



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2025 • 11:00 AM



Hand Drawn Christmas Doodle, *Dawn Hudson*

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

Variations on *In dulci jubilo*

("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!")

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Chrissy Wojcik

One: Rejoice in the Lord always—again I say, rejoice!

All: For God has done great things for us!

One: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad.

All: The desert shall rejoice and blossom.

One: Our God comes with healing and hope.

All: Let us lift our hearts in expectation.

One: Come, let us worship the God of joy!


* HYMN 140

Once in Royal David's City

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tiyanjana, Sitingawawo, and Kili Mphepo

* SUNG RESPONSE



A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of joy,
a can - dle to wel - come brave Ma - ry's new boy.
Our hearts filled with won - der, and eyes light and glow
as joy bright-ens win - ter like sun - shine on snow.

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Chris Palmer

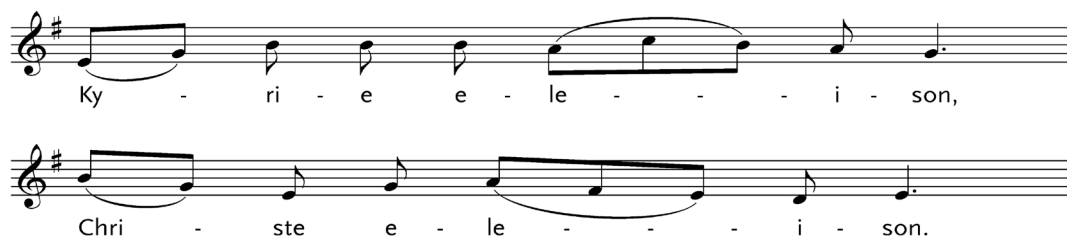
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

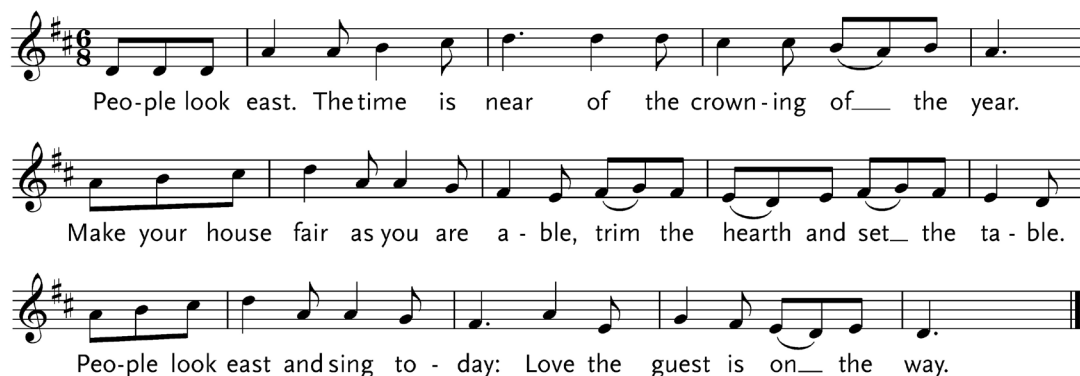
* SUNG RESPONSE

(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. Natalie Owens-Pike

CAROL

In dulci jubilo • Traditional, arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)
Translated by R. L. Pearsall (1795–1856)

In dulci jubilo (in quiet joy)
Let us our homage shew;
Our heart's joy reclineth
In praesepio (in a manger)

And like a bright star shineth,
Matris in gremio (in his mother's lap).
Alpha es et O (Alpha and Omega).
O Jesu parvule (oh, tiny Jesus)!
I yearn for thee alway!
Hear me, I beseech thee,
O Puer optime (oh, child most excellent)!
My prayer let it reach thee,
O Princeps gloriae (oh, prince of glory)!
Trahe me post te (draw me after thee)!
O Patris caritas (oh, love of the Father),
O Nati lenitas (oh, gentleness of the son),
Deeply were we stained
Per nostra crimina (through our sins),
But thou hast for us gainèd
Coelorum gaudia (the joys of heaven).
O that we were there!
Ubi sunt gaudia (where are joys),
If they be not there?
There are angels singing
Nova cantica (new songs),
And there the bells are ringing
In Regis curia (in the King's court):
O that we were there!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (SEE INSERT)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 148:7-12

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

HOMILY

"When Animals Praise"

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God who calls all creation to rejoice,
we thank you for the joy of children,
joy that counts the days,
joy that expects sacred magic,
joy that embraces your old story,
telling it afresh,
kindling a new light in our hearts,
thrilling our steps for the journey of Advent,
old and young together!
Amen.

CALL TO GIVE

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

OFFERTORY CAROL

*Noe! Noe! • French Carol, arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
Text by David Warner*

Shepherds, rise look up and see new light yonder breaking,
Brighter than the noonday sun, all your sheep awaking.
Wonder, whisper, “Ah, Noe!” Christ is born this holy day!
He is come to you, lowly shepherds, true!
He is come unto you, Morning Star and New Day!
Wonder, whisper, “Ah, Noe!”

Shepherds, turn your eyes and see in the manger, sleeping,
Prince of Peace and Heav’nly King, in his mother’s keeping.
Worship him who brings Noe, he who turns the night to day!
He is come to you, lowly shepherds, true!
He is come unto you, Morning Star and New Day!
Worship him who brings Noe!

Shepherds, look about and see in the darkness pining
All God’s children long to hear of the new Light shining.
Witness of the true Noe! Share glad tidings of this day!
He is come to you, lowly shepherds, true!
He is come unto you, Morning Star and New Day!
Witness of the true Noe!

Shepherds, run to us and see here we are awaiting thee.
Let your voices ring for ‘aye Christ is born! Noe! Noe!

* 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 147

The First Nowell (verses 1, 2, 4, & 6)

* 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

Noël grand jeu et duo • Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

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

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 Iwa ida
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
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Dexter Ramcharan, Debbie Rogers, Ramon Rosa, Norma Santos, Robert Scheuer, Taylor Shultz
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Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, John Weisel, Warren White
Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler

Faithful Departed:

December 6, 2025: Virginia Willis Morgan, beloved mother to Madeleine Fackler and mother-in-law to Steve Fackler.

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).

Room For Christmas

*By Mark Burrows (b. 1971)
with a minor dramatic twist by Eugenia Yau*

Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, director

Shanade Hernandez and Pablo Molano, assistant directors

With a memorable cast of characters, a fantastic musical score, and just the right amount of humor, *Room for Christmas* is just what you're looking for this Advent or Christmas. It's the week before the church Christmas pageant and the cast of children is determined to bring new life to the Christmas story. But with a bossy angel, wisecracking shepherds, unruly sheep and know it all wisemen, will they get it together in time? Will the Christmas pageant be a complete flop? Or will the children somehow discover the true joy and wonder of Christmas by making room for what really matters?

Scene One — The Rehearsal

Song 1

Running Out of Room

There isn't any time for laughter; there isn't any time for cheer.
There's traffic at the mall, the worst I can recall.
This is the most frenetic time of year.

Refrain

*We're running out of room for Christmas.
Eleven more shopping days to go.
We're busy buying stuff. Will it ever be enough?
This whole season has us running to and fro.
We're running out of room for Christmas.
So many different parties to attend.
We're running out of room for Christmas.
When will this busy season ever end?*

We're putting on Christmas pageant, but it isn't any fun.
Our minds are overburdened with the million little errands left to run.

Refrain

When will it ever end?! *Refrain*

Song 2

What Do We Do for Christmas?

How do we tell an old, old story that's been told so much before?
How do we make it sound exciting? Can we give it something more?

Refrain

*We know the carols, know the rhymes.
We've heard it all a million times.
What do we do to make it feel like new? What do we do with Christmas?*

If we want a change of pace, we could add a high-speed chase.
Just imagine what our friends will say. Amp it up with rock guitars. When we're done, we'll all be stars. Gotta give some new life to this play.

Song 3

Refrain

How do we tell an old, old story? What do we do with Christmas?

Traditional Christmas Carols Medley

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.

The First Nowell

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels, we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Rise up, Shepherd and Follow

Refrain

Rise up, rise up, rise up shepherd and follow.

Rise up, rise up, rise up and follow that star.

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn.

Rise up, shepherd and follow.

It will lead to the place where Christ was born.

Rise up, shepherd and follow.

Follow, follow, rise up shepherd and follow.

Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd and follow.

Leave your sheep and leave your lamb. Rise up, shepherd and follow.

Leave your ewes and leave your rams. Rise up, shepherd and follow.

Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd and follow.

Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd and follow. *Refrain*

Song 4

Shaggy, Smelly Sheep • Ed Kee and Pete Carlson

Shepherds have a life that's like no other,
but not the kind of life that you might think.

It's not a bed of roses, for we have to hold our noses.

There's one thing 'bout this job that really stinks!

Shaggy, smelly sheep.

They need someone to lead them or they'll quickly lose their way.

It's their job to feed them and to keep the wolves at bay.

It's a job they plan to keep, watchin' shaggy, smelly sheep.

It's the only job we've ever had, but it's really not that baaaaad.

Shaggy, smelly sheep. Stinks!

Song 5

There Was Love, featuring Away in the Manger

Before there were shepherds out in the field
keeping watch over flocks by night.
Before there were wisemen from distant lands
guided on by a star so bright.
Before there were angels to sing the song,
one Voice was singing all along.

Refrain

*Before you and I, or the stars in the sky, there was Light,
there was Life, there was Love.*

Speaker

In the beginning, before anything had ever been made,
he was there with God.
In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
Refrain

Scene Two — The Pageant Day

Song 6

Room in My Heart

I'm making room in my heart for love.
Room for the baby. No, I don't mean maybe.
Room in my heart for love.

I'm making room in my heart for peace.
Room for the baby. No, I don't mean maybe.
Room in my heart for peace.

I'm making room in my heart for joy.
Room for the baby. No, I don't mean maybe.
Room in my heart for joy.

Song 7

Running Out of Room (Reprise)

Refrain

*We're running out of room for Christmas.
Eleven more shopping days to go.
We're busy buying stuff. Will it ever be enough?
This whole season has us running to and fro.
We're running out of room for Christmas.
So many different parties to attend.
We're running out of room for Christmas.
When will this busy season ever end?*

*****End*****

Cast

Music Director

Eugenia Oi Yan Yau

Assistant Directors

Shanade Hernandez and Pablo Molano

Musicians

Bob Goetz, *violin*; Willie Goetz, *percussion*;
Jose R. Santos, *bass*; Pablo Molano, *keyboard*

Volunteers

Debbie Goetz, *seamstress*; Barbara Kerin, *back-stage*
Jose R. Santos, *stage and production crew member*

Speaking Roles

Angels

Max McIntire & Iranja Randriamahafehy

Angel Chorus

Phebe Graves, Eloise Kenton, Poppy Kenton
Kili Mphepo & Georgiana Stone

Narrators

Marlo McIntire
Ailish Cranstoun

Shepherds

James Snyder
Caroline O'Brien

Holy Family

Susie Guippone, *Mary*
Leo Blank, *Joseph*

Innkeeper

Frederick Guippone

Animals

Sheep: Benjamin Arandia, Colton Rogers
Spiders: Carter Rogers, Samuel Graves

Magi

Lizzy O'Brien, Quentin McIntire, Emory Kenton

Non-Speaking Roles

Lambs

William Bram, Charlotte Graves, Gloria Guippone
Sophie Katharina Hennighausen, Aurelia Lea Kaufmann
Theodor Vincent Kaufmann, Patrick Lan, Alasdair Palmer
Ava Rossiter, Lucas Rossiter, Azalia Kala Simanjuntak
& Auggie Ramirez

Lamb Leads

Austin Applebach, Carmen Garnier, and Osanna Urbay

On behalf of the music program of Family Ministries, we extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the families, volunteers and friends who helped make this pageant possible!

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
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.
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.
- 1:45 pm** **Fifth Avenue Caroling.** Fifth Avenue Main Stage, between 54th and 55th Streets.
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Coming Up

- Mon Dec 15** **SAGES.** 12 pm • Zoom. Join elder members for fellowship and study. Contact community@fapc.org to join.
- Tue Dec 16** **Memorial Service for Eleanor Broomfield.** Viewing, 9:30 am; Service, 10 am.
Weekly Word Bible Study. 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email community@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/community.
- Wed Dec 17** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. Contact youngadults@fapc.org to learn more.
Blue Christmas. 6:30 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, presiding.
- Thu Dec 18** **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.
Fifth Avenue Reading Circle. 7 pm • Zoom. Join us each month to read and discuss a variety of books! To learn more and register, visit fapc.org/read.
- Sat Dec 20** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org.
- Sun Dec 21** **Women’s Ministry Festive Noel Luncheon.** 12:45 pm • Bonnell Hall. Learn more and register at fapc.org/luncheon.
- Thu Dec 25** **Volunteer with Meals on Heels on Christmas Day.** 8 am • Bonnell Hall. We’ll be cooking and delivering holiday meals to homebound neighbors.

Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday of Advent

“When Mary Sings” • Luke 1:39-55

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: 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 is 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

A Stubborn Sweetness is a collection of modern short stories that 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 Bonnell Hall at 12:45 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.

Sunday, January 11: Believing and Belonging Membership Classes

Believing and Belonging is a welcoming space designed not just for those considering membership, but for anyone looking to explore the life and mission of this vibrant faith community. Whether you're new to the church, returning after some time, or looking to find connection and a spiritual home in the city, this is a great opportunity to ask questions, meet others, and discover how faith and community come together at Fifth Avenue. Come learn and see where the Spirit might lead you. Register at fapc.org/membership and join us at 2 pm on Zoom.

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*
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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

Request a bulletin announcement • Sean McAvoy, fapc@fapc.org

Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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Abundance

74%
\$2,768,397

The 2026 Pledge Campaign

This congregation has pledged over \$2.7 million for *Sowing Abundance*, our 2026 pledge campaign. We are over 74% 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.

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**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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