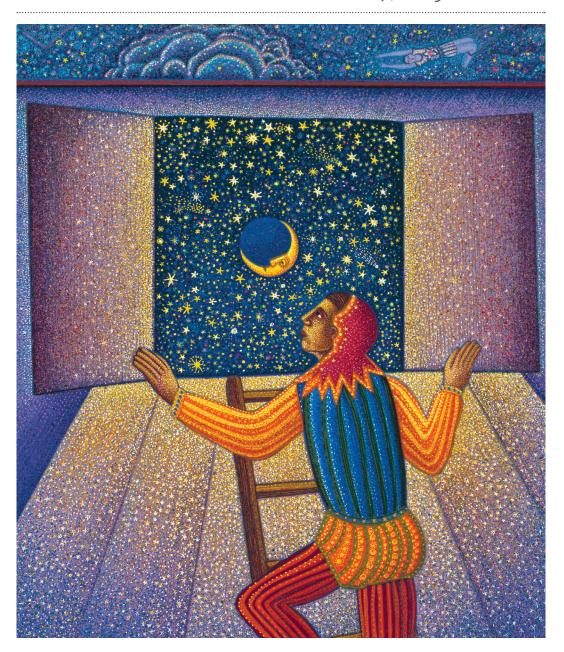


## Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

## Homecoming

September 7, 2025 • 11:00 AM



John August Swanson, Jester, 2001

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 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! You will find children's Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary (to the right when looking down the aisle). Ushers can also provide children's bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service with your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. Every Sunday, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. There is Sunday school for children in preschool through 5th grade at 9:30 am and Children's Church for children in preschool through 2nd grade at 11:15 am.

#### **▶** 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 Menuet from Le Tombeau de Couperin • Maurice Ravel (1875–1937)

Gloria in excelsis from Gloria • Francis Poulenc (1899–1963) INTROIT

Gloria in excelsis Deo Glory to God in the highest,

et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. and on earth peace to people of good will.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Clerk of Session Dennis Bushe One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

> All: Worship the Lord with gladness.

One: Come into God's presence with singing!

All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; One:

All: and whose faithfulness endures

to all generations.

One: Let us worship Almighty God, tender and just.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

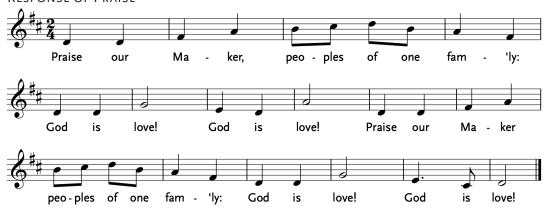
SUNG RESPONSE (Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)





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- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Music: E. Rawdon Bailey (1859-1938). Text: Church and School Hymnal, 1926; adapt. RGH.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

LITANY OF PARTING All: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

Children (pre-K through fifth 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM Laudamus Te from Gloria • Francis Poulenc

Laudamus te, We praise you, we bless you, adoramus te, we adore you, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi we give you thanks propter magnam gloriam tuam. We praise you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 4:1-13

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything comes in parables, in order that

'they may indeed look but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."

And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?"

One:

This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Hidden"

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Sneak up on us, Loving God.

Slip past our defenses. And tell us the truth.

Toss seeds into the fertile places in our hearts. Hide subversive messages in our heads. And, in so doing, reshape our souls.

Turn us and turn this world into a reflection of heaven.

This we ask in the name of the One who sows,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

\* HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Werner Ramirez

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
The Rev. Chris Palmer

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gloria from Keble Missa Brevis • Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Glory be to God on high,

And in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, We worship thee, we glorify thee,

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

Have mercy, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

Art most high, most high in the glory of God the Father.

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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • William H.M. Wright

Text by R. Gordon Nodwell

May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way.

May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.

May the Spirit of God dwell within you.

May you live in joy each day.

Postlude

Symphony no. 1 in D minor: Final • Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* 

#### WORSHIP NOTES

Francis Poulenc opens his *Gloria* with something quite different from the stereotypical grandeur often associated with this text. Instead of a soaring hymn of praise, the piece begins with a bold outburst, followed by music that seems almost to tease and interrupt itself. The playful syncopations, sudden shifts of texture, and Poulenc's trademark harmonic surprises create a spirit of holy mischief, as though heaven's chorus has decided that joy and laughter are the truest ways to sing God's glory. The second movement, *Laudamus te*, continues in this vein, full of rhythmic vitality and humorous exchanges between the voices, its exuberance brimming over with a sense of celebration.

Philip Stopford's *Gloria* from the *Keble Missa Brevis* takes a similar path, though in a different musical language. Light on its feet and melodically buoyant, Stopford's setting dances through the text with sparkle and elegance, capturing both the reverence and the sheer joy of the liturgy.

Together, these works remind us that sacred music is not always solemn. Just as the figure of the jester surprises us into deeper truth, these *Glorias* reveal that delight, wit, and unexpected turns can themselves be acts of devotion, echoes of a divine joy that never ceases to surprise.

#### 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.

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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, 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, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler

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#### Faithful Departed:

August 31, 2025: William (Bill) Brown, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and beloved partner of David Larkin, beloved brother of Richard and Linda Brown, and David and Virginia Brown.

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.
	Family Ministries Homecoming Breakfast. Christian Education Center.
11 am	<b>Worship.</b> Sanctuary & Livestream.
11:15 am	Sunday School. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
12:15 pm	<b>Homecoming Celebration.</b> Bonnell Hall. Come and enjoy delicious food, fun activities, and fellowship.
	Sermon Springboard. Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
This Week	
Wed Sep 10	<b>FAYA Midweek Ice Cream Social.</b> 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org
Thu Sep 11	Career Directions. 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/groups to learn more and sign up.
	Asian American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.
Sat Sep 13	<b>Meals on Heels.</b> 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 Small Group Day Retreat. 1 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, email youngadults@fapc.org.
Sun Sep 14	<b>All-Church Movie Matinee:</b> <i>Godspell.</i> 12:45 pm • Bonnell Hall. We're thrilled to be joined by Don Scardino, who starred as Jesus in over 1,000 performances for Q&A before and after the film. All ages are welcome!
Mon Sep 15	SAGES. 12 pm • Zoom.
Wed Sep 17	<b>Community Choir.</b> 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. Today we welcome back all who love to sing after the summer hiatus.
Thu Sep 18	<b>Theatre Fellowship Gathering.</b> 6 pm • Weber Terrace. Join us for an informal social gathering to welcome new members and talk about future plans.

Sun Sep 28 **The Gotto Lecture with Shannon Vallor.** 2 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. The AI Mirror: How to Reclaim Our Humanity in an Age of Machine Thinking. Register at fapc.org/gotto.

Register at fapc.org/women for weather-related updates.

Tue Sep 23

Women's Ministry: A Walk in Central Park. 6 pm • Central Park. All women are

welcome to join as we enjoy the beauty of the park and each other's company.

## **Next Sunday · Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost** 11 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Chapel Church returns! 9:30 am in Jones Auditorium

"Ferment" • Luke 13: 20-21 The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

#### NEWS & EVENTS

#### **Today: Homecoming Worship**

Celebrate as we begin the program year! Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston will launch a new sermon series, "Jesus the Jester." We'll cap the joyous day with a festive coffee hour in Bonnell Hall where you can connect with old friends, make new ones, and learn more about everything going on at church.

#### Today: Serenity and Serendipity

Beginning today, 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!

#### Wednesday, September 10: FAYA Midweek Ice Cream Social

The Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) Midweeks return! For all young adults in their twenties and thirties, join us as we kick off our fall Midweek schedule together. Come and introduce yourself to new faces and help us to start fall right. For more information, email the Rev. Chris Palmer at youngadults@fapc.org.

#### Sunday, September 14: All-Church Movie: Godspell

Join us in Bonnell Hall at 12:25 pm for a fun all-church movie event to launch our fall sermon series! We'll watch *Godspell*, the 1973 musical that reimagines the story of Jesus through clowning, parables, and playful joy. With colorful storytelling and a spiritual heart, *Godspell* invites us to see Jesus as a joyful disruptor—a holy fool who reveals truth through laughter, surprise, and love. We're thrilled to be joined by Don Scardino, who starred as Jesus in over 1,000 performances of *Godspell* on and off Broadway. Don will join us for some Q&A before and after the film. All ages are welcome! There will be movie concession treats!

#### Tuesday, September 23: Women's Ministry Walk in Central Park

Meet at the church at 6:30 pm and we will head up to Central Park for a walk and fellowship with one another. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. All women are welcome to join as we enjoy the beauty of the park and each other's company. Register at *fapc.org/walk* so we can keep you up to date regarding weather.

#### Sunday, September 28: The Gotto Lecture featuring Shannon Vallor

Philosopher of technology and AI ethics expert Shannon Vallor will deliver the Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture in our Sanctuary on Sunday, September 28, at 2 pm. Vallor, a leading philosopher of technology and a globally recognized voice in AI ethics, is the Baillie Gifford Professor in the Ethics of Data and Artificial Intelligence at the University of Edinburgh. She directs the Centre for Technomoral Futures at the Edinburgh Futures Institute, where her work explores how emerging technologies transform human character, moral reasoning, and civic life. This lecture is free, but registration is required. Learn more and register at *fapc.org/gotto*.

#### Have you remembered the church in your will?

If you have included a bequest for the church in your will or estate plans, please let us know! You are eligible to join our Legacy Circle, a group of members and friends who have remembered the church in their financial arrangements. Please reach out to Sean McAvoy, Director of Communications and Development, at fapc@fapc.org.

#### 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 for PreK – 2nd Grade is at 9:30 am and PreK – 5th Grade follows the Litany of Parting during the 11 am worship service. 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.

#### **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 <code>fapc.org/choirs</code> 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 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*, 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.

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

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The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike Associate Pastor for Ministry to the Online Campus

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Donna Ketchledge weddings@fapc.org



#### Prepare for baptism

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Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com
Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org
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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.

# SUPER SEPTEMBER

## Welcome back!

This month promises to be one of the most exciting in Fifth Avenue's history. You'll find many ways to nourish your soul and enlighten your mind.

### Be sure to save these events in your calendar:

- Sunday, September 14 | Chapel Church returns at 9:30 am.
- Sunday, September 14 | All-Church Movie Matinee: Godspell | 12:45 pm
  - Sunday, September 21 | Rita Arlen Room Dedication | 12:15 pm
- Sunday, September 28 | The Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture | 2 pm
  - This fall in the Chesnut Gallery | Serentity & Serendipity

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

## 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



### **Building Hours**

Monday, Wednesday – Friday

9 am – 6 pm

Tuesday

9 am – 9 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am - 2:30 pm









