

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 17, 2024 • 11:00 AM



William Sidney Mount, *Saul and the Witch of Endor*, 1828

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

Organ Sonata no. 1 in F minor • *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

I. Allegro moderato e serio

II. Adagio

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Joyce Hansen

One: We gather in this place,

All: yearning for a glimpse of the holy.

One: We want to see
the One who spoke from the burning bush,

All: the One who parted the waters of the sea,

One: the One who rolled away the stone.

All: Whisper to us again, O God.

One: Touch our hearts.
Give us calm.

All: Instill in us compassion.

One: Call us to worship.

* HYMN 409

God is Here!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

* 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.**

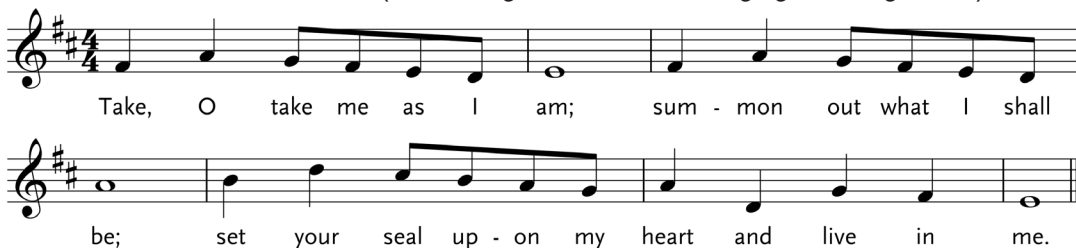
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**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.)



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Music: John L. Bell, 1995. Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995.

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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, - jah!

Music: George Mxadana.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

LITANY OF PARTING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike & Christine Boyle, Director of Outreach & Missions

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT *Elder Jama Toung & Youth Elder Sienna Toung*

ANTHEM

Os Justi • Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)
Text: Psalm 37:30-31

*Os justi meditabitur sapientiam,
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.*

*Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.*

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is just.

The law of his God is in his heart;
and his steps will not be impeded.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 28:5-22

When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.
When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim,
or by prophets.

Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go
to her and inquire of her." His servants said to him, "There is a medium at Endor." So Saul
disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They
came to the woman by night. And he said, "Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the
one whom I name to you." The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done,
how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a

snare for my life to bring about my death?” But Saul swore to her by the Lord, “As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.” Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” He answered, “Bring up Samuel for me.” When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!” The king said to her, “Have no fear; what do you see?” The woman said to Saul, “I see a divine being coming up out of the ground.” He said to her, “What is his appearance?” She said, “An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe.” So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

Then Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” Saul answered, “I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.” Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor, David. Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you today. Moreover the Lord will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.”

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. The woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, “Your servant has listened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to what you have said to me. Now therefore, you also listen to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnson

“The Witch, the Ghost and the King”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**God of Grace,
open our hearts to receive care,
and unlock our hearts to extend care.
In hard times, help us find springs of mercy.
And then, encourage us to bestow
this same kindness on those who struggle.
This we ask, looking to Christ as our witness,
having tasted the sweet Bread of Life.
Amen.**

* HYMN 434

Restore in Us, O God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Chris Palmer

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

*Exultate justi • Ludovico da Viadana (c. 1560–1627)
Text: Psalm 33:1-3*

<i>Exultate justi in Domino; Rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara; In psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum; Bene psallite ei in vociferacione. Exultate justi in Domino; Rectos decet collaudatio.</i>	Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; Praise befits the upright. Praise the Lord with the harp; Sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; Sing well to him, with loud shouts. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; Praise befits the upright.
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* 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 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*
Text by R. Gordon Nodwell

May the blessing of God be upon you.
May God's love light all your way.
May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.
May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE

Organ Sonata no. 1 in F minor • *Felix Mendelssohn*
IV. Allegro assai vivace

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 composer of this morning's anthem, Anton Bruckner, was born in 1824 in the northern Austrian town of Ansfelden. Bruckner loved and assiduously studied the music of Renaissance Italian polyphonic masters such as Palestrina, as well as German Baroque composers, especially J.S. Bach. These diverse elements are brought together, along with the boldly Romantic aesthetic inherited from Wagner, in Bruckner's sacred motets. "Os justi" was composed in 1879, the same year that he began work on his sixth symphony. This extraordinary motet, which sets Psalm 37:30–31, is set in the Lydian mode, and Bruckner achieves striking harmonic effects without ever using a single sharp or flat note.

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 Cajiut, 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.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
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** **Fifth Avenue Bible Showdown.** 12:30 pm • Jones Auditorium.
Sermon Springboard. Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- 2 pm** **Memorial Service for Andrew Larew.** Sanctuary.

Coming Up

- Tue Nov 19** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email bible-study@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.
- Wed Nov 20** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
FAYA Commitment Party. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youndadults@fapc.org.
- Thu Nov 21** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Fri Nov 22** **Parents Night Out.** 7 pm • Bonsai Tapas. Please RSVP by Nov. 18 to attend. Register at fapc.org/family-events.
Youth Last Friday Hangout. 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Let's end the month together!
- Sat Nov 23** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).
- Tue Nov 26** **Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Distribution Day.** 10 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

Next Sunday • Pledge Sunday
"Milestones" • Psalm 136:1-9 & 23-26
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

TODAY: 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 learning the Good Book, this event promises laughter, learning, and fellowship. Join us in the Jones Auditorium at 12:30 pm.

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.

Tuesday, November 26: Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Distribution Day

The Ecumenical Outreach Partnership (EOP) hosts its annual Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Day to distribute coats, winter clothing, and other essentials to our homeless and vulnerable neighbors. Volunteers are needed in two, three-hour shifts, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Christian Education Center. Meals along with coffee will also be served! To volunteer, register online or email Christine Boyle (outreach@fapc.org).

Sunday, December 1: Family Ministries Advent Festival

All families are invited to join us at 9:30 am in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center as we kick off the Advent season. There will be crafts, games, Christmas caroling, and a delicious breakfast. There will also be an opportunity to create an Advent Wreath for your family at home.

Sunday, December 1: How to Pray

Do you wonder about the role of prayer in your life? Join Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Streets and Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike for a workshop focused on learning and prayer. This webinar will provide practical strategies for enhancing your personal prayer life. You will also learn how to lead prayer in public settings. Rev. Dr. Streets is the Coordinator of the Divinity and Social Work Joint Degree Program at Yale Divinity School. Join us on Zoom at 7 pm. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7: Handel's Messiah

Join us for our inaugural performances of Handel's *Messiah*! Revel in the glorious sounds of this timeless masterpiece, featuring renowned solos such as "Comfort Ye," "Rejoice Greatly," and the iconic "Hallelujah" chorus. Experience the drama and beauty of Handel's composition, brought to life by our exceptional musicians in Fifth Avenue's majestic and inspiring Sanctuary. Don't miss this unforgettable start to the holiday season! To purchase tickets visit fapc.org/tickets.

Sunday, December 8: Christmas at The Cloisters

Join us for a magical experience this Advent season! We'll explore the beautiful Christmas displays and permanent Nativity artwork at The Met Cloisters, delving into the rich history and profound meaning of these exhibits. The tour begins at 2:30 pm, led by Elder Louisa Raitt, who holds an M.A. in Art History from the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University. These medieval masterpieces promise to inspire and uplift, perfectly embodying the Advent season. The cost is \$29 (or \$10 if you have an annual membership!). Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.

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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Fund the altar flowers • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

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

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