



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 10, 2024 • 11:00 AM



Jacob Conelisz van Oostsanen, *David and Abigail*, c. 1500

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! 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 Fugue in F major, BWV 540 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Deacon Hope Griggs

from the Iona Community, Scotland

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

All: We praise you.

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

All: We praise you.

One: Ground of all being,
judge of every nation,
conscience of the universe,

All: We praise you.

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

All: We praise you.

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

* HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

* CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Chris Palmer

* 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

(Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



* 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.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Jeff Chu

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.**

*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. Dr. Jonah So

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT *Karen & David Liu*

ANTHEM

Peace Like a River

American Folk Hymn, arr. Ronald Staheli (b. 1947)

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got pain like an arrow, I've got pain like an arrow,
I've got pain like an arrow in my soul.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you...

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 25:2-28; 32-35

Seminarian Anne Nelson

There was a man in Maon, whose property was in Carmel. The man was very rich; he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. He was shearing his sheep in Carmel. Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigail. The woman was clever and beautiful, but the man was surly and mean; he was a Calebite. David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. Thus you shall salute him: 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. I hear that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us, and we did them no harm, and they missed nothing, all the time they were in Carmel. Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your sight; for we have come on a feast day. Please give whatever you have at hand to your servants and to your son David.'" When David's young men came, they said all this to Nabal in the name of David; and then they waited. But Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are breaking away from their masters. Shall I take my bread and my water and the meat that I have butchered for my shearers, and give it to men who come from I do not know where?"

So David's young men turned away, and came back and told him all this. David said to his men, "Every man strap on his sword!" And every one of them strapped on his sword; David also strapped on his sword; and about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage. But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he shouted insults at them. Yet the men were very good to us, and we suffered no harm, and we never missed anything when we were in the fields, as long as we were with them; they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. Now therefore know this and consider what you should do; for evil has been decided against our master and against all his house; he is so ill-natured that no one can speak to him."

Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. Now David had said, "Surely it was in vain that I protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; but he has returned me evil for good. God do so to David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him." When Abigail saw David, she hurried and alighted from the donkey, fell before David on her face, bowing to the ground. She fell at his feet and said, "Upon me alone, my lord, be the guilt; please let your servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your servant. My lord, do not take seriously this ill-natured fellow, Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, your servant, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. Now then, my lord, as the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, since the Lord has restrained you from bloodguilt and from taking vengeance with your own hand, now let your enemies and those who seek to do evil to my lord be like Nabal. And now let this present that your servant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who follow my lord. Please forgive the trespass of your servant; for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord; and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live."

David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me today! Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who have kept me today from bloodguilt and from avenging myself by my own hand! For as surely as the Lord the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male." Then David received from her hand what she had brought him; he said to her, "Go up to your house in peace; see, I have heeded your voice, and I have granted your petition."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

"Abigail's Peace"

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Loving God,
in navigating life's hard moments,
in walking down a path we did not want to take,
it is easy to feel lost, despondent and alone.

In moments like this, light our way.
Chase the shadows with Your north star.
Do let our hearts surrender to anger or apathy.
Instill in us: courage, hope, and love for neighbor.

And then, fill us with a holy vision.
Help us to be like Abigail.
Give us bold plans and a passion for peace.

This we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ,
our ever watchful, and always good, Shepherd. Amen.

* HYMN 816	If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE <i>The Rev. Werner Ramirez</i>	
THE LORD'S PRAYER	<p>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.</p>
CALL TO GIVE <i>The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike</i>	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<p>The Lord is Mindful • <i>Emma Lou Diemer (1927–2024)</i></p> <p>But the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, For the Lord is near us.</p>
* DOXOLOGY	<p>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.</p>
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	
* HYMN 450	Be Thou My Vision
* BENEDICTION	<i>Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.</i>
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<p>The Peace of God (2021) <i>Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996), Text: Philippians 4:7</i></p> <p>The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, Shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.</p>
POSTLUDE	Toccata in F major, BWV 540 • <i>J.S. Bach</i>

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*

WORSHIP NOTES

The Anthem this morning is an expressive setting of the old American hymn, "Peace Like a River." The arranger, Ronald Staheli, was the long-time chair of the choral department at Brigham Young University in Utah, and founder of the BYU Singers, one of the finest collegiate vocal ensembles in the country. Staheli composed this moving arrangement in response to the tragic loss of his son in a car accident at the age of 19. In his beautiful setting, Staheli perfectly captures the essence of the gentle river through rich harmonies and expressive use of the choral ensemble which, at times, divides into nine parts.

Emma Lou Diemer, the composer of this morning's Offertory Anthem, was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, where she began playing the piano and composing at a very early age. At 13 years of age, she became the organist of her home church! A graduate of Yale and Eastman, Dr. Diemer studied with Paul Hindemith, Howard Hanson, and Roger Sessions. Over the course of her career, she received many awards, including a Fulbright and Ford Foundation Grant. The versatility of her compositions, particularly her choral works, have made her one of the most widely performed American composers of the last century. Her setting of The Lord is Mindful, this morning's Anthem, was composed in 1979.

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, 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
Violet Lorenzen, Lauren Ma, The McCall Family, 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

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** **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
Little Lambs Nursery & Sunday School. Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir & Parents Community Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
Tour of the Church. After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "Tour Starts Here" sign.
- 12:30 pm** **Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- 1 pm** **Dr. Patrick Kreeger Organ Recital.** Sanctuary. Free and open to the public.
- 7 pm** **A Presbyterian Approach to Migration.** Webinar. Register at fapc.org/rescue.
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Coming Up

- Tue Nov 12** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please reach out to (bible-study@fapc.org). To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.
- Wed Nov 13** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
Asian American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • Sixth-floor Conference Room.
FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org.
Women's Ministry Paint & Sip Party. 6:30 pm • Corning Logan Room.
- Thu Nov 14** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
Theatre Fellowship Script Reading. 7 pm • Corning-Logan Room.
- Sat Nov 16** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).
FAYA Friendsgiving. 6:30 pm • Corning Logan Room. All are welcome to our table to celebrate the holidays.
- Sun Nov 17** **Memorial Service for Andrew Larew.** 2 pm • Sanctuary.

Next Sunday • Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"The Witch, the Ghost, and the King" • 1 Samuel 28:3-22

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Baptized Today

James Joseph Curran, child of Thomas and Meghan Curran.

James Erskine Love V, child of Erskine and Blair Love.

Oliver George Mann, child of Thomas and Anne Mann.

August Armando Ramirez, child of Werner Ramirez and April Fellers.

Today: Dr. Patrick Kreeger Organ Recital

Come to the Sanctuary at 1 pm for a free organ recital featuring our Associate Organist, Dr. Patrick Kreeger, on the Sanctuary's magisterial 7,000-pipe Austin organ. Dr. Kreeger is an award-winning organist who trained at both Julliard and Yale University.

Today: A Presbyterian Approach to Migration

Challenges related to migration and asylum are part of our daily realities politically, nationally, and denominationally. Today at 7 pm on Zoom we will speak with Omar Chacón, Mission Specialist for Migration Accompaniment Ministries, to learn more about the denomination's approach to support and advocacy for migration. Learn more and register at fapc.org/rescue.

This Month: Deacons Angel Tree

The Deacons Christmas Angel Tree Project returns for another season of gift-giving for children in need. Go to fapc.org/angel for details and a link to an online gift registry. You can purchase presents for children living in city shelters or other challenging circumstances. Please purchase your gift(s) no later than November 26 to help ensure delivery to the church by December 1.

Wednesday, November 13: Women's Ministry Paint & Sip Party

All women are invited to join us for a fun evening of painting at 6:30 pm! We will each create a masterpiece and enjoy one another's company. No prior painting experience is necessary. All supplies will be provided. To register and learn more, please visit fapc.org/paint.

Thursday, November 14: Theatre Fellowship Script Reading

The Theatre Fellowship will gather in the Corning Logan Room at 7 pm to read two TV comedies—"Frodo" written by Chloe Hawker and an episode of "The Golden Girls." Bring something to drink and to share. All are welcome! For more information, email fapc@fapc.org.

Saturday, November 16: FAYA Friendsgiving

In your 20s and 30s and looking for community during the holidays? Join the young adults of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church for a great meal on November 16, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, in the Corning Logan Room. The main dishes will be provided by Fifth Avenue, and we ask that you bring a side or drink to share. Reach out to Rev. Chris Palmer at youngadults@fapc.org or visit the Linktree on our Instagram to RSVP. You are welcome at the table!

Sunday, November 17: Fifth Avenue Bible Showdown

It's trivia with a Biblical twist! Gather with friends and challenge your knowledge of the Bible and theology in trivia teams. Enjoy tasty snacks and compete for exciting prizes! Whether you're a seasoned scholar or just looking for a good time, this event promises laughter, learning, and fellowship. Don't miss your chance to showcase your smarts and enjoy a wonderful day of community spirit! Join us in the Corning Logan Room at 12:30 pm.

GETTING CONNECTED

Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. 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

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 email (membership@fapc.org).

Congregational Care

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. Please visit fapc.org/care to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program.

Family Ministries

Family Ministries nurtures diverse, strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am to 12:30 pm during the program year (September–May). Sunday School (PreK – 5th Grade) is at 9:30 am and Children’s Church (PreK – 2nd Grade) is following the Litany of Parting during the 11 am worship service during the program year. Youth Group worships at Chapel Church at 9:30 am and meets at 11 am. On the first Sunday of the month, Youth Group worships at both services. Learn more 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. 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](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya).

Hybrid Church

Did you know that this church has a vibrant online community? Whether you’re a New Yorker worshipping from home, a longtime member who moved, or a visitor new to our livestream, you are a part of our online campus! There are many ways you can get involved. Don’t miss our virtual small groups, online office hours for pastoral care, retreat programming and seasonal gatherings here at Fifth Avenue. Contact Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike at hybridchurch@fapc.org for more information.

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 or email membership@fapc.org to register.

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:

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, 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 womensministry@fapc.org or visit fapc.org/women.

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