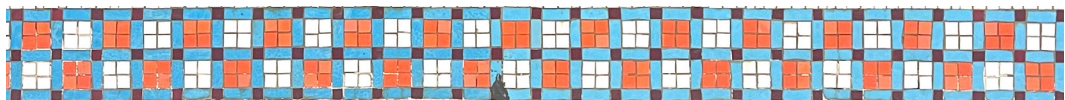
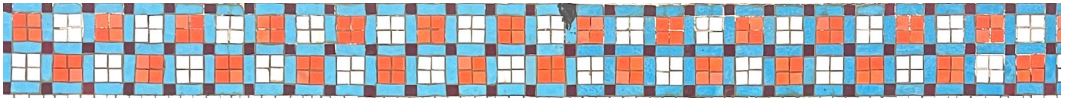




# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 12, 2024 • 11:00 AM



“Dinah Washington” detail from Faith Ringgold’s *Flying Home: Harlem Heroes and Heroines (Downtown and Uptown)* (1996), 125th Street Mosaic (2/3 line). Photographed by Vasheena Brisbane.

**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

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## ➔ 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 *L'ascension: Alleluias sereneins* ("The Ascension: Serene Alleluias")  
*Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP  
*Trustee Susan Neunaber*

*from Psalm 139*

One: We have come to worship God,

**All: the One who loved us before we were born,**

One: the Spirit who knows us  
better than we know ourselves,

**All: the Holy One, whose presence never leaves us,**

One: and whose love for us never ceases.

**All: This is our God. Let's worship together!**

\* HYMN 619

**Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven**

\* 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*

\* SUNG RESPONSE

O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do all our  
in - most hearts pos - sess; O Lord of all, with us a -  
bide In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

Music: Trier ms., 15th century; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609 - PUER NOBIS NASCITUR.  
Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852.

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
 Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es; heav - en - ly mu - sic let it ring.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867 - REGENT SQUARE. Text: William M. James, 1979 © The United Methodist Publishing House. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-721169.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

Seek Ye First • *Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
 And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
 Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word  
 That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 Baptism

\* CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church;  
 for we are all one in Christ.**

**We promise to love, encourage and support you,  
 to share the good news of the gospel with you,  
 and to help you know and follow Christ.**

*Choir and Congregation*

\* SUNG RESPONSE

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
 Born of the Spirit, we are God's children  
 Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

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.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

ANTHEM

Rise up, my Love, my Fair One • *Healey Willan (1880–1968)*

*Text: Song of Solomon*

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear upon the earth;  
The time of the singing of birds is come;  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Proverbs 31:10 & 16-22*

A woman of valor who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“Woman of Valor”**

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

from *Isaiah 66*

**Holy and loving God, you have said,  
“As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you.”  
We lean on this promise.  
We want to extend this promise to others.  
Help us to offer your sacred comfort  
and abiding peace to the world. Amen.**

\* HYMN 324

**For All the Faithful Women**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

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

God is Gone Up • *Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)*  
*Text by Edward Taylor (c. 1646–1729)*

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:  
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:  
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,  
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!  
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,  
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,  
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,  
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody  
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;  
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string  
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

\* 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 14

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies • *Keith Bissell (1912–1992)*  
*Text by Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

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POSTLUDE

*L'ascension: Transports de joie*  
(“The Ascension: Outbursts of Joy”)  
*Olivier Messiaen*

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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*  
*Children's Choir and Youth*  
Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director* • Bob Goetz, *violin* • Joseph Vaz, *piano*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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The great English composer Gerald Finzi composed *God is Gone Up* for a St. Cecilia's Day celebration at St. Sepulchre Anglican Church in central London in 1951. Finzi chose the words of American poet Edward Taylor (1646?–1729) to serve as the text for this, his most famous anthem. Taylor's biblically inspired poetry describes an imaginary celebration following the Ascension of Christ, an occasion marked each year on the Day of Ascension (celebrated this past week on Thursday, May 18). The joyous work begins with instrumental fireworks on the organ—"God is gone up with a triumphant shout!" the choir exclaims, and the organ rushes to join them. The piece is organized into three major sections: jubilant music of praise dominates the two outer sections, with a more serene section in the middle. This inner section, featuring sustained melodies and floating harmonies, beautifully captures images of flitting heavenly creatures encircling the chariot of God.

Olivier Messiaen was one of the most renowned organists and composers of the 20th century. His wonderfully evocative work, *L'ascension* ("The Ascension") began its life as a four-movement suite for orchestra. Realizing it would make a fine organ piece, Messiaen arranged the first, second, and fourth movements for organ, and composed a different third movement for the new version. This morning we hear the profoundly stirring second movement as the prelude: *Alleluias sereins d'une âme qui désire le ciel* ("Serene alleluias of a soul that longs for heaven"); and the thrilling third movement as the postlude: *Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne* ("Outbursts of joy of a soul before the glory of Christ, which is its own glory"), often referred to simply as *Transports de joie*. Like *God is Gone Up*, we hear Messiaen's music this morning in commemoration of the Day of Ascension.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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*Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mark Cabanos, Jr.,  
by Io Cabanos.*

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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:**

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, 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, Peter S. Hawkins 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, Priscilla Young-Rodgers, Wayne Zhou

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### **Faithful Departed:**

April 26, 2024: Taskin Yener—beloved father of Cengiz Yener.

April 30, 2024: Nelson A. Laxamana—beloved son of Carmencita Rodriguez.

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

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### Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs, Sunday School, and Youth.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
- 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.
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### This Week

- Wed May 15** **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 [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to join.
- Thu May 16** **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.
- Fri May 17–  
Sun May 19** **Beyond the Walls Weekend.** A weekend gathering in New York of members and friends from outside the city. Visit [fapc.org/beyond](http://fapc.org/beyond) to learn more.
- Sat May 18** **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)).

### Coming Up

- Sun May 19** **Family Ministries Picnic.** 1 pm • Central Park Sheep Meadow. All families are invited to join us for a fun picnic in the park. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch. Register at [fapc.org/family-events](http://fapc.org/family-events).
- Organ Recital by Ryan Jackson.** 1 pm • Sanctuary. Dr. Ryan Jackson presents a selection of music on our beautiful Mighty Austin organ. Free and open to all!
- Journeying with Our Mission Partner, Ministry of Hope Lesotho.** 7 pm • Zoom.
- Sun May 26** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary and livestream. Our summer worship schedule begins.
- Mon May 27** **Memorial Day holiday.** Building closed.

### Next Sunday · Day of Pentecost

*We will celebrate with one worship service, beginning at 11 am.*

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** as part of our worship service.

We will also ordain and install our 2027 officer class.

“Whack-a-Mole” • Acts 2:1-13

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Welcome to the World**

John Willard Young IV, child of Rachael and John Young, born April 14, 2024.

### **Baptized Today**

Ailish Cranstoun, child of Denis Cranstoun and Caitlyn MacDonald, born on September 8, 2016.  
Felix Lukas Johannes Jahn, child of Caroline and Max Jahn born on October 25, 2023.

### **Summer Schedule**

This morning we held our last celebration of Chapel Church at 9:30 am before the summer break. Chapel Church will return in the fall. Next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost with one service at 11 am. The following week, on Trinity Sunday, we will begin our summer schedule of one Sunday Worship at 10 am. We will keep this schedule until Homecoming Sunday, September 8.

### **Sunday, May 19: Family Ministries Picnic**

All families are invited to join us for a fun picnic in the park on Sunday, May 19 at 1 pm. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch and meet us on the lower east side of Sheep Meadow near the big tree. Please register at [fapc.org/picnic](http://fapc.org/picnic) so we can keep you posted about any weather changes!

### **Sunday, May 19: Ryan Jackson Organ Recital**

Come to the Sanctuary at 1 pm to hear our very own Dr. Ryan Jackson, the William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries, present a moving selection of music on our beautiful Mighty Austin organ.

### **Sunday, May 19: Journeying with Our Mission Partner, Ministry of Hope Lesotho**

Ministry of Hope Lesotho, in southern Africa, is home to children who are orphaned and vulnerable. Co-Founded by Mamonyane Mohale, a public health nurse, and Nancy Dimmock, a former mission co-worker in Lesotho, Malawi, and Zambia with the Presbyterian Church (USA), this organization attends to the needs of infants, children, and youth. Join us at 7 pm on Zoom as we speak with Mamonyane Mohale, Executive Director of Ministry of Hope, and Sally Harwood, a Fifth Avenue congregant and Mission Partner liaison to Ministry of Hope. Register at [fapc.org/outreach-events](http://fapc.org/outreach-events).

### **Friday, June 7: Family Camp**

All families are invited to join us for a wonderful weekend away at Holmes Camp in upstate New York. We will spend time swimming and boating, hiking and playing games, roasting marshmallows and worshipping together! To learn more and register, visit [fapc.org/camp](http://fapc.org/camp) or email Jaime Staehle at [familyminstries@fapc.org](mailto:familyminstries@fapc.org). The deadline to register is May 20.

### **Friday, June 21: Women's Summer Retreat**

Research says it takes 72 hours for a group to form. That truth is what makes retreats so powerful! Over the course of one weekend, you will not only go deeper in your faith, but deeper in relationships. Join us as we get out of town for a weekend of sabbath, laughter, games, conversation, food and study. Give yourself this gift of time and relationships. To learn more and register, visit [fapc.org/retreat](http://fapc.org/retreat). We'd love to see you there!

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### **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)).

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## 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 Session

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

John Wyatt, *Clerk of Session* • Meg Sheehan, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

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Jill Borrero  
Mae Cheng-PaVon  
Bruni Fernandez  
Paul Griggs  
Sam Griggs  
Claire Kedeshian  
John Kern  
William Stone  
John Wyatt

#### Class of 2025

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Ann Marie Koehler  
Sara Rodgers  
Chris Rogers  
Janeen A. Sarlin  
Meg Sheehan  
Sylvia Winrich

#### Class of 2026

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Dennis Bushe  
Roseanne Lind  
Nate Mahrer  
Brian McLendon  
Louisa Raitt  
Martha Van Hise

### The Board of Deacons

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Greg Dow, *Moderator* • Joann Harrah, *Vice Moderator* • Sarah McKoy, *Secretary*

Shane Markstrum, *Treasurer*

#### Class of 2024

Jennica Carmona  
Greg Dow  
Joann Harrah  
Beverly Elmyra Johnson  
Lydia Kalmen  
Shane Markstrum  
Auguste Nipabi  
Joyce Nolen  
Branden Wang  
Lynn Wishart

#### Class of 2025

Kirsten Aiello  
Kelly Baer  
Jessica Carmona  
Hope Griggs  
Jane Henn  
Sarah McKoy  
Jeannine Rodgers  
Chad Schepp  
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# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

## Summer Schedule

Today we offered our last Chapel Church service at 9:30 am, before taking a break for the summer.

Chapel Church will return in the fall!

**Next Sunday** we will celebrate Pentecost with **one service at 11 am.**

The following week, on Trinity Sunday, we will begin our summer schedule of one Sunday Worship at 10 am.

We will keep this schedule until  
**Homecoming Sunday, September 8.**

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## Building Hours

Monday, Wednesday – Friday 9 am – 6 pm	Tuesday 9 am – 9 pm	Saturday 8 am – 1 pm	Sunday 8 am – 2:30 pm
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