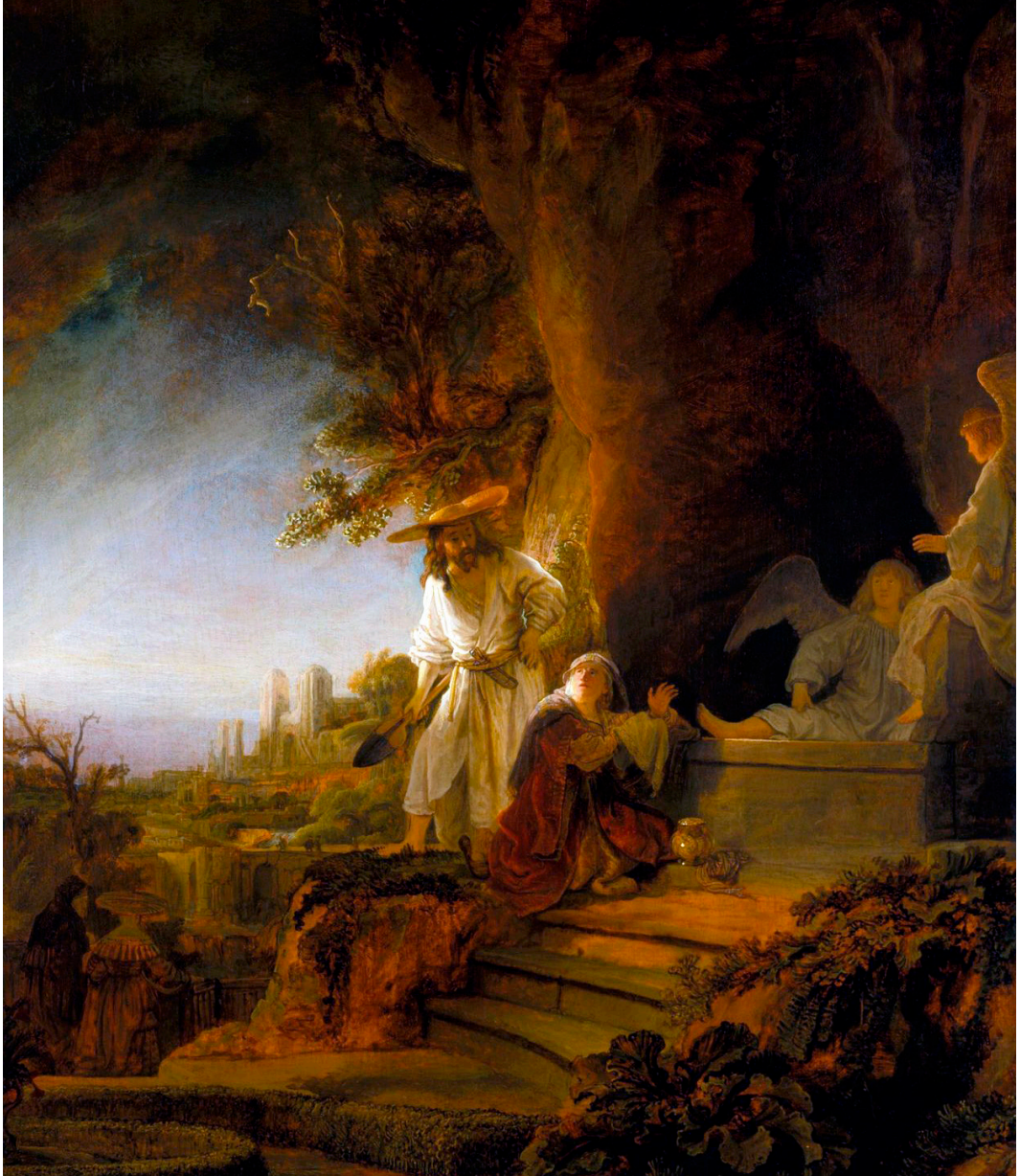


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025



Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, *Christ and Mary Magdalene at the Tomb*, 1638.

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 Water Music Suite • G.F. Handel (1685–1759)
I. *Allegro Vivace* • II. *Air* • III. *Hornpipe* • VI. *Allegro Maestoso*

INTROIT 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.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE



* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

* EASTER LITANY

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: He appeared to Mary, and to the disciples,
and to many faithful witnesses.

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: At last he came to us,
that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: Let us pray...

* 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.

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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. Werner Ramirez
 11:15 am

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

ANTHEM

Allegro vivace from Gloria • John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
 et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
 Laudamus te,
 benedicimus te,
 adoramus te,
 glorificamus te,
 gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory.
 Glory to God in the highest.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

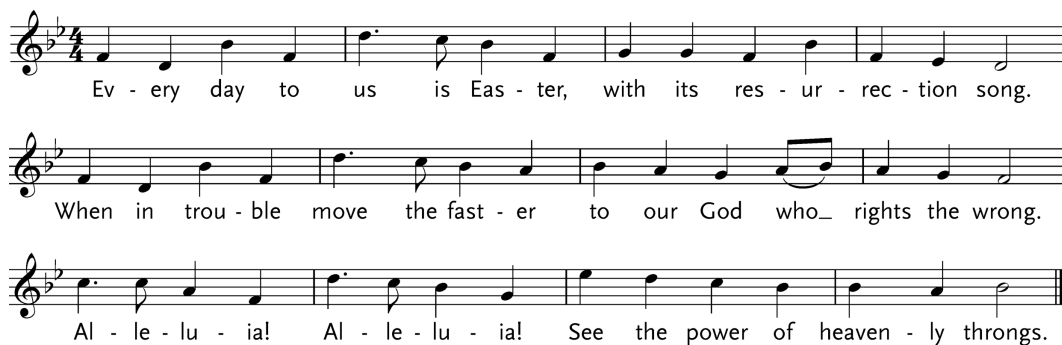
"Say Amen to Life"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Corinthians 15 & Luke 24

**This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved.
God has given us a living hope:
Christ is risen from the dead!
Alleluia.
Amen.**

* SONG RESPONSE



Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur - rec - tion song.
When in trou - ble move the fast - er to our God who_ rights the wrong.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

The Rev. Chris Palmer

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
Tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen.*

Vivace e ritmico from Gloria • John Rutter

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit:
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

* 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

Clerk of Session, Meg Sheehan

* HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah from *Messiah* • G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

Text: Revelation 19:6; 11:15; and 19:16

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Symphony no. 5 in F minor: Toccata

Charles Marie Widor (1845–1937)

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* • Claire Myers McCormick, *Soprano*

The Fifth Avenue Brass Ensemble

Alex Bender, Sam Nester, Atse Theodros, Lorraine Cohen, *Trumpets*

Matt Melore, David Giaco, Declan Wilcox, *Trombones* • John Altieri, *Tuba*

Stella Perlic, *Percussion*

The Paschal Candle

“The Light of Christ!” “Thanks be to God!” Each year at Easter, these words pierce the air as we begin worship with the procession of a large, lit candle. This candle is the Paschal Candle, sometimes called the Easter Candle or Christ Candle; its name comes from *pasach*, the Hebrew word for Passover. Congregations may have different Easter celebrations and very different-looking paschal candles, but the meaning and symbols are universal.

Following the period of darkness that began on Good Friday, Christians light a new candle on Easter morning, signaling Christ’s banishment of death and darkness. This tall, white candle (made from bee’s wax) represents Christ’s steadfast presence in our midst.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Members and friends of the congregation have helped to provide the Easter flowers this morning, in honor and loving memory of these departed loved ones.

Jim Adams	Dr. Bryant Kirkland
Marion Almquist	David May Koepfel
Elizabeth (Lisa) Anderson	Joan Krueger
Margaret Bailey	Maude Lane
Jean Meek Barker	Andrew Larew
Constance M. Bell	Michelle Lim
Donna E. Bottita	Mary Jane McCullough
Betty Brock	George McCullough
Charles H. Brock	Judith Locke McLendon
Frances Brown	Laurie McLendon
Marge Burnett	Robert S. Meek, Jr.
Edward William Callahan	Patricia Rebert Miller
Marybeth Murphy Cannon	Dr. Kildeen Moore
Elizabeth Carlton	John Morgan
Janet Cassebaum	Penny Morgan
Jessica Chen	Susan Neiderberger
Mary Clarke	Calvin Neunaber
John Henry DeSimone	Mary Neunaber
Mary Early DeSimone	Christopher Nkhoma
Bryden M. Dow	Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church
Sally R. Dow	Sun Yong Pak
Donna E. Fackler	Betty Pond
Cyrus Fleck, Jr.	Cecil Pond
Joshua Goode	Eivind G. Ramberg III
Carl Guthrie	Tate Ramsden
Wanda Roush Hannan	William Henri Snyder
Jeffrey W. Hass	Richard Spielman
Gladys Highmore	Corinna Stokes
Warren Holzkamp	Eve Thalís
Yvonne Holzkamp	William Thompson
C.W. Hubbard	Marilyn Ulius
Myrtle Hubbard	Charles Vogt II
Christine Arvilla Hagerman Jensen	Mitsuko Yamaguchi
Dr. Kenneth Jones	Tatsuro Yamaguchi
Jerome P. Kenney	Sarah Young

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, Eliseo Batuan, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad
Patricia Blair, Teresita Block, Sarah Boyce, 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, Irene P. Gilman
Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Peter S. Hawkins, Carol Healy
Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Emi Iwaida, Tara Kay Johnson, Juliet Kaldanie
Ceciwa Khonje, Louis Sterling King, Janet Lamberth, Richard J. Lawson, Frederick Loomis
Violet Lorenzen, Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, the McCall Family, Epifania Mercado, Ryan Moloughney
Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish, Emmett Raitt, Dexter Ramcharan, Ramon Rosa, Pauline Sample
Norma Santos, Robert Scheuer, Taylor Shultz, Bonnie Smith, Monica Smith, Spencer Robert Smith
Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Lorraine Sukhu, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither
Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich
Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

Faithful Departed:

April 9, 2025: Raymond Schexnider, beloved father of Richard Schexnider.

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

Children's Easter Programs

This morning we welcome children ages 2 and younger to the Little Lambs nursery, downstairs in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Children ages 3–5 are invited to a special Preschool Easter Program in Room 10 of the Christian Education Center. You may bring your children downstairs just before the start of each service. Elementary-age children are invited to worship with their families. The first ten rows on the north side of the Sanctuary are especially equipped for families with children. You will find a children's Bible and children's bulletins in each row. Ushers also have Easter worship bags for elementary-age children at the doors.

Children's Choir, Children's Church, Sunday School and Youth Group will not meet today.

Coming Up

- Fri April 25** **Youth Group: Last Friday Hangout.** 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Grades 6–12 are invited to join us for a night of supper, games and Bible study. Register at fapc.org/friday.
- Sat April 26** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).
- Sun April 27** **CREDO | Mothers of the Messiah: Tamar.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, instructor.
- Tue April 29** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email bible-study@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/bible.
- Wed April 30** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org.
- Thu May 1** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat May 3** **Fifth Avenue Serves.** 9 am – 3 pm • Various locations. Learn more at fapc.org/serves.
- Sun May 4** **CREDO | Mothers of the Messiah: Rahab.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, instructor.
- Tue May 6** **Women's Ministry Walk in Central Park.** 6 pm • Central Park. Meet us at church and we will head up to Central Park for a walk and fellowship with one another!
- Sun May 11** **CREDO | Mothers of the Messiah: Ruth.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, instructor.
- Sun May 18** **CREDO | Mothers of the Messiah: Bathsheba.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. The Rev. Chris Palmer, instructor.

Next Sunday • Second Sunday of Easter

“Say Amen to Doubt” • John 20:24-31

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Sunday, April 27: CREDO | Mothers of the Messiah

This year, our clergy will explore the matrilineal ancestry of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, focusing on Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba. These women, from diverse backgrounds, demonstrated extraordinary strength, resilience, and courage. Their stories offer profound insights into faith, redemption, and God's grace. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So opens the series with Tamar (Genesis 38), who courageously confronted injustice when denied the protection owed by her father-in-law, Judah. In a bold move, she compelled him to acknowledge his wrongdoing, securing her family's place in Jesus' lineage. Tamar's story challenges us to consider courage, justice, and God's surprising work through human lives. Each CREDO lecturer will also join the Crossroads Podcast to share reflections on the Mothers of the Messiah. Join us after service at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, May 3: Fifth Avenue Serves

Outreach Ministries is pleased to invite you to our annual day of volunteer service, Fifth Avenue Serves! We hope you and your family, significant other, and friends will join us to volunteer at one of our volunteer service sites: Meals on Wheels, First Spanish Presbyterian Church, and Green City Force. For additional information or to register, please visit fapc.org/serves.

Tuesday, May 6: Women's Ministry Walk in Central Park

Meet at the church at 6 pm and we will head up to Central Park for a walk and fellowship with one another. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. All women are welcome to join as we enjoy the beauty of the park and each other's company. Register at fapc.org/women for weather updates.

Sunday, May 18, 11 am: Cantata Sunday

Join us for our second annual Cantata Sunday as the Fifth Avenue Choir presents *To the Hands* by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Caroline Shaw—a haunting and deeply moving cantata offered in place of a traditional sermon. Written for choir and string quintet in 2016, this powerful work is a meditation on the global refugee crisis, giving voice to the suffering and resilience of displaced peoples across the world. At its center is the movement "Her beacon-hand beckons," a poignant setting of lines from Emma Lazarus's *The New Colossus*—the poem that welcomes the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free" at the base of the Statue of Liberty. Come experience this timely and evocative work of sacred music that invites reflection, stirs compassion, and speaks urgently to our time.

Friday, June 6 – Sunday, June 8: Beyond the Walls Weekend

Mark your calendars for our third annual Beyond the Walls weekend. Join us for a weekend of special events and fellowship, especially planned to integrate our online campus with our onsite church community! Whether you're as close as Connecticut or as far away as California, come experience worship in person, enjoy an evening welcome on the Fifth Avenue terrace with the clergy and staff, share in a Bible study on the scriptures that inspire this hybrid church ministry, and deepen our relationships as we break bread together. The weekend schedule combines church events with free time in the city, so you can get acclimated to Fifth Avenue and enjoy a mini-vacation at the same time. Register at fapc.org/btw.

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. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, adulthood@fapc.org).

Community Groups

We have over 20 community groups to help you form closer bonds within the Fifth Avenue family. Groups meet both in person and online, and cover a range of topics and interests. To learn more visit fapc.org/groups, or contact Austin Applebach at community@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

Fifth Avenue 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 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 Austin Applebach at membership@fapc.org to learn more.

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	Hands Along the Nile Development Services
Church of Gethsemane	Holmes Camp and Retreat Center
The Farminary Project	Ministry of Hope Lesotho
Garden of Hope	Mission co-workers in Madagascar, the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border
Good Samaritan Project	Parity
First Spanish Presbyterian Church	Urban Outreach Center NY
Green City Force	

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.

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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The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Chris Palmer, *Associate Pastor* • Meg Sheehan, *Clerk of Session*
Dennis Bushe, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

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