



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 23, 2024 • 10:00 AM



Lucas Van Valckenborch, *Exorcism of the Gerasene Demoniac*

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. 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 in worship! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary. Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service to attend to your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. We provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

➔ Worship Resources Online

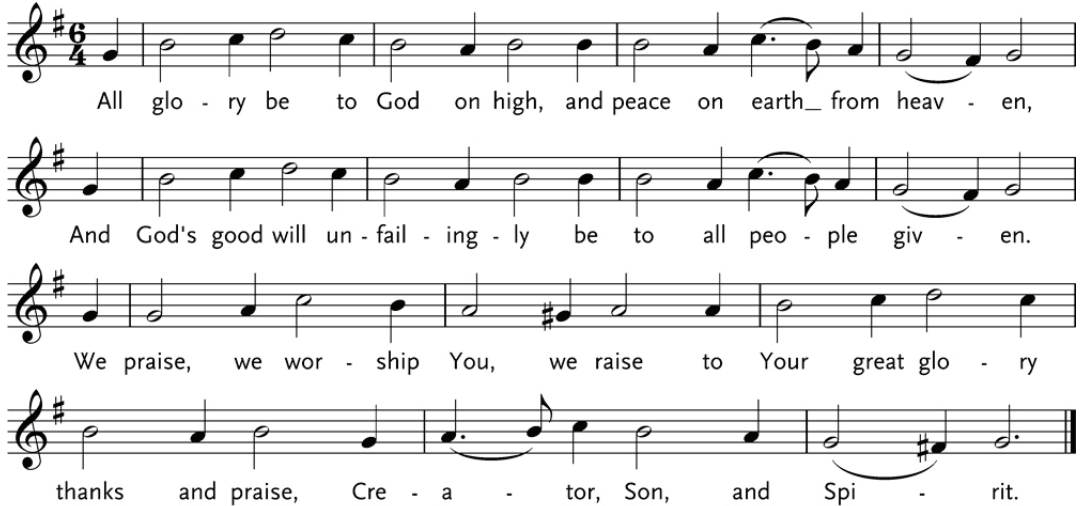
A replay of today’s service will be available this afternoon at fapc.org/playback. This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at fapc.org/pray. Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at fapc.org/this-sunday. For information about future worship services, visit fapc.org/worship.

➔ 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.)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth_ from heav - en,
And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry
thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit. rit.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO

Repentir ("O Divine Redeemer") • *Charles Gounod (1818–1893)*

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy!
Hear thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from thy throne, haste thee, Lord, to mine aid,
Thy pity show in my deep anguish!
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
Tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord!
Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On thee, Lord, alone will I call.
O Divine Redeemer! O Divine Redeemer!
I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins!
Forgive me, O divine Redeemer!
Night gathers round my soul; fearful I cry to thee;
Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste thee, Lord, haste to help me!
Hear my cry, save me, Lord, in thy mercy;
Hear my cry! Come and save me, O Lord!
O, divine Redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not, O Lord, my sins!
Save, in the day of retribution,
from Death shield thou me, O my God!
O, Divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

"Does Begging Work on God?"

* RESPONSE OF FAITH

Romans 8:27-28

**God, who searches the heart,
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.**

**We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose. Amen.**

* HYMN 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ashley Gonzalez, Director of Engagement

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 SOLO

Theodora, HWV 68: 10. As with rosy steps the morn
G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

As with rosy steps the morn,
Advancing, drives the shades of night,
So from virtuous toil well-borne,
Raise thou our hopes of endless light.
Triumphant saviour, Lord of day,
Thou art the life, the light, the way!

* 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 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Organ Sonata no. 2, op. 65: III. Allegro maestoso e vivace
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Devony Smith, *Soloist*

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.

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, 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

Faithful Departed:

June 16, 2024: James Wallace—beloved uncle of Carolyn Ferandez. Beloved husband of Barbara Anne Wallace, and beloved father of Heather and Ian Wallace.

Please Note: *The Memorial Service for Fred Canon has been postponed.*

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

Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
- 11 am** **Coffee Hour.** The Weber Terrace and online.
- Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.
- 12 pm** **Margaret Shafer Picnic.** Bonnell Hall.
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This Week

- Wed June 26** **Midweek Meet-Up.** 6:30 pm • The Weber Terrace. Women of all ages are welcome!
- Sat June 29** **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).
- FAYA Prom.** 7 pm • Bonnell Hall. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at youngadults@fapc.org to learn more.
- Sun June 30** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church, Virginia.
- Pride Parade!** 12 pm. Join FAYA and other members as we show our pride to New York City. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at youngadults@fapc.org to learn more.
- Family Ministries Mets Game.** 1:40 pm • MetLife Stadium. Join us for a day of family fun with the Mets! Tickets are \$29 each. Contact Jaime Staehle (familyministries@fapc.org) for tickets.

Coming Up

- Fri July 5** **Chapel Church Music Concert.** 7 pm • Jones Auditorium. Come hear our talented worship band. Tickets and more information at fapc.org/concert.
- Sat July 6** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall.
- FAYA Montreat Youth Conference Service Trip.** Visit fapc.org/montreat to learn more.
- Sun July 7** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell, First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, California.
- Believing and Belonging Membership Class.** 3 pm • Zoom. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed and Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement. To find out more, reach out to membership@fapc.org or sign-up at fapc.org/membership.
- Sun July 14** **Bagels and Bible.** 11:45 am • 7th Floor Conference Room. Calling all those 40s+ to join the Rev. Dr. Jonah So for bagels and Bible study.

Next Sunday • Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

“If You Only Knew” • Mark 5:21-43

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

NEWS & EVENTS

Saturday, June 29: FAYA Prom!

FAYA's largest and most joyful event of the summer is FAYA Prom! Grab a fancy dress or a suit and tie and join us for an evening of food, drinks, and dancing. We're reclaiming this high school tradition in the very best way. Tickets are \$30 and friends can come for free. Hope to see you there! Questions? Email youngadults@fapc.org. Visit fapc.org/prom for your tickets.

Sunday, June 30: FAYA at the Pride Parade!

Jesus loved a parade, and we do too. Wear your brightest colors and join us as we practice wild joy and authentic support of the LGBTQ community by cheering our hearts at the Pride parade. This event is hosted by FAYA, but open to the entire congregation. We will meet at First Presbyterian Church (12 West 12th Street). Bring a water bottle and join us. All are welcome!

Sunday, June 30: Family Ministries Mets Game

Join us for a day of family fun with the Mets at MetLife Stadium! The game starts at 1:40 pm. Tickets are \$29 each and going fast! Contact Jaime Staehle (familyministries@fapc.org) to reserve your ticket.

Friday, July 5: Chapel Church Concert

Come hear our Chapel Church band perform an evening of music! This concert will offer original songs, backstories on the music and lyric writing process, sing-along moments, and talented band solos. The concert will take place at 5 pm in Jones Auditorium. Tickets are available at fapc.org/concert.

Sunday, July 7: Believing and Belonging Membership Class

Join us for Believing & Belonging, a new member class. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed and Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement, this class focuses on getting to know one another, learning about the history and mission of this church, and understanding more about the Presbyterian tradition. Even if you are not sure about membership, you are welcome to come and learn more about the church. To find out more, reach out to membership@fapc.org or sign-up at fapc.org/membership.

Sunday, July 28: Early Bird Registration Deadline for 2025 Scotland Trip

We are thrilled to invite you to join us on an exciting trip to Scotland! Join Jamie Staehle and explore the rich history and heritage of the Presbyterian Church. You'll visit historic sites, delve into our shared faith's deep-rooted traditions, and enjoy the breathtaking landscapes. Traveling with friends is the best kind of travel, and you should sign up for this unforgettable journey. Let's make memories and deepen our faith together in Scotland! If you secure your spot by July 28, you'll receive a discount on the overall cost of the trip. Learn more and register today at fapc.org/scotland.

Saturday, August 3: FAYA Long Island City Brewery Tour

Calling all young adults! Come beat the heat this summer with a refreshing cold drink, as we bop around Long Island City to support local breweries. Join us at Focal Point Brewery at 3 pm, before we explore Fifth Hammer Brewing Company and Focal Point Brewing. The more the merrier!

The Session

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

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Fund the altar flowers

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Join the church

Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom

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Prepare for baptism

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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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Please contact Sean McAvoy (fapc@fapc.org) if you have questions or concerns.

If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



Get an up-close look at our historic Sanctuary and Church House.

Free, docent-led tours of our historic Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and the Chesnut Gallery are offered every Sunday following the 10 am worship service. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary, just inside the Fifth Avenue entrance, and look for the docent holding the yellow “TOUR STARTS HERE” sign.

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9 am – 5 pm

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8 am – 12 pm



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