



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 2025 • 10:00 AM

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Alida Bothma, *Jesus Healing a Blind Man*

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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 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](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

## 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

Sonata no. 6: IV. *Finale: Andante* • Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Trustee David Clark*

One: Come with your questions.  
Come with your need for healing.  
Come, not because you see clearly,  
but because you are ready to be seen.

**All: Trusting the God who turns mud into new sight,  
we gather in hope.**

One: Come as you are.  
Come not to explain, but to encounter.  
Come, not because you have it all together,  
but to be open to grace and peace.

**All: Trusting the God who opens eyes and hearts,  
we gather to be transformed.  
All are invited.  
All are welcome.  
Let us worship God!**

### \* HYMN 806

**I'll Praise My Maker**

### \* 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

*Ich armer Mensch, ich Südenknecht*  
("I, Wretched Man, A Slave to Sin"), BWV 55:  
1. Aria: *Ich armer Mensch, ich Südenknecht*  
("I, Wretched Man, A Slave to Sin") • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| <i>Ich armer Mensch, ich Südenknecht,</i>   | I, wretched man, a slave to sin,      |
| <i>ich geh vor Gottes Angesichte</i>        | I come before God's presence          |
| <i>mit Furcht und Zittern zum Gerichte.</i> | with fear and trembling to be judged. |
| <i>Er ist gerecht, ich ungerecht,</i>       | He is just; unjust am I.              |
| <i>Ich armer Mensch, ich Südenknecht!</i>   | I, wretched man, a slave to sin!      |

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 9:1-12

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When [Jesus] had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then [the man] went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." [The man] kept saying, "I am he."



But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

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

## SERMON

*Summer Pastoral Resident Barron Flood*

## "Through the Mud"

### \* RESPONSE IN FAITH

*A New Creed*, United Church of Canada (1968)

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

### \* 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.

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## CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

### OFFERTORY SOLO

Elijah, op. 70: 39. Aria: Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

Then shall the righteous shine forth  
As the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.  
Joy on their head shall be for everlasting,  
And all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.

### \* 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

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,  
and for Jesus Christ, in whom your fullness dwells.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Born of Mary, he shares our life.  
 Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.  
 Guiding his children, he leads us.  
 Visiting the sick, he heals us.  
 Dying on the cross, he saves us.  
 Rising from the dead, he gives new life.  
 Living with you, he prays for us.  
 Great is the mystery of faith:



With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup  
 and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.  
 Receive our sacrifice of praise.  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion  
 in the body and blood of our Lord.  
 Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.  
 Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,  
 that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.  
 We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,  
 in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.



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## 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.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We believe this table is set for us by Jesus Christ, and it does not belong to any single community. All people, regardless of church or religious affiliation, are invited to partake.*

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COMMUNION SOLO

*Ich bin ein guter Hirt* ("I am a Good Shepherd"), BWV 85:  
5. *Aria: Seht, was die Liebe tut* ("See What His Love Can Do")  
*J.S. Bach*

*Seht, was die Liebe tut.*

Behold what love does.

*Mein Jesus halt in gutter Hut*

My Jesus keeps his own

*Die Seinen feste eingeschlossen*

Tightly closed in good keeping

*Und hat am Kreuzesstamm vergossen*

And has poured out on the trunk of the Cross

*Für sie sein teures Blut.*

His precious blood for them.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 645

**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major, op. 37 no. 2  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

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



## 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).

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### **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  
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  
Jeanne Lehman French, 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](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490).

## CALENDAR

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### Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Rita Arlen. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
- Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie 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.
- 1:40 pm** **Let’s Go (See the) Mets!** Citi Field.
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### This Week

- Sat Aug 9** **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 Aug 10** **FAYA Central Park Potluck.** 12:30 pm • Central Park. To learn more, visit [fapc.org/potluck](http://fapc.org/potluck).

### Coming Up

- Sun Aug 17** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
- Sun Aug 24** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.
- Sat Aug 23** **FAYA at the PLAYA!** 12:30 pm. Join the Fifth Avenue Young Adults for a fun beach day! Email Rev. Chris Palmer at [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to get in the WhatsApp group for the event.
- Sun Aug 31** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner, preaching. This morning we will worship in the style of Chapel Church our contemporary worship service held throughout the program year.
- Family Ministries BBQ at Jaime’s House.** 4 pm • Morris County, NJ. Please learn more and register at [fapc.org/bbq](http://fapc.org/bbq).
- Wed Sep 3** **Feed Your Soul.** Dinner, 6 pm, Bonnell Hall. Worship, 7 pm, Jones Auditorium & Zoom. Register at [fapc.org/soul](http://fapc.org/soul).
- Sat Sep 6** **Come Home to Fifth.** 6 pm. Join Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike and online campus members for dinner and fellowship in New York on the weekend of Homecoming! Register at [fapc.org/home](http://fapc.org/home).
- Sun Sep 7** **Homecoming Sunday.** Worship in the Sanctuary at 11 am and on Livestream.

### Next Sunday • Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

“Got Baptism?” • Galatians 3:23-29

*The Rev. Chris Palmer, preaching*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### Save the Dates!

- **Wednesday, September 3:** Feed Your Soul Dinner and Worship Service
- **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 17:** The Fall Choral Concert: *Of Voice and Verse*
- **Friday, October 24:** The Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards

### Sunday, August 10: FAYA Central Park Potluck

Bring something to share or grab something on the way over. We'll lay out some blankets in the shade and enjoy a summer afternoon in one of the greatest parks in the world. To learn more, email [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/potluck](http://fapc.org/potluck).

### Saturday, August 23: FAYA at the PLAYA!

The Fifth Avenue Young Adults are headed to the beach, and they'd love for you to join! Email Rev. Chris Palmer at [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to get in the WhatsApp group for the event. We'll discuss location and other amenities for the trip. This will be a splash!

### Sunday, August 31: Family Ministries BBQ at Jaime's House

Jaime Staehle, our Director of Christian Education, invites all families with children to her house (in Morris County, NJ) for a BBQ on Labor Day weekend! We will gather on Sunday, Aug. 31, at 4 pm. Jaime will provide burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers! Please learn more and register at [fapc.org/bbq](http://fapc.org/bbq).

### Sunday, August 31: Chapel Church in the Sanctuary!

Join us next Sunday at 10 am in the Sanctuary for a special Chapel Church-style service. Come experience the Chapel Church band, the Holy Interruption, written prayer, and all the creativity of this special contemporary worship celebration. The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner, Assistant Professor of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, will be preaching. See you at there!

### Wednesday, September 3: Feed Your Soul

Join an inspiring evening of fellowship, prayer, and a shared meal at Feed Your Soul. This event is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for a year of dedicated service as officers, vocalists, ushers, greeters, Sunday School teachers, Outreach volunteers, and more. Dinner begins at 6 pm in Bonnell Hall. The evening's worship service with communion will be available on Zoom. Please register at [fapc.org/soul](http://fapc.org/soul) by Friday, August 29. For more information, contact Christine Boyle at [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org).

### Saturday, September 6: Come Home to Fifth Avenue!

Join Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike and fellow online campus members for connection and fellowship on the weekend of Homecoming! We'll share a meal in NYC together and meet up before our spectacular Homecoming worship. If you'll be in New York and interested in attending dinner or worship alongside your online campus family, please register at [fapc.org/home](http://fapc.org/home).

## 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).

### 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](http://fapc.org/community-groups), or email ([membership@fapc.org](mailto: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](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

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](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 [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) to register.

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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:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Asylum Support Clinic                | Green City Force               |
| Church of Gethsemane                 | Hands Along the Nile           |
| The Farminary Project                | Development Services           |
| Frontera de Cristo                   | Holmes Camp and Retreat Center |
| Garden of Hope                       | Ministry of Hope Lesotho       |
| Good Samaritan Project               | Parity                         |
| of First Spanish Presbyterian Church | Urban Outreach Center NYC      |

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).

## 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](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* • Dennis Bushe, *Clerk of Session*  
Persis Luke, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

#### Class of 2026

Rachel Brenner  
Dennis Bushe  
Roseanne Lind  
Nate Mahrer  
Brian McLendon  
Erica Moffett  
Martha Van Hise  
Suri Wong (Youth Elder)

#### Class of 2027

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

#### Class of 2028

Evelyn Acosta  
Amanda DeMeola  
Kathy Henderson  
Phillip Ma  
Thomas Mann  
Glenda Moreland  
McKenna Nelson  
Lynn Wishart

### The Board of Deacons

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Brendan Birth, *Moderator* • Jeanne Lehman French, *Vice Moderator* • Kyle Hughes, *Secretary*  
Susan Roberson, *Treasurer*

#### 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  
Myra Ford  
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Join us for Chapel Church  
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**Sunday, August 31!**



Chapel Church returns on  
**Sunday, September 14,**  
**at 9:30 am.**



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8 am – 1 pm

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8 am – 12 pm



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