



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025 • 11:00 AM



Icon of the prophet Micah

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

Méditation • Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Sienna Tounq

Adapted from Psalm 30

One: Come, all who have known sorrow—
God is here to turn our mourning into dancing!

**All: God has taken away our heaviness
and clothed us with joy!**

One: Let us not be silent, but lift our voices in praise!

All: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

One: Come, let us worship our God
who is tender and just.

* HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

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

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

* SUNG RESPONSE

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

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

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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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

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

ANTHEM

Kyrie from Messe "Cum jubilo" • Maurice Duruflé

*Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy,
Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”
 “With what shall I come before the Lord
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
 and what does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice and to love kindness
 and to walk humbly with your God?

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

SERMON

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

“Say Amen to Humility”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

In a broken and fearful world

**the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
 praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” 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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CALL TO GIVE

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gloria from Messe "Cum jubilo" • Maurice Duruflé

*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,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.*

*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen*

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,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
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.

* 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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

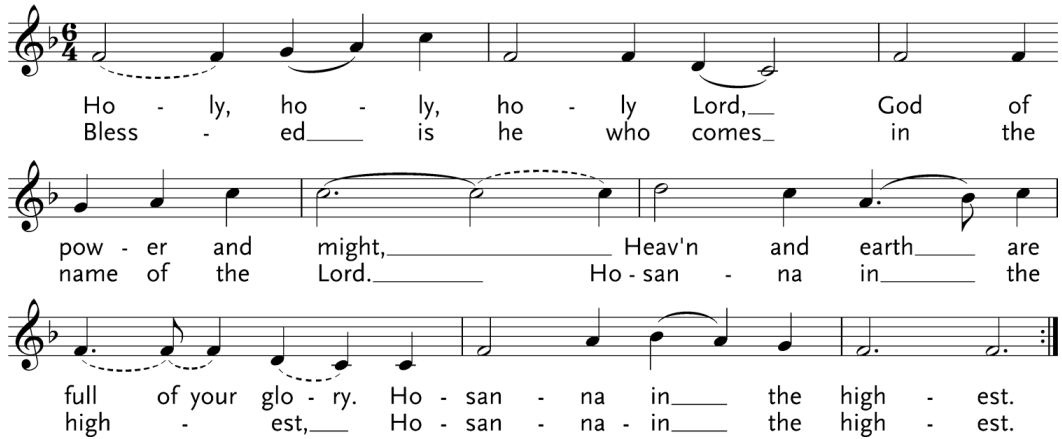
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ, in whom your fullness dwells.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding his children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Rising from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, he prays for us.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.

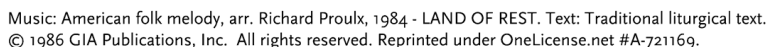
Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion
in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,
that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,
in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.



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.

Sanctus and Agnus Dei from Messe "Cum júbilo"
Maurice Duruflé

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts,
the heavens and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Fugue on the theme of the Carillon of Soissons Cathedral
Maurice Duruflé

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WORSHIP NOTES

The choral music for this morning's service is drawn from Maurice Duruflé's evocative *Messe "Cum júbilo"* ("with rejoicing"), composed in 1966 as a gift for his wife, the celebrated organist Marie-Madeleine Duruflé, to whom the work is dedicated. Originally written for unison baritone chorus and orchestra, the Mass is heard today in the composer's later arrangement for organ accompaniment, sung by the tenors and basses of the Fifth Avenue Choir.

As in his well-known *Requiem*, Duruflé bases each movement of the *Messe* on Gregorian chant melodies, in this case from a Mass proper for Marian feast days. These ancient chants, among the oldest in the Western musical tradition, are interwoven with Duruflé's distinctive harmonic language: lush, impressionistic, and deeply expressive. The result is a work that reverently preserves the simplicity and contour of the original chant while adorning it with swirling harmonies and richly varied accompanimental textures.

Despite its jubilant title, the *Messe* is, for the most part, a meditative work—save for the exuberant *Gloria*, which bursts forth boldly with rhythmic vitality. In movements such as the *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei*, Duruflé invites the listener into a profoundly contemplative space, drawing us inward toward the great mystery and majesty at the heart of Holy Communion.

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, Octavia McLaren, Epifania Mercado
Ryan Moloughney, Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish, Emmett Raitt, Dexter Ramcharan, Debbie Rogers
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

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.
Sunday School & Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson 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.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **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** **CREDO: Mothers of the Messiah | Rahab.** Jones Auditorium. Delve into the story of Rahab, one of Jesus's female ancestors. Refreshments will be served.
Sermon Springboard. Zoom. Join Rev. Jonah and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
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This Week

- Tue May 6** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email bible-study@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/bible.
Women's Ministry Walk in Central Park. 6 pm • Central Park. Register at fapc.org/walk.
- Wed May 7** **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 8** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat May 10** **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).

Coming Up

- Sun May 11** **CREDO: Mothers of the Messiah | Ruth.** 12:30 pm • Jones Auditorium.
- Thu May 15** **Memorial Service for Fred Cannon.** 2 pm • Sanctuary.
- Sun May 18** **CREDO: Mothers of the Messiah: Bathsheba.** 12:30 pm • Jones Auditorium.
Family Ministries Picnic. 2 pm • Central Park Sheep Meadow. Join us for a fun afternoon picnic.

Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Say Amen to Makers" • Acts 16:11-15
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

TODAY: CREDO: Mothers of the Messiah | Rahab

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. Join Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike as she explores the story of Rahab, a courageous outsider who played a vital role in Israel's journey to the promised land. By risking her life to protect Israelite spies, Rahab forged an unlikely alliance and earned a place in Jesus' lineage. How does her story challenge our understanding of faith, belonging, and God's inclusion of unexpected people? 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 Jones Auditorium. Refreshments will be served.

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. Learn more and register at fapc.org/walk.

Sunday, May 18: Family Ministries Picnic

All families are invited to join us for a fun picnic in Central Park on Sunday, May 19th, at 1 pm. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch and meet us on the lower east side of Sheep Meadow near the big tree. Please register so we can keep you posted about any weather changes! Register at fapc.org/picnic. Questions? Email Jaime Staehle at familyministries@fapc.org.

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. Come experience this timely and evocative work of sacred music that invites reflection, stirs compassion, and speaks urgently to our time.

Sunday, May 25: Dr. Ryan Jackson Organ Recital

Come by the Sanctuary at 12 pm for a stirring selection of moving music played on our Mighty Austin organ by Dr. Ryan Jackson, Fifth Avenue's William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries. Free and open to the public!

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, specially 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 to know Fifth Avenue and enjoy a mini-vacation at the same time. Register at fapc.org/beyond.

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, adulted@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,
Good Samaritan Project	the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border
First Spanish Presbyterian Church	Parity
Green City Force	Urban Outreach Center NY

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.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

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*
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