



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025 • 11:00 AM



Michelangelo, *The Creation of Adam*, c. 1512

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

Meditation (*Prelude Religieux*) • Edith Lang (1885–1969)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Kirsten Aiello

Psalm 100

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness.

One: Come into God's presence with singing!

All: For the Lord is a gracious God,

One: whose mercy is everlasting;

**All: and whose faithfulness endures
to all generations.**

One: Let us worship Almighty God, tender and just.

* HYMN 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

* 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

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



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.**

*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. Scott Black Johnston

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 90:17

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

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

HOMILY

"Say Amen to Hands"

CANTATA

To the Hands • *Caroline Shaw (b. 1982)*

I. Prelude

II. *in medio* / in the midst

Text from Dieterich Buxtehude's *Ad manus* (Zechariah 13:6), adapted by Caroline Shaw, with the addition of "*in medio manuum nostrarum*" ("in the midst of our hands")

*quid sunt plagae istae
quid sunt plagae istae in medio
manuum tuarum
in medio
quid sunt plagae istae
quid sunt plagae istae in medio manuum
nostrarum*

what are those wounds
what are those wounds in the midst of
your hands
in the midst
what are those wounds
what are those wounds in the midst of
our hands

III. Her beacon-hand beckons

Text by Caroline Shaw (responding to the 1883 sonnet *The New Colossus* by Emma Lazarus, mounted on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty in 1903)

Her beacon-hand beckons: give
give to me
those yearning to breathe free
tempest-tossed they cannot see
what lies beyond the olive tree
whose branch was lost amid the pleas
for mercy, mercy
give
give to me
your tired fighters fleeing flying
from the
from the
from
let them
i will be your refuge
i will be your refuge
i will be
i will be
we will be
we will be your refuge

IV. ever ever ever

Text by Caroline Shaw (the final line, "*in caverna*," is from Buxtehude's *Ad latus*— the line from the Song of Songs, "*in foraminibus petrae, in caverna maceriae*," "in the clefts of the rock, in the hollow of the cliff")

ever ever ever
in the window sills or
the beveled edges
of the aging wooden frames that hold
old photographs
hands folded
folded
gently in her lap
ever ever
in the crevices
the never-ending efforts of
the grandmother's tendons tending
to her bread and empty chairs
left for Elijah
where are they now
in caverna
in caverna

V. Litany of the Displaced

Text: The numbers spoken by the choir in this movement are the global figures of internally displaced persons by country, in ascending order. These are people who have been displaced within their own country due to armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, or violations of human rights. This data was obtained from the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) on January 3, 2016.

VI. i will hold you

Text by Caroline Shaw (the final lines are a reprise of Zechariah 13:6)

i would hold you
i would hold you
ever ever will I hold you
ever ever will I enfold you
in medio
in medio
in medio
in medio
in medio manuum tuarum

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Strengthen my hands, O God.
Help them to cling tightly to hope.
Soften my hands, O God.
Help me to piece together
with gentle fingers
the world's tattered places.
Show me Your hands, O God.
Help me to see Your worn hands cupped in need,
Your steady hands extended in kindness,
Your blessed hands reaching toward all of us in love.
Amen.**

* HYMN 767

Together We Serve

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

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. Natalie Owens-Pike

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Strengthen for Service • *Jessica French (b. 1984)*

Text from the Syro-Malabar Liturgy (5th century)

Strengthen for service, O Lord,
Hands that holy things have taken;
And let ears that heard your most holy word
to lesser things never awaken.
Lord, may tongues which “Holy” sang be free from all deceiving,
May eyes which saw your love be bright,
heavenly hope perceiving;
And may feet that walked along hallowed courts from your true
light never be banished.
May bodies by your Body fed
Be with your new life replenished.
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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in D minor (“Dorian”), BWV 538 • *J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

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* • Tien-Lin Yang, *violin* • Tianyou Ma, *violin*

Candy Yang, *viola* • Chase Park, *cello* • Ruth Christopher, *bass*

WORSHIP NOTES

The following is a program note written by the composer of this morning's cantata, Caroline Shaw:

The Crossing (Philadelphia's professional choir specializing in new music) commissioned *To the Hands* as a response to *Ad manus* from Dieterich Buxtehude's 17th-century masterpiece, *Membra Jesu Nostri*. It is a part of the "Seven Responses Project," and was performed by members of The Crossing, the International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE), and the early music ensemble Quicksilver, alongside the complete Buxtehude and new works by six other composers. *To the Hands* was premiered June 24, 2016 in Philadelphia.

To the Hands begins inside the 17th-century sound of Buxtehude. It expands and colors and breaks this language, as the piece's core considerations, of the suffering of those around the world seeking refuge, and of our role and responsibility in these global and local crises, gradually come into focus.

The prelude turns the tune of *Ad manus* into a wordless plainchant melody, punctured later by the strings' introduction of an unsettling pattern.

The second movement fragments Buxtehude's choral setting of the central question, "*quid sunt plagae istae in medio manuum tuarum*," or "what are these wounds in the midst of your hands." It settles finally on an inversion of the question, so that we reflect, "What are these wounds in the midst of our hands?" We notice what may have been done to us, but we also question what we have done and what our role has been in these wounds we see before us.

The text that follows in the third movement is a riff on Emma Lazarus' sonnet *The New Colossus*, famous for its engraving at the base of the Statue of Liberty. The poem's lines "Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," and its reference to the statue's "beacon-hand" present a very different image of a hand—one that is open, beckoning, and strong. No wounds are to be found there—only comfort for those caught in a dangerous and complex environment. While the third movement operates in broad strokes from a distance, the fourth zooms in on the map so far that we see the intimate scene of an old woman in her home, maybe setting the table for dinner alone. Who is she, where has she been, whose lives has she left? This simple image melts into a meditation on the words in *caverna* from the Song of Solomon, found in Buxtehude's fourth section, *Ad latus*.

In the fifth movement the harmony is passed around from one string instrument to another, overlapping only briefly, while numerical figures are spoken by the choir. These are global figures of internally displaced persons, by country, sourced from the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) data reported in May 2015 (accessed on 1/03/2016 at internal-displacement.org). Sometimes data is the cruelest and most honest poetry.

The sixth and final movement unfolds the words in *caverna* into the tumbling and comforting promise of "ever ever"—"ever ever will I hold you, ever ever will I enfold you". They could be the words of Christ, or of a parent or friend or lover, or even of a nation.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Flowers are offered by The Word Is Out Community Group in loving memory of Fred Cannon, long time member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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, Daniele Engome
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, Roy Owens, 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: Jay Smith, beloved husband of Bonnie Smith, beloved father of Jessica and Brian, and beloved grandfather of Rosabelle.

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. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
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** **Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
CREDO: Mothers of the Messiah. Jones Auditorium. Delve into the story of Bathsheba, one of Jesus's female ancestors.
- 1:30 pm** **Family Ministries Picnic.** Central Park. Meet in the Sheep Meadow by the large tree to the southeast.

This Week

- Mon May 19** **Sages.** 12 pm • Zoom. Email hybrid@fapc.org if you would like to participate.
- Tue May 20** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email bible-study@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/bible.
- Wed May 21** **FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org
- Thu May 22** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat May 24** **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).
- Sun May 25** **Dr. Ryan Jackson Organ Recital.** 12 pm. Sanctuary. Free and open to the public.

Coming Up

- Mon May 26** **Memorial Day Holiday.** Building closed.
- Wed May 28** **Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th floor conference room & Zoom.
- Fri Jun 6** **Beyond the Walls Weekend.** Visit fapc.org/beyond to join.
Family Camp. To learn more, visit fapc.org/camp.
- Sat June 14** **Women's Spring Sabbath.** 10 am • Jones Auditorium & Zoom. Join the Women's Ministry for a rejuvenating day-long Sabbath! Register at fapc.org/women.

Next Sunday • Sixth Sunday of Easter

*We begin our summer worship schedule next Sunday, May 25,
 with a single service at 10 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream.*

"Say Amen to Transition" • Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

TODAY: CREDO: Mothers of the Messiah | Bathsheba

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. Each CREDO lecturer will join our Crossroads Podcast. To learn more about this year's lectures, visit fapc.org/credo. Today, join the Rev. Chris Palmer in this year's final CREDO as he guides us through the story of Bathsheba, a woman whose life was marked by loss, resilience, and prominence in Israel's royal line as the mother of Solomon. What can Bathsheba's journey teach us about survival, redemption, and God's work amid human flaws? Refreshments will be served.

TODAY: Family Ministries Picnic

All families are invited to join us for a fun picnic in Central Park on Sunday, May 19, at 1:30 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.

Summer Schedule Starts Next Week

Today is the last day of Chapel Church at 9:30 am before our summer schedule shift. Next week, May 25, we will begin our summer schedule with one service at 10 am. We will keep this schedule until Homecoming Sunday, September 7. Chapel Church will return in the fall. Don't miss two Chapel Church-style Sunday services in the Sanctuary on June 15 and August 31!

Monday, May 19: Sages

If you are an older adult or seasoned member of this community looking for connection, join us at 12 pm! Email hybrid@fapc.org if you would like to participate.

Tuesday, May 20: Weekly Word Bible Study

In John 15, Jesus tells the disciples "those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." The Apostle Paul later takes up this rich agricultural metaphor in his letter to the Galatians as he encourages the young church to embody 9 qualities of life empowered by the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Join Austin Applebach, Director of Engagement, on Zoom at 12 pm each Tuesday in May for Weekly Word to look at episodes of the fruit of the spirit appearing in the ministry of Jesus. Let's explore how we might follow his example by putting them into practice in our own lives as we journey from Easter to Pentecost. For more information, email bible-study@fapc.org or register at fapc.org/bible.

Sunday, May 25: Dr. Ryan Jackson Organ Recital

Come by the Sanctuary at 1 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 Beyond the Walls weekend. Join us in New York for a weekend of special events and fellowship, especially planned to integrate our online campus with our onsite church community! Come experience worship in person, enjoy an evening welcome on the Fifth Avenue terrace with the clergy and staff, share in a Bible study, and deepen our relationships as we break bread together. Learn more and 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.

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