



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 • 11:00 AM

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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! 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. Sunday School for PreK – 5th Grade follows the Litany of Parting during the 11 am worship service.

## ➡ 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 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

Master Tallis's Testament • *Herbert Howells* (1892–1983)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder Roseanne Lind*

*Psalm 116*

One: What shall we return to the Lord  
for all the good things God has done?

All: We will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God!

### \* HYMN 619

**Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

### \* 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

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Kyrie eleison response, with the Cantor part starting on a half note G4 and the All part starting on a half note G4. The second staff is for the Christe eleison response, with the Cantor part starting on a half note G4 and the All part starting on a half note G4. The third staff is for the Kyrie eleison response, with the Cantor part starting on a half note G4 and the All part starting on a half note G4. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Music: John L. Bell, 1998.

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### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

\* 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.**

*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.*

LITANY OF PARTING

All: **May God be with you there.**  
 Children: **May God be with you here.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

ANTHEM

King of Glory • Chant, arr. Elmer Iseler (1927–1998)  
 Text: George Herbert (1593–1632)

King of glory, king of peace, I will love thee;  
 And that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
 Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
 Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee;  
 And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee;  
 Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
 And alone when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;  
 In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.  
 Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;  
 E'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Luke 13:20-21*

And again Jesus said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

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

### SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

### "Ferment"

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)*

**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.**  
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
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 ANTHEM

*Gloria from The Office of Holy Communion "Collegium Regale"*  
*Herbert Howells*

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*The Rev. Chris Palmer*

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.**

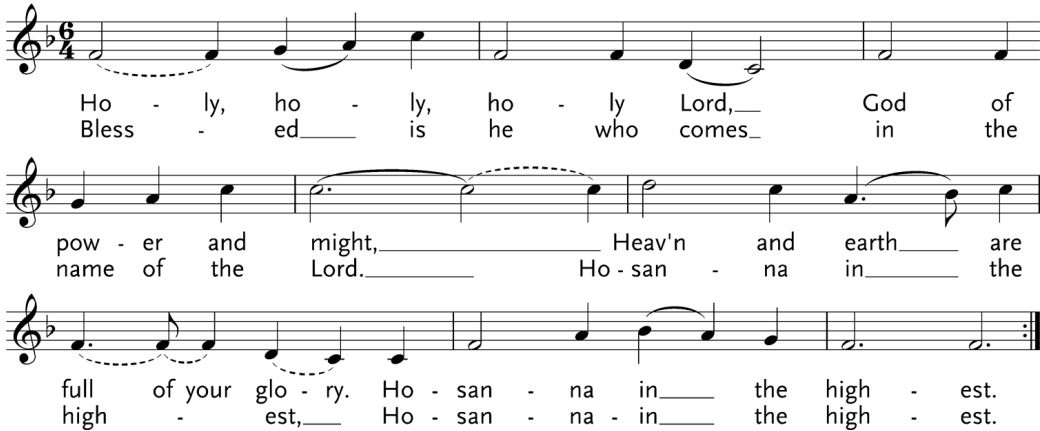
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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  
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:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.  
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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.



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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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

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

*Sanctus and Agnus Dei from The Office of Holy Communion  
"Collegium Regale" • Herbert Howells*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Grant us thy peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 645

**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*  
*Text by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)*

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare • *John Cook (1918–1984)*

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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

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Herbert Howells's Office of Holy Communion (*Collegium Regale*) was composed in 1945 for the choir of King's College, Cambridge, deepening a partnership that also produced his celebrated settings of the morning and evening canticles. The *Gloria*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei* from this Communion service display the qualities that make Howells's music so distinctive: radiant, modal-inflected harmonies; long-breathed, lyrical vocal lines; and a remarkable ability to suggest both grandeur and intimacy at once. Written for the reverberant acoustics of King's College Chapel, this music captures a vision of worship that is expansive, mystical, and deeply moving.

Also heard this morning is "Master Tallis's Testament," one of Howells's most beloved organ works. It belongs to his Six Pieces for Organ, composed in the late 1930s, and takes as its point of inspiration a theme by the great Tudor composer Thomas Tallis. The work unfolds as a meditative reverie, carrying the listener on a journey through the organ's full palette of sounds: from the gentlest strings, flutes, and solo reeds, through ever-growing sonorities and to the majestic power of the full instrument, before subsiding once more into quiet. In its union of reverence for the past and lush 20th-century harmony, it is quintessential Howells.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frederic K. Han.***

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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).

### **Please pray for:**

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Eliseo Batuan, 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  
David Getz, 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

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**      **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.  
**Sunday School & Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am**      **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am**      **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.  
**Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am**      **Sunday School & Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm**      **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.  
**Tour of the Church.** After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "Tour Starts Here" sign.
- 12:30 pm**      **Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- 12:45 pm**      **All Church Movie Matinee: *Godspell*.** 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!
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### This Week

- Mon Sep 15**      **SAGES.** 12 pm • Zoom.
- Wed Sep 17**      **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).
- Thu Sep 18**      **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/groups](http://fapc.org/groups) to learn more and to sign up.  
**Theatre Fellowship Gathering.** 6 pm • Weber Terrace. Join us for an informal social gathering to welcome new members and talk about future plans.  
**Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.
- Fri Sep 19**      **Youth Group Last Friday Hangout.** 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more and register at [fapc.org/friday](http://fapc.org/friday).
- Sat Sep 20**      **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)).
- 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. Register at [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women) for weather-related updates.

### Next Sunday • Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"Weeds" • Matthew 13:24-30

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Today: Special Coffee Hour**

Today's Coffee Hour is in honor of longtime member Jeanne Lehman French as we celebrate her birthday. Happy Birthday, Jeanne!

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

Join us in Bonnell Hall at 12:45 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!

### **Friday, September 19: Youth Group Last Friday Hangout**

We invite all youth for pizza, games, and a meaningful devotional time to deepen your faith and connect with each other. These evenings are all about fun, friendship, and growing closer to God in a supportive community. Bring your friends and join us for unforgettable nights of laughter and spiritual growth. Learn more and register at [fapc.org/friday](http://fapc.org/friday).

### **Sunday, September 21: Rita Arlen Room Dedication**

The Fifth Avenue family will gather at 12:15 pm and dedicate one of the church's key spaces to the memory of Rita Arlen, a legendary and beloved member of our congregation.

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

We will meet at 6:30 pm in 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:fapc@fapc.org).

### **Did you know...**

...that you can sponsor a Coffee Hour in honor of a loved one, celebration of a milestone, or commemoration of a significant personal or familial event? Please contact Austin Applebach ([engagement@fapc.org](mailto:engagement@fapc.org)) for more information.

## 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 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](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:

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 Ruben Nuño, director of the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership (212.247.0490 ext 3038, [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).

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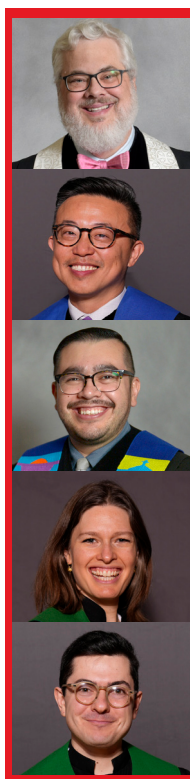
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# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



## Rita Arlen Room Dedication

Next Sunday  
September 21 • 12:15 pm  
Rita Arlen Room

Join the Fifth Avenue family as we dedicate one of the church's key spaces to the memory of Rita Arlen, a legendary and beloved member of our congregation.

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## 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



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