



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2025 • 10:00 AM



Alan Scott Chamberlain, *On the Sea of Galilee*, 2023

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

La Cathédrale Engloutie (The Sunken Cathedral)
Claude Debussy (1862–1918)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Meredith Fleck

One: God, the Holy One,
whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

All: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,
 in our daily work, God calls us.

One: We respond with our whole heart,
singing God's praise and giving thanks.

All: In steadfast love,
God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

One: Come, let us worship God.

* HYMN 170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Summer Pastoral Resident Barron Flood

* 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

SOLO

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • *Eric Thiman (1900-1975)*

Jesus, the very thought of thee
 With sweetness fills my breast;
 But sweeter far thy face to see,
 And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor tongue can frame,
 Nor can the mem'ry find
 A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
 O Savior of mankind!

O hope of ev'ry contrite heart,
 O joy of all the meek,
 To those who fall, how kind thou art!
 How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
 As thou our prize wilt be;
 Jesus, be thou our glory now,
 And thru eternity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON*Luke 5:1-11*

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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

SERMON*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So***"Fishing in Deep Waters"***** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)***The same Spirit**

**who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

In a broken and fearful world

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

*** HYMN 726****Will You Come and Follow Me****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***The Rev. Chris Palmer***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

"If with All Your Hearts" from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

'If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall ever surely find Me.'
Thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find him,
That I might even come before his presence!

* 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 295

Go to the World!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marche pour sortie • Pierre Kunc (1865–1941)

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Deacons (wearing white stoles) are available to pray with you after the service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request that they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. You may submit prayer requests online at fapc.org/prayer-requests.

Please pray for:

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Eliseo Batuon, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad
Patricia Blair, Teresita Block, Sarah Boyce, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat
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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
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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:

July 9, 2025: Doug Mahrer, beloved father of Nate Mahrer, beloved father-in-law of Mary Schafer Mahrer, and beloved grandfather of Ilsa Mahrer.

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 & Livestream.
- 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 Summer Pastoral Resident Barron Flood and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- Tour of the Church.** After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a “tour starts here” sign.
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This Week

- Tue July 15** **Virtual Prayer Service for Texas.** 12 pm • Zoom. Register at fapc.org/texas.
- Wed July 16** **The Book of Esther in the Time of Rembrandt – Tour.** 3 pm • The Jewish Museum.
- Thu July 17** **Fifth Avenue Reading Circle.** 7 pm • Zoom. Email adulted@fapc.org to join.
- Sat July 19** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed!
Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

Coming Up

- Sun July 20** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Chris Palmer, preaching.
Water Wonders and Bible Fun. 10 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. To learn more, please email familyministries@fapc.org
Believing & Belonging Membership Class. 2 pm • Zoom. Register at fapc.org/belong.
- Thu July 24** **Youth: Pizza & Games on the Terrace.** 6 pm. Contact: Barron Flood (youth@fapc.org).
- Sat July 26** **Seneca Village Tour.** 2 pm • Central Park. Register at fapc.org/adulted.
- Sun July 27** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.
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 • Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

“Wrestling a Miracle” • John 2:1-12
The Rev. Chris Palmer, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: Special Coffee Hour

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by longtime member David Warren, in celebration of his birthday. Thank you, David, and Happy Birthday!

Save the Dates!

Looking ahead to the fall, please be sure to save these dates in your calendar:

- **Sunday, September 7:** Homecoming Sunday
- **Sunday, September 28:** The Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture, featuring Shannon Vallor, the Baillie Gifford Professor in the Ethics of Data and Artificial Intelligence at the University of Edinburgh
- **Friday, October 24:** The Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards

Tuesday, July 15: Virtual Prayer Service for Texas

Please join our virtual prayer service for those impacted by the recent flooding and devastation in Central Texas. We will begin at noon and pray together for half an hour. We will share prayer, intentions, and ways to further our individual and communal responses. Register at fapc.org/texas.

Saturday, July 19: FAYA at the Queens Night Market

Take the 7 Line to 111th as our young adults visit one of the most vibrant markets in NYC. There will be food, crafts, and goodies from all over the world. We'll be gathering in the parking lot of the New York Hall of Science. The Night Market is free to attend.

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.

Saturday, July 26: Seneca Village Tour

This summer, continue our journey of learning and justice with a walking tour of Seneca Village—the largest community of free African-American property owners in pre-Civil War New York. On Saturday, July 26 at 2 pm, we'll explore this historic site in Central Park and learn how Black New Yorkers created refuge and community in the face of racial discrimination, only to be displaced for the creation of the park. Optional dinner together afterward. Tour is 90 minutes. Space is limited. Register at fapc.org/adulted.

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 \$48 in section 502, under the overhang to keep us out of the sun! Find more information and buy tickets at fapc.org/mets.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
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Monday – Friday

9 am – 5 pm

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8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 12 pm



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