learned with you. Join us today at 12 pm in Bonnell Hall to chat as we serve Cafe Justo coffee and enjoy Sonoran style hors d'oeuvres. **Webinar:** At 7 pm, join Jaime Staehle, Director of Family Ministries, and Christine Boyle, Director of Outreach & Missions, for a moving presentation on the current border reality. Individuals from the delegation will share their personal and prayerful experiences. Register for this webinar at [fapc.org/adult-ed](http://fapc.org/adult-ed).

### 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 soon. To secure a ticket, head to [fapc.org/gotto](http://fapc.org/gotto). For more information, please email Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

### Friday, February 9: Winter Choral Concert | The Music of Ruth Watson Henderson

Join our renowned Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir at 7 pm in the Church of Our Savior at 59 Park Avenue as they present an evening of enchanting choral music by Canada's legendary pioneering female composer, Ruth Watson Henderson. Featuring sweeping melodies, lush harmonies, and rhythmic vitality, Watson Henderson's choral works reflect her rare gift to capture the emotional depth of a text through music. Get your tickets today at [fapc.org/concerts](http://fapc.org/concerts).

### Sunday, February 11: 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](http://fapc.org/chili). Online friends, send your favorite recipe to [hybridchurch@fapc.org](mailto:hybridchurch@fapc.org) to be compiled for a chili recipe book! Some of these recipes will be carefully prepared by staff members and entered for you at the big cook-off!

### Today: 4 pm Evensong at Saint Thomas Church

Join our neighbors on Fifth Avenue for this special evensong celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Saint Thomas Church.

## 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:

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](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).

### 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](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org).



## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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**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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The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*

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Richard J. Schexnider, *Director of Finance*

Jaime Staehle, *Director of Christian Education*

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### Announce a birth or adoption

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### Fund the altar flowers

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### Join the church

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### Make a donation

[fapc.org/give](http://fapc.org/give)



### Plan your wedding

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### Prepare for baptism

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**Add a name to the prayer list** • Natalie Wardius, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)

**Hire our caterer** • Rodrigo Rosas, [rodrigo@roxoevents.com](mailto:rodrigo@roxoevents.com)

**Notify us of a death or illness** • Natalie Wardius, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)

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9 am – 6 pm

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