



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2025 • 11:00 AM



Kelly Latimore, *St. Joseph*

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

Ricercare on Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland
("Savior of the Nations, Come") • George Baker (b.1951)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Susan Roberson

Based on Isaiah 1:1-10

One: A shoot shall come from Jesse's stump,
and the Spirit of the Holy One will rest upon him.

**All: He will judge with justice
and lead with righteousness.**

One: The wolf and the lamb will dwell together,
and a child will lead them.

**All: For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of God,
as the waters cover the sea.**

One: Let us worship God, tender and just.

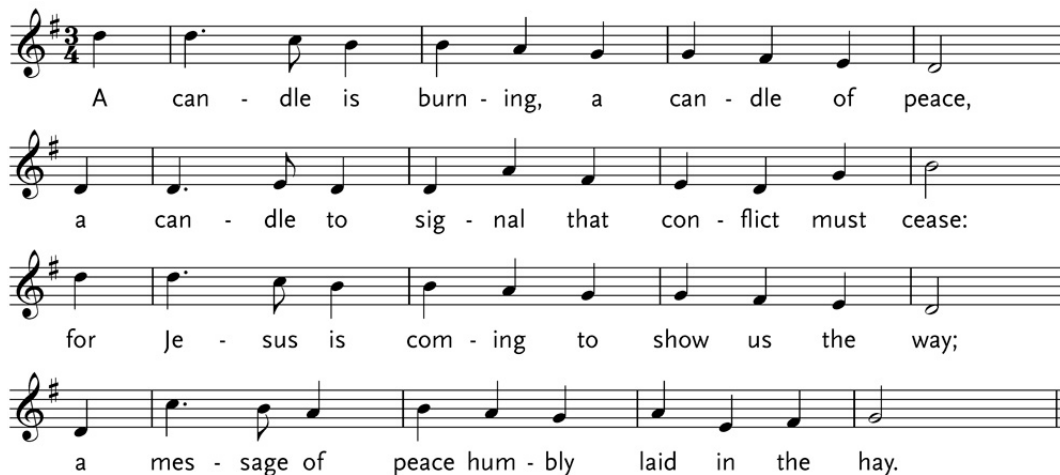
* HYMN 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Word Is Out Community Group: Matthew Anderson, John Kern, Porter Binks

* SUNG RESPONSE



A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of peace,
a can - dle to sig - nal that con - flict must cease:
for Je - sus is com - ing to show us the way;
a mes - sage of peace hum - bly laid in the hay.

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

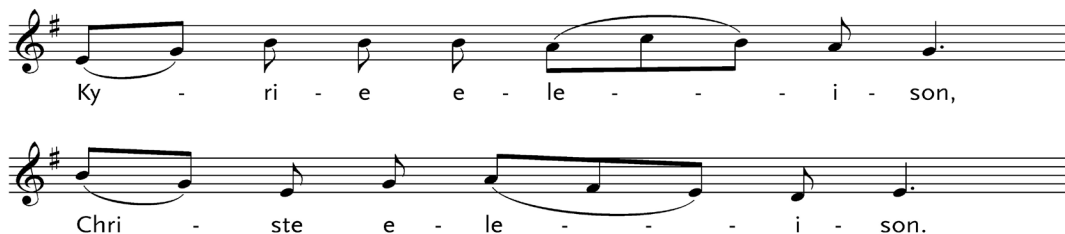
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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.

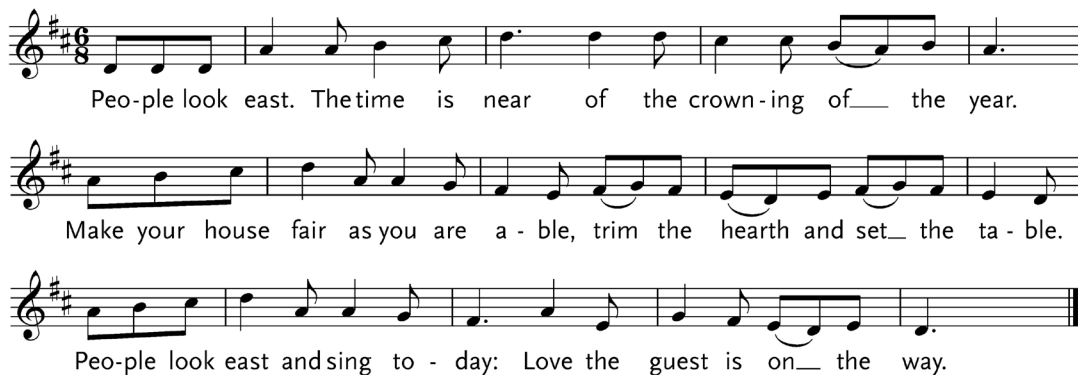
Silent Reflection and Confession

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

*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 Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
 Traditional, arr. Norman Luboff (1917–1987)
 Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,
 Help me cradle the child divine;
 God reward thee and all that's thine
 In paradise,
 So prays the mother Mary.

Gladly, dear one, lady mine,
Help I cradle this child of thine;
God's own light on us both shall shine
In paradise,
As prays the mother Mary.

Refrain

He came among us at Christmastide,
At Christmastide, in Bethlehem;
Let us bring him from far and wide
Love's diadem: Jesu, Jesu,
Lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!

Peace to all that have good will,
God, who heaven and earth doth fill,
Comes to turn us away from ill,
And lies so still within the crib of Mary.

Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:15b-25

Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, who bore Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

"When Joseph Shows Up"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Confession of 1967* Presbyterian Church (USA)

**Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world,
stirring hope in all people and preparing the world
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.
It does not identify limited progress
with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.
In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God. Amen.

* SONG RESPONSE



Ang-els, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life__ to earth.

Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is com-ing.

Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on__ the way.

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CALL TO GIVE

The Rev. Chris Palmer

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Veiled in Darkness • Glenn Rudolph (b.1951)

Veiled in darkness Judah lay, waiting for the promised day,
While across the shadowy night streamed a flood of glorious light,
Heavenly voices chanted then, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Still the earth in darkness lies, up from death's dark vale arise
Voices of a world in grief, prayers of all who seek relief;
Now our darkness pierce again,
"Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Light of light, we humbly pray, shine upon thy world today;
Break the gloom of our dark night,
fill our souls with love and light,
Send thy blessed words again, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

* 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 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.

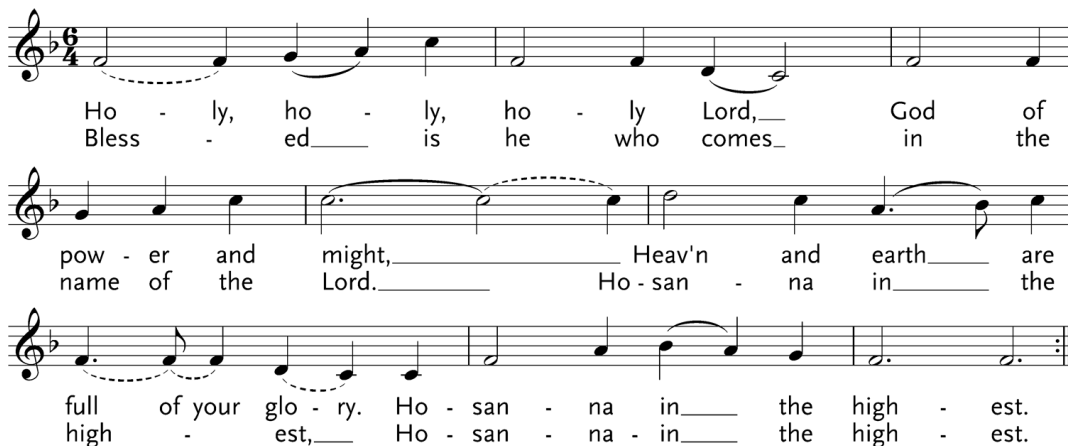
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

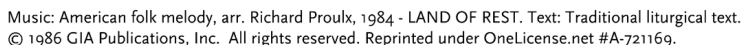
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion
in the body and blood of our Lord.

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.



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 ANTHEM

This is the truth sent from above
Traditional English Carol, arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

This is the truth sent from above,
the truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from the door,
but hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing that I will relate,
that God at first did man create;
The next thing which to you I tell,
woman was made with him to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes
till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run:
that he'd redeem us by his Son.

And at this season of the year
our blest redeemer did appear,
And here did live, and here did preach,
and many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
to show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
be pleased to hear what he did say.

* HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the 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

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland ("Savior of the Nations, Come")
BWV 661 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

***Flowers are given to The Glory of God and in loving memory
of Mee Yung Wong Ng, beloved mother of Mary Ng.***

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 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, 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

Faithful Departed:

November 28, 2025: Eleanor Broomfield, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.
Beloved mother of Anne, David, Faye, Phillip, Joyce, and Jackie; beloved grandmother of Jaxon and
Maxx Broomfield.

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.** Jones Auditorium. 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.
- 2 pm** **Joe Vedella Holiday Dinner.** Bonnell Hall. Our annual holiday feast with our homeless neighbors.
- 2:30 pm** **Christmas at the Cloisters.** The Met Cloisters. A magical tour of wonderful Nativity art from the Middle Ages.
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This Week

- Mon Dec 8** **Family Shelter Christmas Party.** 5:30 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- Tue Dec 9** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email community@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/community.
- Wed Dec 10** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
- Thu Dec 11** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community to learn more and to sign up.
Moms Night Out. 6 pm • All moms welcome. Register at fapc.org/moms.
Asian American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.
- Fri Dec 12** **FAYA Christmas Party.** 7 pm • Bonnell Hall. All young adults (20's and 30's) are invited for festive holiday merriment. Contact youngadults@fapc.org.
- Sat Dec 13** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org.
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Next Sunday • Third Sunday of Advent

Chapel Church, 9:30 am: "When Animals Praise" • Psalm 148
Sanctuary, 11 am: Children's Christmas Pageant
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Thursday, December 11: Moms Night Out

All moms are invited to join other mothers from Fifth Avenue at 6 pm 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 at 7 pm to Bonnell Hall! 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. Blue Christmas as one of the most beautiful and restorative services of the year. Join us at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary and on livestream. You are invited to register to pray together on Zoom at fapc.org/blue.

Thursday, December 18: Dads Night Out

All dads are invited to join the Rev. Werner Ramirez after work at 6 pm! Learn more at fapc.org/dads.

Thursday, December 18: Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: A Stubborn Sweetness

In this collection of modern short stories, we turn to the hope and peace at the heart of the first Christmas, discovering that even in the deepest darkness, the light and music of the season still shine. Join us on Zoom at 7 pm. To learn more and register, visit fapc.org/read.

Sunday, December 21: Women's Ministry Festive Noel Luncheon

This delightful gathering in the Rita Arlen Room at 12:30 pm will feature a festive meal and engaging Christmas-themed programming. It's a perfect opportunity to connect with other women in our community and celebrate the season's joy. Lunch is \$25 and scholarships are available (email womensministry@fapc.org). Learn more and register at fapc.org/luncheon.

Thursday, December 25: Meals on Heels Christmas

Meals on Heels will host a special holiday meal on Christmas morning. If you are available to help prepare a Christmas feast for our homebound neighbors, please join us in Bonnell Hall at 8 am. If you can assist with neighborhood deliveries, we will need you at 11 am. We will also hold our usual Saturday morning cooking and delivery on December 27, and we would be grateful for your help then as well. Sign-up is required, so please contact John Wyatt at moh@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) 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.

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*

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Rachel Brenner	Chloe Hawker	Evelyn Acosta
Dennis Bushe	Josie Lawrence	Amanda DeMeola
Roseanne Lind	Persis Luke	Kathy Henderson
Nate Mahrer	Patrick Obeng-Frimpong	Phillip Ma
Brian McLendon	Thomas Pak	Thomas Mann
Erica Moffett	David Roberson	Glenda Moreland
Martha Van Hise	Beth Rumore Stanley	McKenna Nelson
Suri Wong (Youth Elder)	Jama Tounge	Lynn Wishart

The Board of Deacons

Brendan Birth, *Moderator* • Jeanne Lehman French, *Vice Moderator* • Kyle Hughes, *Secretary*
Susan Roberson, *Treasurer*

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Chrissy Badger	Jesse Allen	Lisa Cinelli
Brendan Birth	Jessica Carmona	Linda Ferm-Fagan
Joshua Code	Andy Craven	Debbie Goetz
Rumel Francois	Myra Ford	Tingting Markstrum
Jeanne Lehman French	Kyle Hughes	Gary McKoy
Bruce Ramsden	Susie Hunter	Charlotte Nichols
Susan Roberson	Trevor Illingworth	Matt Roush
Betsy Ross	Jamie Ku	Anggryani Sumenge
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