



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 29, 2025 • 10:00 AM



Khristyna Kvyk, *I Am the Light of the World*, 2021

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

Three Pieces: 1. Prayer • Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)
Pie Jesu • Ned Rorem (1923–2022)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Porter Binks

One: In the beginning, God danced upon the water.

All: O Spirit, teach my limbs to dance like you.

One: In the beginning, God sang stars into the sky.

All: O Spirit, give me courage to sing like you.

One: In the beginning, God proclaimed us good.

All: O Spirit, teach my heart to delight like you.

One: After the waters subsided,
God painted the rainbow as a promise.

All: O Spirit, give me joy to celebrate with you.

One: With dancing and singing,
in delight and with celebration—

All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Chris Palmer

* 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

(Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth_ from heav - en,
And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry
thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

SOLO

Deep River • *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Deep River,
My home is over Jordan.
Deep River, Lord.
I want to cross over into campground.
Deep River.
My home is over Jordan.
Deep River, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground
Oh, don't you want to go,
To the Gospel feast;
That Promised Land,
Where all is peace?
Oh, deep River, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON*Genesis 9:8-17*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

SERMON*The Rev. Dr. Jess Winderweedle***"Rainbows and Unicorns"***** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** HYMN 738****O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***Summer Pastoral Resident Barron Flood***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

OFFERTORY SOLO

God Put a Rainbow in the Cloud
Andrew Jenkins (1885–1957), arr. M.L. Spain

When God shut Noah in the grand old ark,
He put a rainbow in the cloud;
When the thunders rolled and the sky was dark,
God put a rainbow in the cloud.

(Chorus) Go put a rainbow in the cloud,
God put a rainbow in the cloud;
When it looked like the sun wouldn't shine any more,
God put a rainbow in the cloud.

A way down yonder in Egypt's sand,
God put a rainbow in the cloud;
Just to lead His children to the promised land,
God put a rainbow in the cloud.

When they put old Daniel in the Lion's den,
God put a rainbow in the cloud;
Just to prove His promise to the sons of men,
God put a rainbow in the cloud.

As a sign by day and a sign by night,
God put a rainbow in the cloud;
Just to guide His people and to keep them right,
God put a rainbow in the cloud.

O Jordan deep and Jordan wide,
God put a rainbow in the cloud;
To lead His people to the other side,
God put a rainbow in the cloud.

* 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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune • *Frederick Swann (1931–2022)*

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Shafiq Hicks, *Soloist*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

***Flowers given to celebrate the gifts of a diverse congregation
and affirm the dignity and humanity of all people.***

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 Batuon, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad
Patricia Blair, Teresita Block, Sarah Boyce, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat
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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
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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.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Rita Arlen Room. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
- Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Jonah and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- 11:15 am** **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** **NYC Pride March with the Word Is Out and FAYA.** Meet at Coffee Hour.
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This Week

- Wed July 2** **FAYA Bible Study.** 6 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, visit [@fapcfaya](#) on Instagram or email youngadults@fapc.org
- Thu July 3** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat July 5** **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

- 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
- Thu July 17** **Fifth Avenue Reading Circle.** 7 pm • Zoom. Email adulthood@fapc.org to join.
- Sun July 20** **Water Wonders and Bible Fun.** 10 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. To learn more, please email familyministries@fapc.org
- Believing and Belonging.** 2 pm • Zoom. Register at fapc.org/belong.
- Sun July 27** **Johnsonburg Overnight Children & Youth Camp.** Join us at Johnsonburg Camp from Sunday, July 27, to Friday, August 1, for an unforgettable week of fun and faith for children entering first through eighth grade. Learn more and register at fapc.org/camp.
- Sun Aug 3** **Let's Go (See the) Mets!** 1:30 pm • Citi Field. Find more information and buy tickets at fapc.org/mets.

Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

“A Chance of Rain” • 1 Kings 17:1; 18:1-2, 41-46
Summer Pastoral Resident Barron Flood, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: Welcome the Rev. Dr. Jess Winderweedle

Today we are proud to welcome the Rev. Dr. Jess Winderweedle (she/her) as our guest preacher. Rev. Dr. Winderweedle is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church and a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, where she earned a PhD in Practical Theology (Homiletics). Her doctoral research centers on the experiences of openly LGBTQIA+ preachers from Mainline Protestant traditions and explores the possibilities of a queer-informed approach to the formation and instruction of preachers of all identities. Jess also serves as the program coordinator for the Expanding the Pulpit program, a Lilly-funded initiative of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. This fall, she will begin a new role teaching preaching at Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ, as a Louisville Institute postdoctoral fellow. Jess grew up in Oklahoma, but she has called the East Coast home now for over 18 years. Before returning to school, Jess served (alongside one of her favorite co-conspirators, Rev. Werner!) at Kingston United Methodist Church, where she also founded The Feed Truck, a mobile campus and community outreach ministry.

Monday, 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: Kids Bible Adventures

All kids in preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us for a splashy summer morning filled with fun games, creative crafts, lively music, and Bible stories that dive into God's love through the theme of water. We'll wrap up the day with a delicious pizza lunch and plenty of laughter along the way! Parents—attend worship at 10 am and then head to brunch or a walk in the park before picking up your child! To learn more and register, please visit fapc.org/bible.

Sunday, July 20: Believing & Belonging

Join the Rev. Chris Palmer and Austin Applebach for the next installment of Believing and Belonging! This fun Zoom class dives into the theology and history of the church and invites you to be a part of that ongoing legacy. Register for this class at fapc.org/belong.

Sunday, August 3: Let's Go (See the) Mets!

Join us at 1:30 pm for a fun-filled afternoon at Citi Field after worship! We'll cheer on the New York Mets against the San Francisco Giants. It's a great chance to enjoy summer baseball and connect with other families and friends from the church! Tickets are just \$48 in section 502, under the overhang to keep us out of the sun! Find more information and buy tickets at fapc.org/mets.

55th Street Lobby Restroom Closed

The 55th Street lobby restroom will be closed until the completion of the Kirkland Chapel renovation. Thank you for your patience and support of this critical project.

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*
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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Fund the altar flowers • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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Request a bulletin announcement • Sean McAvoy, fapc@fapc.org

Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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Please contact Sean McAvoy (fapc@fapc.org) if you have questions or concerns. If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

HOLY PRIDE!

Celebrate with us today at the NYC Pride march!

Support the Church

Scan this code using the camera on your smartphone and follow the instructions to make a secure donation to our ministries.

fapc.org/give



Friday, July 4, the building will be closed in observance Independence Day.

Summer Building Hours

Monday – Friday

9 am – 5 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 12 pm



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