



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 12, 2025 • 11:00 AM



James B. Janknegt, *The Persistent Widow*, 2017

This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, gathered in the Sanctuary and online, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy or someone at our Welcome Table. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston
Senior Pastor

➔ New to Fifth Avenue?

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at fapc.org/welcome. Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

➔ Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin or hymnal to follow the service.

➔ Families with Children

Children are always welcome! 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 pre-K through fifth 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. 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

Views from the Oldest House: 2. Elms • *Ned Rorem* (b. 1923)

A Quaker Reader • *Ned Rorem*

4. "There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil..."

8. "...No darkness at all..."

Organbook I: 3. Song • *Ned Rorem*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Rachel Brenner

from Psalm 66

One: Come and see what God has done!

**All: God has turned the sea into dry land;
remember those who passed through the river
on foot.**

One: Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of our praises be heard!

**All: God has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

One: For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as we tired.

**All: We went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of peace.**

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

* HYMN 67

My Song Forever Shall Record

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

* 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 *All*
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Cantor *All*
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Cantor *All*
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Music: John L. Bell, 1998.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.

Vic-tory is ours; vic-tory is ours through God who loves us. us.

Music: John L. Bell, 1996. Text: Desmond Tutu, 1994.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism

* CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church;
for we are all one in Christ.**

**We promise to love, encourage and support you,
to share the good news of the gospel with you,
and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Choir and Congregation

* SUNG RESPONSE

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

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

ANTHEM

Os Justi • Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)
Text: Psalm 37:30-31

*Os justi meditabitur sapientiam,
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.*

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is just.
The law of his God is in his heart;
and his steps will not be impeded.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. Jesus said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming to me.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to God's chosen ones who cry to God day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

SERMON

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

"Justice"

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Loving God,
You who hear the widow and tend the vulnerable,
Grant us the courage we seek.
Delay not your justice.
Place persistent faith within us
For the good that is ours to do,
And for the living of these days.
Amen.**

* HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Chris Palmer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Praise the Lord, O My Soul • *Ned Rorem (1923–2022)*

Text: Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers nor in any child of earth,

For there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

And in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

Whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas,

And all that is in them;

Who keeps his promise forever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

And food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord cares for the stranger;

He sustains the orphan and widow,

But frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,

Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

* 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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* 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: 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 • *Richard Proulx (1937–2010)*

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

The composer of this morning's anthem, Anton Bruckner, was born in 1824 in the northern Austrian town of Ansfelden. Bruckner loved and assiduously studied the music of Renaissance Italian polyphonic masters such as Palestrina, as well as German Baroque composers, especially J.S. Bach. These diverse elements are brought together, along with the boldly Romantic aesthetic inherited from Wagner, in Bruckner's sacred motets. *Os justi* was composed in 1879, the same year that he began work on his sixth symphony. This extraordinary motet, which sets Psalm 37:30–31, is set in the Lydian mode, and Bruckner achieves striking harmonic effects without ever using a single sharp or flat note.

Ned Rorem, the composer of this morning's Offertory Anthem, was born in Richmond, Indiana on October 23, 1923, and spent most of his youth in Chicago. He received his musical training at the American Conservatory of Music, Northwestern University, the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, and the Juilliard School. Particularly renowned for his art songs, Rorem also composed operas, symphonies, as well as pieces for various chamber ensembles. In 1976, Rorem received the Pulitzer Prize for Music recognizing his suite *Air Music: Ten Etudes of Orchestra*, which was first performed in Cincinnati in December of 1975. Rorem composed extensively for choir and wrote several pieces for solo organ. *Praise the Lord, O My Soul* is a wonderful example of Rorem's up-tempo and rhythmic choral style—the musical language is fundamentally tonal, with punchy chromaticism that is usually playful, sometimes a bit startling, often resulting in harmonies evocative of jazz. Rorem passed away in 2022 at the age of 99 in New York City.

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 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, 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, John Weisel, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler

Faithful Departed:

September 11, 2025: Margaret (Peg) Van Hise, beloved mother-in-law of Martha Van Hise and mother of Timothy Van Hise, beloved grandmother of Jonathan, Brian, Christine, and Scott.

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

Chapel Church. Jones Auditorium.

Little Lambs Nursery & Sunday School. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

10:15 am

Children's Choir. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

11 am

Worship. Sanctuary & Livestream.

Little Lambs Nursery, Sunday School & Youth. 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.

Sermon Springboard. Zoom. Join Rev. Jonah 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

Tue Oct 14

Weekly Word Bible Study. 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email community@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/community.

Wed Oct 15

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.

Thu Oct 16

Career Directions. 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community to learn more and to sign up.

Dads Night Out. 6 pm • Location TBD. Come out and have a fun evening with other fathers! Register at fapc.org/dads.

Asian American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.

Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: *Klara and the Sun* with Rev. Chris Palmer. 7 pm • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/read to sign up.

Fri Oct 17

Of Voice and Verse. 7 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. Celebrate the start of a new season with our inaugural concert! Register at fapc.org/tickets.

Sat Oct 18

Meals on Heels. 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

Women's Ministry: Women of the Tenement Museum. 11 am • The Tenement Museum. Visit fapc.org/women to register.

Sun Oct 19

Memorial for Connie Klages. 2 pm • Sanctuary.

Next Sunday • Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Attire" • Matthew 22:1-14

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Baptized Today

Leo Sanker Blank, child of Rachel and Matthew Blank.

Alasdair Ray Palmer, child of Katherine Ellis and Chris Palmer.

Today: Special Coffee Hour

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Rev. Chris Palmer and Katherine Ellis, in celebration of the baptism of their son, Alasdair.

Thursday, October 16: Dads Night Out

Enjoy a fun evening with other fathers! We will gather at 6 pm. Visit fapc.org/dads to register.

Thursday, Oct 16: Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: *Klara and the Sun* with Rev. Chris Palmer

Klara and the Sun is a captivating novel that views a shifting world through the perspective of a remarkable narrator, while probing the timeless question: What does it truly mean to love?

Discussion begins at 7 pm. Visit fapc.org/read to register.

Friday, October 17: The Fall Concert | *Of Voice & Verse*

This fall the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir presents an unforgettable evening celebrating the divine union of words and music. The program features Benjamin Britten's dazzling *Hymn to St. Cecilia*, a vibrant tribute to the patron saint of music; C. Hubert H. Parry's soaring *Blest Pair of Sirens*, an epic setting of Milton's visionary poetry for organ and double choir; and Eric Whitacre's ethereal *Her Sacred Spirit Soars*, a luminous soundscape where text and tone intertwine in breathtaking harmony. Purchase your tickets at fapc.org/tickets and join us in person or on livestream at 7 pm.

Saturday, October 18: Women of the Tenement Museum

Join us for a guided tour of *Tenement Women: 1902* at the Tenement Museum. We'll explore the lived experiences of Jewish immigrant women—mothers, workers, and organizers—who shaped history long before they had the right to vote. This powerful and interactive tour highlights how women balanced family, labor, and activism, sparking movements that still resonate today.

Tickets are \$30. Optional lunch to follow. Visit fapc.org/women to register.

Sunday, October 19: Faith in the Age of AI

Building on our exploration of AI and ethics, Dr. Isaac Sharp invites us after worship in Jones Auditorium to reflect on how our faith traditions speak to the promises and perils of artificial intelligence. From questions of justice and human dignity to power, agency, and moral responsibility, we'll consider how Christian ethics can help us navigate the ethical terrain of emerging technologies. Dr. Sharp recently joined the Faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary from Union Theological Seminary, where he explored AI, ethics, and social justice themes.

Friday, October 24: Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards

It's one of our biggest nights of the year as Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church celebrates the Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards! The Jones Awards honor dedicated lay leaders for their outstanding service to the church. The event begins at 6:30 pm with cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a three-course dinner and the awards presentation. Tickets are on sale until Sunday, October 19. Get your tickets today at fapc.org/jones.

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) we offer Sunday School for Pre-K through second grade at 9:30 am and Pre-K through fifth grade following 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. Visit fapc.org/family to learn more, or 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](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 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 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, or contact Ruben Nuño, director of the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership (212.247.0490 ext 3038, 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.

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The Session

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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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