



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2025 • 11:00 AM



Leonardo da Vinci, *Annunciation*, c. 1472

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

O Come, Emmanuel: Variations on an Advent Hymn
Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006)

INTROIT

Drop down, ye heavens, from above
Judith Weir (b. 1954), Text from the Advent Prose

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people; my salvation shall not tarry.
I have blotted out as a thick cloud, thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee; for I am the Lord thy God,
The Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Bruce Ramsden

One: It is Advent, good people.
It is the season of holy waiting.

All: We watch for lanterns winking in the dark.

One: We listen for a familiar voice at the door.

All: We hold our breath.

One: Signs are all around us.

All: Hope stirs in our hearts.

One: Love is on the way!

All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Matt, Rachel, and Leo Blank

* SUNG RESPONSE



A can - dle is burn - ing, a flame warm and bright,
a can - dle of hope in De - cem - ber's dark night.
While an - gels sing bless - ings from heaven's star - ry sky,
our hearts we pre - pare now for Je - sus is nigh.

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* 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

(Cantor sings once; then the congregation joins, singing 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

ANTHEM

I am the Day • *Jonathan Dove (b.1959)*

Text from The legend of St. Christopher and Revelation 22:16, 13

Soon to be born...

I am Alpha and O, and Omega!

I am the day soon to be born.

Soon to be born...

I am the day soon to be born...

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel!

I am the sprig from the root of David...

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

I am the Alpha and the Omega...

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

I am the sprig from the root of David,

And the bright star of the morning.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee!

I am Alpha and O, and Omega!

I am the day soon to be born.

Soon to be born...

I am the first and the last,

The beginning and the end.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel!

I am the day soon to be born...

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel!

I am the sprig from the root of David...

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

I am the Alpha and the Omega...

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

I am the sprig from the root of David,

I am the first and last, the first and last.

I am the sprig from the root of David,

And the bright star of the morning.

Ah! Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee!

Soon to be born...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON*Luke 1:5-15a*

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston***"When Gabriel Knocks"***** PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**God who hears,
God who shows up,
in a world full of jump scares
and slow-simmering worries,
encourage us not to be afraid.
Inspire us to lean into hope,
and to find there
strength for the journey of Advent.
Amen.**

*** HYMN 94****Now the Heavens Start to Whisper****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike***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. Dr. Jonah So*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Creator of the Stars of Night • *Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*
Text: Office Hymn, English text by J. M. Neale (1818–1866)

Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear thy servants when they call.

Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to eveningtide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet all divine.

At thy great name, exalted now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
And things in heaven and earth shall own
That thou art Lord and King alone.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. 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 348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes • *Mark G. Sirett (b. 1952)*
Text: Anonymous

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel* (“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”)
Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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

This morning’s Offertory Anthem is a lovely setting of the ancient Advent hymn, *Conditor alme siderum* (“Creator of the Stars of Night”), the text of which dates back to the seventh century. Opinions differ as to the hymn’s authorship—some have attributed it to St. Ambrose himself, but most scholars agree that it’s not his work, so “Anonymous, seventh century” is a much more common ascription! Despite the uncertainty concerning the hymn’s authorship, the text is one of the great treasures of hymnody. In just five classical Ambrosian quatrains (three of which are included in today’s setting), the writer gives a remarkably complete overview of salvation history, all the more powerful for being expressed with great simplicity and economy. Christ himself is the creator of the stars of night, the light of all believers, who came to save the world; he was born of the Virgin Mary, and now all creation acknowledges him as Lord and awaits his return. The original Latin text was translated into English by the Anglican priest, scholar, and hymn-writer John Mason Neale. The hymn is traditionally sung to Sarum Plainsong, Mode IV, which is the melody heard this morning. This chant dates back to the ninth century when the Sarum tradition originated at the Cathedral of Salisbury in the UK. Haunting in its simplicity, it is one of the most beautiful in the repertoire.

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, Norma Santos, Robert Scheuer, Taylor Shultz Monica Smith, Spencer Robert Smith, Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, John Weisel, 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, 212.247.0490).

Columbarium Closed

December 4 – January 31, 2026

The Columbarium and nearby stairs to the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center will be closed from Thursday, December 4, to Saturday, January 31. The elevator will remain in service. During this time, the Columbarium will be safely and carefully reinforced to support the ongoing Kirkland Chapel renovation. We are so grateful for your patience and understanding as this renovation draws to a close. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
The Word is Out. 6th Floor Conference Room.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
Family Ministries Advent Festival. 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. 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.
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Coming Up

- Mon Dec 1** **SAGES.** 7 pm • Zoom. Contact community@fapc.org to join.
- Tue Dec 2** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email community@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/community.
- Wed Dec 3** **FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org.
- Thu Dec 4** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community to learn more and to sign up.
Asian American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.
- Fri Dec 5 & Sat Dec 6** **Handel's Messiah.** 7 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. Join the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir for a stunning performance. Get tickets at fapc.org/tickets.
- Sat Dec 6** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org.
- Sun Dec 7** **The Joe Vedella Holiday Dinner.** 2 pm • Bonnell Hall. Our annual holiday feast with our homeless neighbors. Register at fapc.org/serve.
Christmas at the Cloisters. 2 pm • The Cloisters Museum. Join us for a magical experience this Advent season! Register at fapc.org/cloisters.

Next Sunday • Second Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph Shows Up" • Matthew 1:15b-25

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Sowing Abundance: The 2026 Pledge Campaign

This congregation has pledged over **\$2,568,174** for *Sowing Abundance*, our 2026 pledge campaign. We are over **68%** towards our goal. Thank you! Your pledge supports Fifth Avenue's abundant worship services, music ministries, robust hybrid church family, outreach to the vulnerable, and so much more. To help our church meet its \$3.7 million goal, please make your pledge today at fapc.org/pledge.

Today: Last Day for the Christmas Angel Tree Project

The Deacons have created an online gift registry where you can purchase holiday gifts that will be distributed to children and youth in need. Over 90% of the gifts have already been purchased! To learn more and register to make a child's Christmas bright, please visit fapc.org/angel.

Sunday, November 30: Advent Groups

Beginning the week of November 30, Advent study groups will meet at various times and dates around the city, in the church, and online. Together we will use a common curriculum built from our Advent sermon series. There is still space available! Visit fapc.org/advent to register.

Sunday, December 7: Christmas at the Cloisters

Join us for a special Christmas tour at the Cloisters, where we'll explore the museum's stunning holiday displays and permanent Nativity artwork. Led by our own Louisa Raitt, this wonderful experience will offer rich insight into the beauty and history of these medieval masterpieces. We only have a few spots left. Cost is \$29. Register at fapc.org/cloisters.

Thursday, December 11: Moms Night Out

All moms are invited to join other mothers from Fifth Avenue for a fun and relaxing night out. To learn more and register, please visit fapc.org/moms.

Friday, December 12: FAYA Christmas Party

Young adults in their twenties and thirties are invited to the most wonderful celebration of the year: the FAYA Christmas Party! Bring your friends! To learn more and register, visit fapc.org/fayamas.

Sunday, December 14: Fifth Avenue Caroling

Come bring beloved carols and holiday classics to our friends and neighbors as part of the Fifth Avenue Association's Open Streets celebration! All are encouraged to stay after worship and lift their voices with us at 1:45 pm on the Main Stage, just down Fifth Avenue. We will also carol on the steps after worship on Sunday, December 21.

Wednesday, December 17: Blue Christmas Service

As the rest of the world rushes toward the Christmas holiday, our Blue Christmas service reminds us that Advent is a time of quiet contemplation and preparation. This service can be healing for those who find the holidays difficult. Many have described Blue Christmas as one of the most beautiful and restorative services of the year. 6:30 pm, Sanctuary and livestream.

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
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar	Development Services
The Farminary Project	Holmes Camp and Retreat Center
Frontera de Cristo	Ministry of Hope Lesotho
Garden of Hope	Parity
Good Samaritan Project	PC(USA) Global Liaisons Cobbie and Dessa Palm
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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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Fund the altar flowers • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Handel's MESSIAH

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 • 7 PM**

Join the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir and Orchestra for one of New York's most beloved holiday traditions: Handel's *Messiah*. Performed by New York's finest soloists and musicians, *Messiah* offers a moment of reflection, joy, and renewal at the start of the Christmas season. At 5:30 pm on Saturday, December 6, enjoy a wine and cheese reception before the performance. Tickets to Saturday's reception are \$10 and may be purchased during checkout at fapc.org/tickets.

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