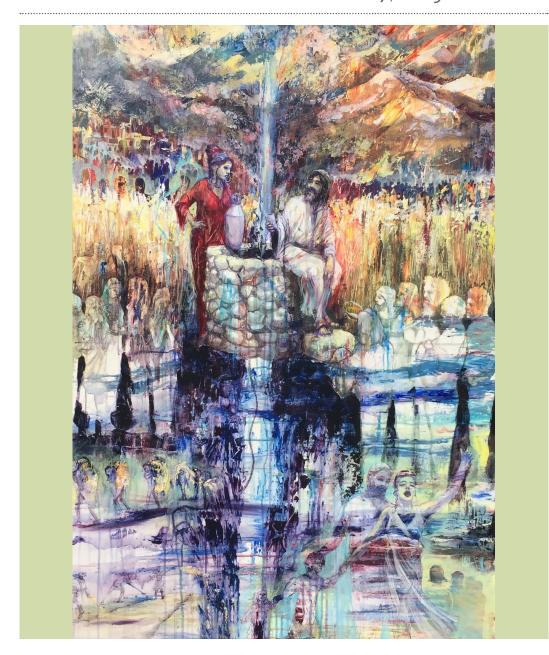


Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 17, 2025 • 10:00 AM



Bryn Gillette, Woman at the Well, 2019

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 if 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 opporunities.

→ 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 <code>fapc.org/playback</code>. This morning's Prayers of the People can be found at <code>fapc.org/pray</code>. Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at <code>fapc.org/this-sunday</code>. For information about future worship services, visit <code>fapc.org/worship</code>.

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 Psalm-Prelude Set 1, no. 2: But the meek-spirited shall possess

the earth: and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Trustee Marran Ogilvie

One: In a dry and weary land where there is no water,

we thirst.

All: God turns deserts into a pools

and parched lands into springs.

One: As the nations are in an uproar

and the kingdoms totter, we yearn for refuge.

All: There is a river whose streams make glad

the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

One: Walking alone through the darkest valley,

we want comfort.

All: God leads us to still waters and restores our souls.

One: Come, let us worship God, tender and just.

* Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

* CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

* 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.

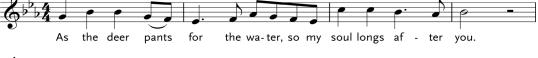
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

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.)





* Assurance of Pardon

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Rev. Chris Palmer

Solo

I Will Sing New Songs, op. 99 no. 5 • Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)

I will sing new songs of gladness,

I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten stringed psaltery.

Every day will I extol thee and will bless thy Holy Name.

Great is God and great his mercy.

Who shall tell of all his greatness?

Who shall his power declare?

My song shall be of praise and honor,

And of thy glorious acts.

Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.

Yea, men shall tell of thy great kindness

And of thy wondrous might,

And my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:5-15

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you,

'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

> One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Jonah So "Drinking the Living Waters"

from The Theological Declaration of Barmen * Affirmation of Faith

> As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,

so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.

Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world

for a free, grateful service to his creatures. Amen.

* HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Summer Pastoral Resident Barron Flood

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Laudate Dominum from Vesperae solennes de confessore

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise him, all people. Laudate eum, omnes populi Quoniam confirmata est For he has bestowed Super nos misericordia eius, His mercy upon us,

Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Amen. 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 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trio Sonata no. 6, BWV 530: I. Vivace

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

The ministry of music this morning is offered by Eddie Zheng, *Guest Organist* • Rachel Mikol, *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, 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, Joyce Nolen, 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

Faithful Departed:

July 29, 2025: Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, beloved uncle of Rebecca David.

August 10, 2025: Doris Wurgler, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Beloved mother and mother-in-law of Deborah Wurgler, Susannah Wurgler-Murphy and Russel Murphy, Rebekah Wurgler-Kulhanek and Steve Kulhanek; beloved grandmother of Grace, Cecilia, Clare Siobhan, and Russel; and beloved wife of the late John 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.

Worship. Sanctuary & Livestream

10:15 am Children's Church. Christian Education Center.

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. 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.

This Week

Sat Aug 23 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).

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 to get in the WhatsApp

group for the event.

Coming Up

Sun Aug 24 Worship. 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike,

preaching.

Sun Aug 31 Worship. 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Kimberly

Wagner. 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. Learn more

and register at fapc.org/bbq.

Wed Sep 3 Feed Your Soul. Dinner, 6 pm, Bonnell Hall. Worship, 7 pm, Sanctuary

& Zoom. Register at 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.

Sun Sep 7 Homecoming Sunday. Worship in the Sanctuary and on livestream at 11 am.

Sun Sep 14 Chapel Church returns! 9:30 am • Jones Auditorium.

All Church Movie Matinee: Godspell. 12:45 pm • Jones Auditorium.

Next Sunday · Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

"Out of the Water" • Matthew 3:1-3; 13-17 The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

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

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* 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! Learn more and register at fapc.org/bbq.

Sunday, August 31: Chapel Church in the Sanctuary!

Join us 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

Take part in 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* by Friday, August 29. For more information, contact Christine Boyle at 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.

Sunday, September 7: Serenity and Serendipity

Beginning on Homecoming Sunday, the Arts and Our Faith Committee is delighted to present "Serenity and Serendipity," an exhibit of paintings created by Deborah and Michael Jinkins in the Chesnut Gallery. Deborah and Michael are two accomplished artists from Georgia who are also husband and wife. Be sure to check out their beautiful and evocative work starting on Sept. 7!

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* The Rev. Chris Palmer, *Associate Pastor* • Dennis Bushe, *Clerk of Session* Persis Luke, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

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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



Join us for Homecoming on Sunday, September 7.

We'll celebrate the start of our program year with worship at II am in the Sanctuary and on livestream. We'll cap the joyous day with a festive celebration in Bonnell Hall.

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Visit *fapc.org/events* for details on all these events and more.

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Monday – Friday

9 am – 5 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 12 pm









