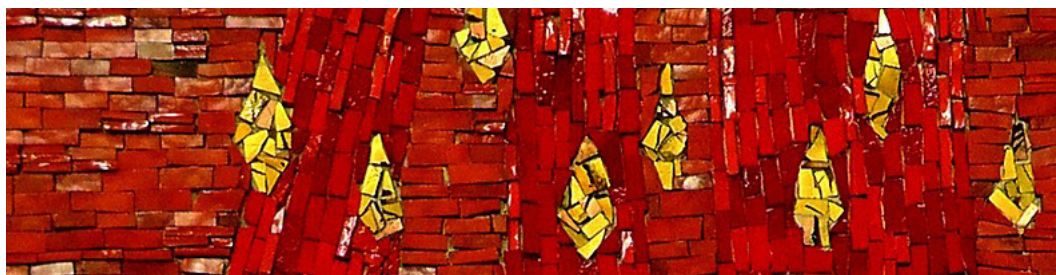
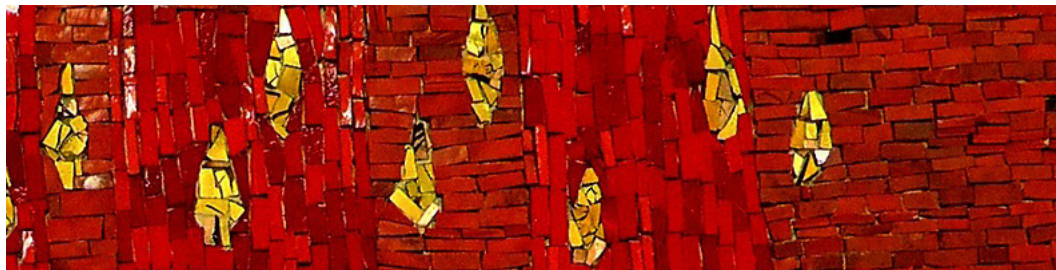


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

DAY OF PENTECOST
JUNE 8, 2025 • 10:00 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

➔ 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 in worship! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary. Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service to attend to your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. We provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

➔ 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

Chorale Variations on “*Veni creator*” (“Come, Holy Ghost”)
Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gwen White

One: Holy Spirit, Creator,
in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life.
Without you, life turns to dust. Together we say:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

*Susan Kneefel
(in Indonesian)*

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration,
the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power
to be bearers of your Word. Together we say:

All: Holy Counselor, come!

*Elder Patrick Obeng-Frimpong
(in Twi)*

One: Holy Spirit, Power,
you came as fire to Jesus’s disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.
Together we say:

All: Spirit of Power, descend upon us!

*Marivic Esteban
(in Tagalog)*

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
you created us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us
with sighs too deep for words. Together we say:

All: Fall upon us, Sanctifying Spirit!

*Liangyu He
(in Mandarin)*

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of Life,
you guide and make holy the Church you create.
You give gifts—
The spirit of wisdom and understanding...

Dr. Jack Schaffer (in German)

One: The spirit of counsel and fortitude...

Deacon Chad Schepp (in French)

One: The spirit of knowledge and piety...

Deacon Jamie Ku (in Korean)

One: The spirit of the fear of the Lord...

Liturgists: That the whole creation may become
(in all languages) what you want it to be. Together we say:

All: Come and be with us, Giver of all good gifts.

Liturgists: True and only Light,
(in all languages) from whom comes every good gift,
send your Spirit into our lives
with the power of a mighty wind.
Open the horizons of our minds
by the flame of your wisdom.
Loosen our tongues to show your praise,
for only in your Spirit can we voice your
words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord.
Together we say:

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

* HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

* 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

* SONG RESPONSE



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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

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

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

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

*The Fifth Avenue Choir
and Community Choir*

Great, Great Morning

Traditional, arr. Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959)

My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin',
My Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.

It will be a great, great mornin', it will come without a warnin'
When we hear that trumpet sound.

Though we may not know the hour,
we know Christ will come in power

And his trumpet blast will shake the ground.

All the saints will rise and be taken to the skies.

They will meet King Jesus in the air.

Though we may not know the hour,
we know Christ will come in power

And his trumpet blast will shake the ground.

In-a that great gettin' up morning',
Fare thee well, fare thee well.

Great day, great day, the righteous marching!
I'll fly away, O glory! I'll fly away in the mornin'.
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by.
I'll fly away!

In the twinkling of an eye, we will mount up to the sky.
Alleluia, we shall all be changed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul • *Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)*

Text: Psalm 104:1-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment:

Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:

Who maketh the clouds his chariot:

Who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Who maketh his angels spirits;

His ministers a flaming fire!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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

LITANY OF PARTING

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

*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.*

SERMON

"The View from Here, Part XVIII"

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Westminster Catechism*, 1646

One: What is the chief end of humankind?
All: To glorify God and enjoy God forever.

* SUNG RESPONSE



You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal - va - tion,
And on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore cre - a - tion.
You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own, and, with the Spir - it,
You a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. Chris Palmer

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Presentation of Candidates

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

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.

Declaration and Charge

* ORDINATION HYMN 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

I'm gonna sing 'til the spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes.

It was grace that brought me,

It was grace that taught me,

It was grace that kept me,

And it's grace that will lead me home.

I'm gonna pray 'til the spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes.

Can't you feel the spirit movin'?

I'm gonna shout 'til the spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes.

I'm gonna sing 'til my Jesus comes.

* 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 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire (*Veni creator spiritus*)
9th century plainsong, Text: attrib. Rhabanus Maurus,
8th-9th cent.; trans. John Cosin, 1627

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This, this may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Final Variation on “*Veni creator*” (“Come, Holy Ghost”)
Maurice Duruflé

The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Community Choir

Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*

Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*

Ezekiel Andrew, Sharon Byrne, Rachel Mikol, Claire Myers McCormick

Garrett Eucker, Rebecca Soelberg, *Soloists*

WORSHIP NOTES

The Anthem this morning is an exciting and evocative piece by one of the leading composers of choral music today: Jonathan Dove. In his distinctive minimalist fashion, Dove’s masterful writing for organ and choir captures vividly the fire and wonder of this morning’s commemoration of Pentecost. In his own words, Dove says, “*Bless the Lord, O My Soul* was commissioned by a group of people whose early lives were dedicated to choral singing. I wanted their Millennium Anthem to be a celebration of song, and Psalm 104 provided a wonderful sequence of expansive imagery. The organ part is quite virtuosic, beginning with a flourishing fanfare suggesting a heavenly vision, which provokes the choir into a wordless cry of wonder; in contrast, their first words are hushed, awe-struck. The organ creates a backdrop of twinkling stars for ‘who coverest thyself with light’ and a calm sea for ‘who layest the beams of his chambers in the waters’. The hushed ‘Bless the Lord’ returns, but now fast and loud, ushering in the most dramatic imagery: the chariot of clouds, the wings of the wind, and finally the depiction of God’s ministers as a ‘flaming fire’.”

The Offertory Anthem, *I’m Gonna Sing ‘til the Spirit Moves in My Heart*, is one of the most famous arrangements by the great Moses Hogan, one of America’s foremost composers and arrangers of choral music. Hogan’s inimitable spiritual settings are sung and beloved throughout the world, and are widely admired for their masterful and stylish use of the choral instrument. Although Hogan was only 45 when he passed away from a brain tumor in 2003, his legacy lives on through his many compositions and arrangements as one of the most creative and influential figures in 20th-century American choral music.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

***Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wanda Roush Hannan,
beloved mother of Matt Roush.***

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 Cajiat
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, 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** **Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary. Congregational Meeting to elect an officer for an unexpired term.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Church.** La Dane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Jones Auditorium. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
- Tour of the Church.** After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "tour starts here" sign.
- 11:30 am** **Sermon Springboard.** Bonnell Hall & Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and attendees at Beyond the Walls for a special live version of Sermon Springboard in Bonnell Hall. Online family, you will join Rev. Dr. Jonah So for a fun and meaningful time on Zoom.
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This Week

- Wed June 11** **FAYA Bible Study.** 6 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, visit @fapcfaya on Instagram or email youngadults@fapc.org
- Thu June 12** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat June 14** **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).
- 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.

Coming Up

- Sun June 15** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream.
- Wed June 18** **Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th floor conference room & Zoom.
- Sun June 22** **Margaret Shafer Picnic.** 12 pm • Bonnell Hall. To learn more, visit fapc.org/picnic.
- Sat June 28** **FAYA Prom.** Bonnell Hall • 7 pm. To register, visit @fapcfaya on Instagram or email youngadults@fapc.org.
- Wed July 16** **The Book of Esther in the Time of Rembrandt – Tour.** 3 pm • The Jewish Museum. To learn more, please email womensministry@fapc.org
- Sun July 20** **Water Wonders and Bible Fun.** 10 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. To learn more, please email familyministries@fapc.org

Next Sunday • Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday will be in the style of our contemporary Chapel Church worship services.

"Bitter and Sweet" • Exodus 15:22-27

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Celebrate Beyond the Walls!

Thirty-two members of our extended family are with us this morning—members and friends of Fifth Avenue from many parts of the country beyond our New York walls. We are delighted to host them for our third annual Beyond the Walls weekend, as together we celebrate that we are one church, with many time zones. Please welcome these members of our online community during the service (you will spot them by their green name tags!) and join us at 11:30 am in Bonnell Hall for a special brunch and your chance to participate in Sermon Springboard. *Mark your calendars for the next Beyond the Walls weekend, Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3, 2026.*

Welcome to the world!

Henry Dohyun Chung, child of Sara and Steven Chung, born on April 19, 2025.

Today: Congregational Meeting

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church invites all members to a Congregational Meeting during the 10 am worship service. During this meeting, we will elect an officer for an unexpired term, prior to the Ordination and Installation of Officers.

Saturday, June 14: Women's Spring Sabbath

All women are invited to a rejuvenating day-long Sabbath retreat at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church! Starting at 10 am, we'll come together for a rich day of fellowship, insightful study, and a delicious lunch. We'll wrap up this inspiring time with a closing worship by 4 pm, leaving you refreshed and renewed. The cost for this retreat is \$25 in-person and free for Zoom. To learn more and register, visit fapc.org/sabbath.

Sunday, June 22: Margaret Shafer Picnic

Every summer our volunteers gather to serve a picnic lunch to neighbors in our community who are experiencing homelessness or simply in need of a relaxed meal among friends. This event is named in honor of the late Margaret Shafer, our former associate for outreach and a beloved friend and advocate of the homeless in our community. To learn more and register to volunteer, please visit fapc.org/picnic.

June 30: Kirkland Chapel Campaign closes

Thank you to all who have supported the campaign to renovate our beloved Kirkland Chapel! Your generosity is at work every day to make the chapel ready for the next one hundred years. If you would like to join this historic effort, there is still time! We will close the campaign on Monday, June 30. Make your donation today to be sure your name appears on a plaque that will grace the chapel's walls. Visit fapc.org/give and select "Kirkland Chapel Renovation" in the Fund dropdown. Someone from the church will reach out to you this summer to confirm how you want your name to appear. Thank you!

Sunday, July 20: Believing and Belonging New Member Class

Looking to join Fifth Avenue as a member? Join Rev Chris Palmer and Austin Applebach for the next installment of Believing and Belonging—a Zoom class that dives into the theology and history of the church and invites you to see yourself as part of that ongoing legacy. Prospective members will meet from 2 – 4 pm and members of our Session will be present at 4 pm to welcome new members into the life of our community. Register for this class at fapc.org/belong.

GETTING CONNECTED

Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Community Groups

We have over 20 community groups to help you form closer bonds within the Fifth Avenue family. Options available online and in-person. Learn more at fapc.org/community-groups, or email (membership@fapc.org).

Congregational Care

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. Please visit fapc.org/care to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program.

Family Ministries

Family Ministries nurtures diverse, strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am to 12:30 pm during the program year (September–May). Sunday School (PreK – 5th Grade) is at 9:30 am and Children’s Church (PreK – 2nd Grade) is following the Litany of Parting during the 11 am worship service during the program year. Youth Group worships at Chapel Church at 9:30 am and meets at 11 am. On the first Sunday of the month, Youth Group worships at both services. Learn more at fapc.org/family. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, familyministries@fapc.org).

FAYA | Fifth Avenue Young Adults

FAYA is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s. During the program year, we meet every Wednesday night for small groups, supper, Bible study and fellowship. Find out more about our weekly gatherings, monthly fellowship events and weekend retreats at fapc.org/faya or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya).

Hybrid Church

Did you know that this church has a vibrant online community? Whether you’re a New Yorker worshipping from home, a longtime member who moved, or a visitor new to our livestream, you are a part of our online campus! There are many ways you can get involved. Don’t miss our virtual small groups, online office hours for pastoral care, retreat programming and seasonal gatherings here at Fifth Avenue. Contact Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike at hybridchurch@fapc.org for more information.

Membership

When we say “All are welcome,” we mean it. Whether you live in the neighborhood, or across the country, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you’re sure membership is right for you, or you’re just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we’d love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit fapc.org/membership or email membership@fapc.org to register.

Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for anyone who loves to sing. Visit fapc.org/choirs to learn more. The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artisans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater.

Outreach Ministries

Through our Outreach Ministries, hundreds of members and friends of the church are engaged in volunteering, advocacy and service. Our programs include our Befriending Ministry on behalf of our neighbors experiencing homelessness; the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, a collaborative ministry with Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral that serves the homeless population of Midtown; A Place at the Table, a twice-weekly sidewalk lunch for our homeless and hungry neighbors; and Meals on Heels, Saturday-morning meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. We also maintain mission partner relationships with local, national and international organizations. Our current mission partners are:

Asylum Support Clinic	Mission co-workers in Madagascar,
Church of Gethsemane	the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border
The Farminary Project	Parity
Garden of Hope	Search and Care
Hands Along the Nile Development Services	Urban Outreach Center NYC
Holmes Camp and Retreat Center	West Side Federation for Senior
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	and Supportive Housing

To learn more, visit fapc.org/outreach, or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, outreach@fapc.org).

Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit fapc.org/volunteer.

Fifth Avenue Women's Ministry

For generations, the women of Fifth Avenue have gathered for service, fellowship, and deeper faith. Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before, we continue to connect and would love to include you in our community. The women's ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is trans affirming and welcoming to women of any age and stage. We meet for annual retreats, fellowship events, Bible study, and small groups. To learn more and get involved, email womensministry@fapc.org or visit fapc.org/women.

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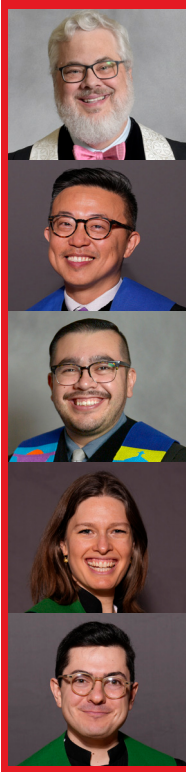
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