



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025 • 11:00 AM

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**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

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## ➡ 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](http://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](http://fapc.org/playback). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray). Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at [fapc.org/this-sunday](http://fapc.org/this-sunday). For information about future worship services, visit [fapc.org/worship](http://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

Trio Sonata no. 5, BWV 529: I. Allegro • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Beth McCollough*

*Based on Psalm 104*

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**All: Bless God who robes in sunshine!**

One: God makes a chariot out of the clouds,

**All: and travels the world on the wings of the wind.**

One: God has made the oceans and the mountains,

**All: God has made rivers and springs and wild donkeys.**

One: God makes the grass to grow for the cattle,

**All: and quenches the thirst of the ravens.**

One: God is our Creator.

**All: Let us worship the Maker of all.**

### \* HYMN

**O God, beyond All Face and Form**

1 O God, be - yond all face\_ and form, you willed it that  
2 The glo - ry of the gal - ax - ies, the beau - ty of  
3 You gave\_ our race both form\_ and name, and love\_ for us  
4 Of this\_ great love, all loves\_ are born, of self, of neigh -

cre - a - tion's night should blaze, and cha - os still\_ the storm,  
a ba - by's hand, the thun - der - ing of rest - less seas,  
was your\_ in - tent. Then to\_ a wom - an's womb love came,  
bor, and\_ of earth. By love\_ shall night be turned to morn,

and birth\_ a un - i - verse\_ of light.  
the glo - ry of the for - est's stand; All things be - low,  
and on\_ a cross was whol - ly spent.  
and death shall nev - er con - quer birth.

all things a - bove\_ are formed of your e - ter - nal love.

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### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*Seminarian Kari Swanson*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

\* 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

\* 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.

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867 - REGENT SQUARE. Text: William M. James, 1979 © The United Methodist Publishing House.  
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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

*The Children's Choir*

Love One Another • Brad Nix (b.1975)

Love is patient, love is kind.  
Love is gentle, love divine.  
Love forgives, is never rude.  
Love rejoices in the truth.

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*Refrain*

*Love one another, as God has also loved you.*

*Love one another, as God has also loved you.*

Love is faithful, love is pure.

Love is hopeful, love endures.

Love is humble, love is strong.

Love is such a joyous song. *Refrain.*

As God has loved you, as God has loved you,

As God has also loved you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

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*

ANTHEM

Rise up, my Love, my Fair One

*Healey Willan (1880–1968), Text: Song of Solomon*

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear upon the earth;

The time of the singing of birds is come;

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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**SCRIPTURE LESSON***Acts 16:11-15*

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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 Makers"****\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**Sit us down, Creator God,  
And teach us your ways.  
Pushing seeds into the ground,  
Shaping wood with our hands,  
Stirring dough in heavy bowls,  
Splashing color on canvas,  
Penciling words on paper...  
Help us find ourselves;  
Help us reach out to neighbors;  
Help us be joined to you;  
in making.  
Amen.**

**\* HYMN 20****All Things Bright and Beautiful****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike***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**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Be Joyful in the Lord • *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

*Text: Psalm 100*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
It is he that hath made us,  
And not we ourselves;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:  
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.  
Glory be to the Father;  
Glory be to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end, 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

\* HYMN 14

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May God Who Creates You • *Louise Skibsted*

May God who creates you give you light;  
May God who sustains you make you wise;  
May God who protects you give you joy;  
May God who surrounds you give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven • *John Rutter*

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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*  
The Children's Choir  
Mr. Pablo Molano, *Pianist* • *Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, Director*

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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### **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](http://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

### **Faithful Departed:**

May 6, 2025: Joel Allen, beloved brother of Jesse Allen. Beloved son of Ron and Betty Allen, beloved brother of Jenna Allen, David and Tanya Thweatt, and Kirsten and Daniel Silden.

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](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490).

## CALENDAR

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### Today

- 9:30 am**      **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.  
**Sunday School & Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.  
**The Word Is Out.** 6th Floor Conference Room. All are welcome.
- 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.** 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 | Ruth.** Jones Auditorium. Delve into the story of Ruth, one of Jesus's female ancestors.  
**Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
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### This Week

- Tue May 13**      **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email [bible-study@fapc.org](mailto:bible-study@fapc.org). To register, visit [fapc.org/bible](http://fapc.org/bible).
- Wed May 14**      **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!  
**Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • Betsey Jackson Board Room.  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)
- Thu May 15**      **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/groups](http://fapc.org/groups) to learn more and to sign up.  
**Memorial Service for Fred Cannon.** 2 pm • Sanctuary.
- Sat May 17**      **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](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).
- Sun May 18**      **CREDO: Mothers of the Messiah | Bathsheba.** 12:30 pm • Jones Auditorium. Refreshments will be served.

### Next Sunday • Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am • Chapel Church  
"Say Amen to Prayer"  
11 am • Cantata Sunday  
"Say Amen to Hands" • Psalm 90:17  
*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **TODAY: CREDO: Mothers of the Messiah | Ruth**

This year, our clergy will explore the matrilineal ancestry of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Together, we'll examine Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba—why they are named in Jesus's genealogy and what their stories reveal. These remarkable women, from diverse backgrounds and challenges, showed extraordinary strength, resilience, and courage. Through this series, we'll reflect on how their lives deepen our understanding of faith, redemption, and God's grace. For virtual participants, each CREDO lecturer will join our Crossroads Podcast to share insights into the Mothers of the Messiah. To learn more about this year's exciting lectures, visit [fapc.org/credo](http://fapc.org/credo). Today, Rev. Werner Ramirez will lead us in exploring the story of Ruth, a devoted Moabite who left everything behind to stand by her mother-in-law, Naomi, in a foreign land. Through her loyalty and kindness, Ruth found a new community and became part of the lineage of Jesus. How does Ruth's story invite us to see faith, family, and God's providence in fresh ways?

### **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.

### **Sunday, May 18: Family Ministries Picnic**

All families are invited to join us for a fun picnic in Central Park on Sunday, May 19, 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](http://fapc.org/picnic). Questions? Email Jaime Staehle at [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org).

### **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: Family Camp**

Join other Fifth Avenue families for a weekend of fun, rest, and connection at beautiful Holmes Camp in upstate New York! Families will enjoy swimming, boating, hiking, games, s'mores, and worship. We'll gather Friday evening for dinner and close with worship Sunday morning. Lodging is in shared rooms with bunk beds—bring your own linens. Financial assistance is available. To learn more, please email Jaime Staehle at [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/camp](http://fapc.org/camp).

### **Summer Schedule**

Next week we hold our last Chapel Church service at 9:30 am before the summer break. Chapel Church will return in the fall. The following Sunday (May 25) we will begin our summer schedule with one service at 10 am. We will keep this schedule until Homecoming Sunday, September 7.

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### 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](http://fapc.org/adult-ed). Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, [adulted@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://fapc.org/groups), or contact Austin Applebach at [community@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://fapc.org/family). Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://fapc.org/membership) or email Austin Applebach at [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) to learn more.

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## 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](http://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](http://fapc.org/outreach), or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, [outreach@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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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*

#### Class of 2025

Eric Daniels  
Carol Kenney  
Ann Marie Koehler  
Chris Rogers  
Janeen A. Sarlin  
Meg Sheehan  
Sienna Toung  
Sylvia Winrich

#### Class of 2026

Rachel Brenner  
Dennis Bushe  
Roseanne Lind  
Nate Mahrer  
Brian McLendon  
Louisa Raitt  
Martha Van Hise

#### Class of 2027

Chloe Hawker  
Josie Lawrence  
Persis Luke  
Patrick Obeng-Frimpong  
Thomas Pak  
David Roberson  
Beth Rumore Stanley  
Jama Toung

### The Board of Deacons

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Kirsten Aiello, *Moderator* • Chad Schepp, *Vice Moderator* • Sarah McKoy, *Secretary*  
Susan Roberson, *Treasurer*

#### Class of 2025

Kirsten Aiello  
Kelly Baer  
Jessica Carmona  
Hope Griggs  
Jane Henn  
Sarah McKoy  
Jeannine Rodgers  
Chad Schepp  
Dicky Tuwaidan  
Arthur Wong

#### Class of 2026

Chrissy Badger  
Brendan Birth  
Joshua Code  
Rumel Francois  
Jeanne Lehman French  
Bruce Ramsden  
Susan Roberson  
Betsy Ross  
Amelia Vogler Topping  
Julia Ward

#### Class of 2027

Jesse Allen  
Andy Craven  
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Mary Sue Highmore  
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