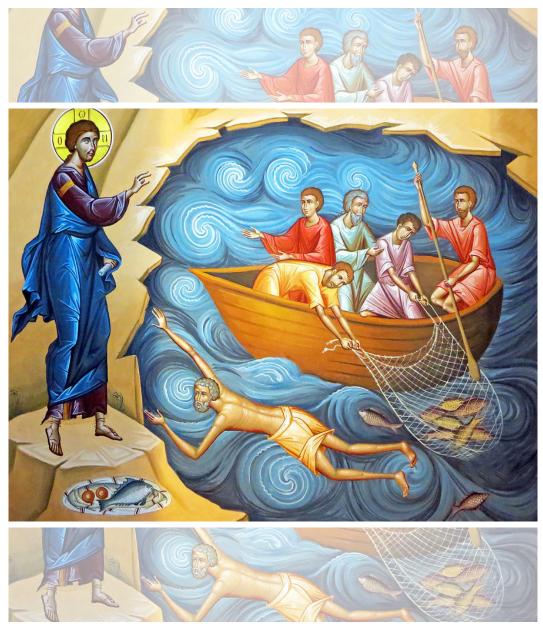


Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024 • 11:00 AM





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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 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	Cuatro Pieza I. Cantabile II. Ofertorio III. Elevación IV. Allegro	s para la Misa • José Lídon (1748–1827)
* Call to Worship	Psalm 30	
Elder Rachel Brenner	One:	Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.
	All:	For God's anger is but for a moment, God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
	One:	God has turned our mourning into dancing; God has taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy,
	All:	Let our souls praise God and not be silent. O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!
	One:	Christ is risen!
	All:	Christ is risen, indeed!

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* CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Werner Ramirez

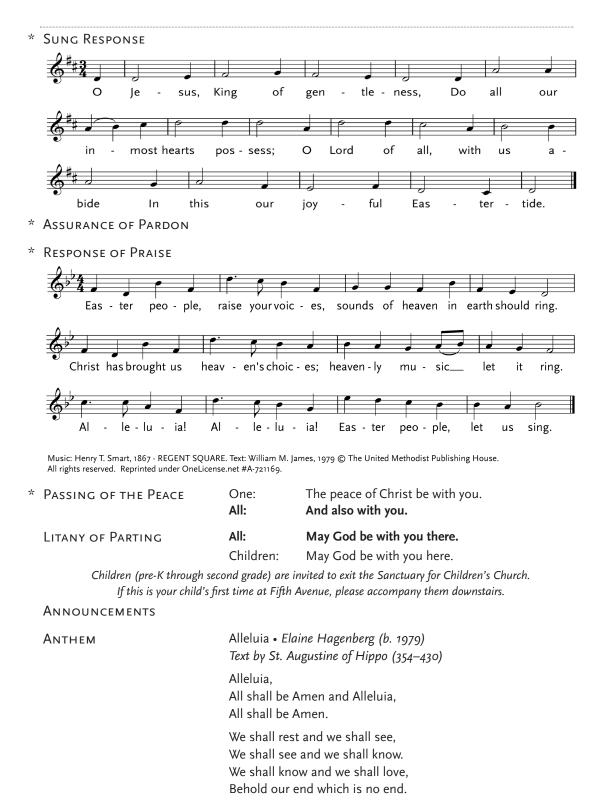
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Day of Resurrection!

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



SCRIPTURE LESSON John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

		One: All:	This is the Word of God; for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	
	Sermon The Rev. Dr. Jonah So	"The Resili	ent Peter"	
*	Affirmation of Faith	From The Confession of 1967		
		from confli We still have with dishea Nevertheless as we matu we live in fi bearing wit confident t	artening difficulties and problems.	
*	Нуми 257	The Risen Ch	nrist	
	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike			

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Lord's Prayer	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.		Choral-Improvisation sur le "Victimae paschali" Charles Tournemire (1870–1939) Trans. Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.		The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir Dr. Ryan Jackson, <i>William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries</i> Dr. Patrick Kreeger, <i>Associate Organist</i>	
Call to Give			Di Fuller Reegel, Fistolaro Organist
Offertory Anthem	Antiphon from Five Mystical Songs Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) Text by George Herbert (1593–1633)		
	Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly, The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!		
	Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!		
* 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.		
* Нуми 246	Christ Is Alive!		
* BENEDICTION Please remo	ain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.		
* Choral Response	Victimae paschali laudes • 11th-century plainsong Attrib. Wipo of Burgundy (d. circa 1050), arr. Ryan Jackson		
	Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, Reconcileth sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous: The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal. Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining; Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!		

The Offertory Anthem was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a leading figure in twentiethcentury music who wrote extensively in all genres. Williams, an English composer, conductor, and organist, also made an important contribution to sacred music as the editor of *The English Hymnal*, which was published in 1906 and is still in use today.

Today's organ postlude first came into existence as a fantastical improvisation based on the theme of one of the oldest Easter hymns, *Victimae paschali laudes* ("Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your praises"), which dates from the 11th century. This piece was improvised spontaneously by the great French organist Charles Tournemire for a recording session in 1930, and is based on the traditional Gregorian melody. In 1958, Tournemire's student, Maurice Duruflé, undertook the painstaking task of transcribing these recorded improvisations in musical notation. This job must have taken countless hours (especially considering this was long before the dawn of digital media players!), but Duruflé's devotion and effort resulted in several thrilling and innovative additions to the organ repertoire.

Congregational Care

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mee Yung Wong Ng, beloved mother of Mary Ng.

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:

Ann Alexander, 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, Eugenia Connerat, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sohn Fong Irene P. Gilman, Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Wanda Roush Hannan Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Maggie Hendrix, Emi Iwaida, Juliet Kaldanie Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Janet Lamberth Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, The McCall Family, Lynn and Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish, Dexter Ramcharan Don Rogers, Ramon Rosa, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer Nancy Seelig, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Bonnie Smith, Monica Smith, Spencer Robert Smith Willie Gerald Smith, Phillip Snyman 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:

March 31, 2024: Janet Gibbs, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and former Clerk of Session. Beloved mother of Nancy and Christopher Gibbs, and beloved grandmother of Charlotte and Galen May. A memorial service and reception for Janet will be held at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 14 at 2 pm.

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
Тодау	
9:30 am	Little Lambs, Youth Group, and Sunday School. 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.
12:30 pm	CREDO: Foundations of Christian Theology. Bonnell Hall.
This Week	
Tue Apr 9	Weekly Word Bible Study. 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please contact The Rev. Dr. Jonah So (<i>bible-study@fapc.org</i>).
Wed April 10	Community Choir. 6 pm. Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
	FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. Weekly gathering with the Fifth Avenue Young Adults! Email Sarah A. Speed at <i>youngadults@fapc.org</i> to join.
Thu April 11	Career Directions. 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (<i>membership@fapc.org</i>) for the link.
Sat April 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 (<i>moh@fapc.org</i>).
	Women's Ministry: Saturday Lunch Day. 12 pm • Local Restaurants. The women of FAPC head out for a Saturday lunch on the town!
Coming Up	
Sun April 14	Foundations of Christian Theology—A Brief Statement of Faith. 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Featuring the Rev. Sarah A. Speed.
	Memorial Service for Janet Gibbs. 2 pm • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, presiding.
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Next Sunday · Third Sunday of Easter

"The Scars of Faith" • Luke 24:36b-48 Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton

Welcome to the World!

Ryland Wang, child of Branden Wang and Yvonne Liu, born March 13, 2024. Zoe Jacqueline Mattison-Tarby, child of Becki Tarby and Kyle Mattison, born March 11, 2024.

Today: CREDO: Foundations of Christian Theology—The Confession of 1967

Each spring our clergy take four weeks to dive deep into some of the foundations of Christian theology. Whether you're a long-time member, or new to the faith, CREDO is a great way to explore or refresh your understanding of what we believe. This spring we will consider four modern confessions found in the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Confessions*. What do churches in Nazi Germany, apartheid South Africa, and the political climate of the United States in 1967 have to say to us today? We hope you'll join us in Bonnell Hall at 12:30 pm each Sunday in April to discover more. Today, the Rev. Dr. Jonah So will explore the Confession of 1967 and how this modern statement of faith addresses the church's role in the world. Food will be served.

Saturday, April 13: Women's Ministry Lunch Day

Join the women of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church for a Saturday lunch out on the town! Register today at *fapc.org/women*. The Rev. Sarah A. Speed will sort participants into small groups and give each group a restaurant reservation. Come break bread together at a local restaurant and learn some more about the women in this congregation. It will be better with you there.

Saturday, May 4: Sign up for Fifth Avenue Serves

Fifth Avenue Serves, our annual day of service, is back with opportunities to volunteer with Meals on Heels, several of our local mission partners, and in Washington, D.C., with the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike. Registration is open through noon on Friday, April 26. Volunteers can sign up individually, in pairs, or as a group. Space is limited at each site so please sign up quickly. You can register online at *fapc.org/serves* or by emailing Christine Boyle (*outreach@fapc.org*).

Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19: Beyond the Walls Weekend

Beyond the Walls is a gathering in New York of Fifth Avenue members and friends from outside the city. This fun weekend is a wonderful opportunity for the entire Fifth Avenue family to get to know our church and one another up close. You'll have several ways to foster connections, engage in community service, and join in worship with members near and far. You can learn more and, if you are a hybrid member, register at *fapc.org/beyond*.

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*) 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*.

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 A. 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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West Side Fed
and Support

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 the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at *womensministry@fapc.org* or *visit fapc.org/women*.

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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

You are invited to join the Fifth Avenue family for Beyond the Walls Weekend!

From Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19, we will welcome members and friends from outside the New York City area to Fifth Avenue. This weekend will help you foster connections with folks near and far, engage in community service, and join in worship together. You can learn more and, if you are a hybrid member, register at *fapc.org/beyond*.

It will be better with you there!

Support the Church

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8 am - 1 pmSunday
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