



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 3, 2024 • 11:00 AM

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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

Prelude in B minor, BWV 544 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Confirmand Ethan PaVon*

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 624

**I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,**

**help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

### \* SUNG RESPONSE

O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,  
And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;  
Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for - sak - en:  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!

Music: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541 - O LAMM GOTTES. Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541, trans. Arthur Tozer Russell, (1806-1874).

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

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What won - drous love is this, O my soul,  
What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

*Children (pre-K through second grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Church.  
If this is your child's first time at Fifth Avenue, please accompany them downstairs.*

LITANY OF PARTING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

TESTIMONY

*2024 Confirmands: Bruno Hennig, Ethan PaVon,  
Mikyle Staehle, Sienna Tounge, and Suri Wong*

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal • *René Clausen (b. 1953)*  
Text: *Song of Solomon 8:6-7*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,  
For love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love;  
Neither can the floods drown it.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Ruth 1*

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country

of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

Then Naomi started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.'

But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.'

Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.'

But Ruth said,

'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;

your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!'

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, 'Is this Naomi?'

She said to them,

'Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara,

for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.

I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty;

why call me Naomi when the Lord has dealt harshly with me,

and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?'

So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**"The Resilient Ruth"**

\* RESPONSE IN FAITH

One: Jesus called the disciples “friends.”  
All: **Jesus loved those around him—  
all those around him.**  
One: Let us show God’s love  
toward those with whom we share life.  
All: **Let us embody God’s fierce friendship. Amen.**

\* SUNG RESPONSE



And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Confirmands  
Laying on of Hands and Anointing Prayer  
Charge to the Confirmands

CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Just As I Am • *Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*  
*Text by Charlotte Elliot (1789–1871)*

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though toss'd about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings within and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;)  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

\* 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.**

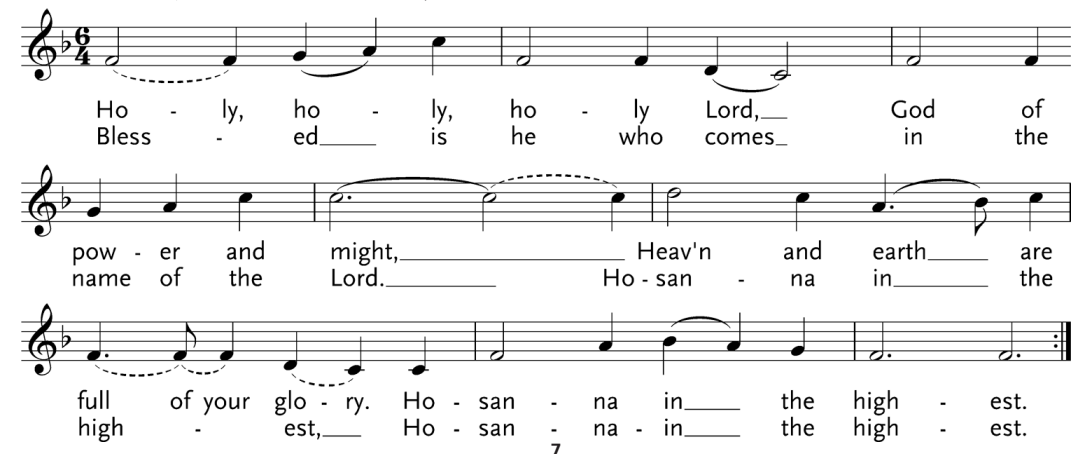
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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  
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:



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.



Music: American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx, 1984 - LAND OF REST. Text: Traditional liturgical text.  
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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

*Sicut cervus • G.P. da Palestrina (1525–1594)*  
*Text: Psalm 42:1*

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,  
 ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
 so my soul longs for you, O God.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

##### \* HYMN 450

##### Be Thou My Vision

##### \* BENEDICTION

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

##### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

A Celtic Prayer • *Barry Peters, Text: Traditional*

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
 walk with you on the road.  
 May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
 stretch out your hands to serve.  
 May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
 open up your hearts to love.  
 May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,  
 And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

##### POSTLUDE

Fugue in B minor, BWV 544 • J.S. Bach

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*

#### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

##### 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).

##### Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Pat Backus, Indie and Algernon John Baptiste, Patricia Blair, Neta Beberino  
 Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat  
 Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell, Nina S. 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, Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, 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  
 Ramon Rosa, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Bonnie Smith  
 Monica Smith, 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

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs, Sunday School, and Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
- The Word is Out.** Sixth Floor Conference Room.
- 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.
- Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.

### This Week

- Tue Mar 5** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle ([bible-study@fapc.org](mailto:bible-study@fapc.org)).
- Wed Mar 6** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
- FAYA Midweeks.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. Join us for our weekly Fifth Avenue Young Adult small group gathering!
- Thu Mar 7** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)) for the link.
- Sat Mar 9** **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](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).
- Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) Believing & Belonging Membership Class.** 2:30 pm • The Living Room. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)) to learn more.

### Coming Up

- Sun Mar 10** **Deacons Clothing Drive begins.** 9 am. Bring your clothing donations with you to church on this Sunday or the next. You can also drop off your donations at the 55th Street reception desk during the week.
- Lincoln and the Fight for Peace.** 12:30 pm • Corning Logan Room and Livestream.
- Fri Mar 22** **Choral Concert: Renaissance Reflections: Music for Lent.** 7 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. Purchase tickets at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).

### Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday in Lent

"The Resilient Apostle" • Philippians 3:7-14

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Sunday, March 10: Deacons' Clothing Drive Begins

The annual Deacons' Clothing Drive begins the week of March 10 and concludes on March 17. This year the drive will benefit the Fifth Avenue Ecumenical Outreach Partnership and the Samaritan's Closet, a collaborative ministry of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and St. James Episcopal Church. Bring your clothing donations with you to church on either Sunday, or drop them off at the 55th Street reception desk during the week. We have a special need for new or lightly used clothing for men, women, and children with a particular focus on casual spring and summer clothing, and packages of new underwear and socks, especially men's.

### Sunday, March 10: Lincoln and the Fight for Peace

Amidst the fervor of an election year, join us for a timely and thought-provoking interview with John Avlon on his book *Lincoln and the Fight for Peace*. We will explore Lincoln's legacy of leadership during tumultuous times, drawing parallels to our contemporary challenges. This event promises a compelling exploration of history, grace, and the enduring quest for peace, providing invaluable perspectives for our present-day political landscape. Join us in Jones Auditorium at 2 pm or live on YouTube [@fapcnyc](https://www.youtube.com/@fapcnyc). Food will be served.

### Tuesday, March 12: Faith At Home Webinar

Studies tell us that open family discussions are the key to our kids embracing their religious faith. For many parents, however, talking about religion feels like navigating uncharted territory. Join us at 7 pm as we start to break down this 'second language' of faith. You'll learn how to introduce faith to your kids in down-to-earth ways. Let's make our homes the epicenter of meaningful faith conversations. To register, visit [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events) or email Jaime Staehle ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, March 17: Interactive Stations of the Cross

Join us online for a meaningful time of prayer and reflection as we prepare for Holy Week. This experience combines the timeless tradition of the Stations of the Cross with engaging visuals, inviting participants to connect with the Passion narrative in a profound and interactive way. Through a series of beautifully illustrated stations, we will be guided on a reflective and contemplative journey. This program will be led by director of Christian education, Jaime Staehle. Register online at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events) or by emailing Jaime Staehle ([adulted@fapc.org](mailto:adulted@fapc.org)).

### Friday, March 22: Lenten Choral Concert: *Renaissance Reflections: Music for Lent*

Join the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir at 7 pm in the Sanctuary and on livestream as they perform highlights from the Renaissance era. At the heart of the program is the *Mass for Four Voices* by William Byrd, one of the period's greatest masterpieces. Composed during the religious turmoil of Elizabethan England, the *Mass* showcases Byrd's tremendous ability to express his deeply held spiritual convictions through delicate strands of polyphony and evocative harmonies. The result is a work of profound faith and exquisite beauty. Get your tickets today at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).

### Did you know...

...that you can sponsor a Coffee Hour? In honor of a loved one, celebration of a milestone, or commemoration of a significant personal or familial event, you can support a Coffee Hour at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Please contact Rodrigo Rosas ([rodrigo@roxoevents.com](mailto:rodrigo@roxoevents.com)) for more information.

## 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).

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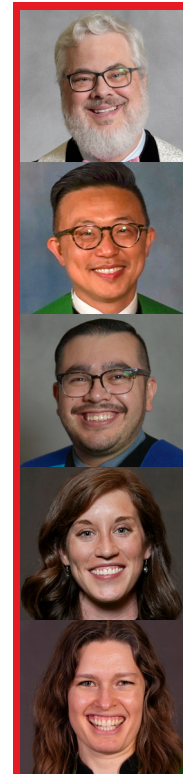
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