



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 11, 2026 • 11:00 AM



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**This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.**

# Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

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

Scott Black Johnston  
Senior Pastor

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## ➔ **New to Fifth Avenue?**

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

## ➔ **Large-Print Bulletins**

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

## ➔ **Families with Children**

Children are always welcome! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary (to the right when looking down the aisle). Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service with your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. Every Sunday, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Sunday School for 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](http://fapc.org/playback). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray). Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at [fapc.org/this-sunday](http://fapc.org/this-sunday). For information about future worship services, visit [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship).

## ➔ **Parking**

We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park for up to three hours, seven days a week. Please provide your mobile phone number or an email address to the staff person at the 55th Street reception desk. You will receive a QR code to use at the garage. (The garage no longer provides physical validation stickers.)

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.  
Please **silence all electronic devices** and **do not take flash photos** during the service.*

### PRELUDE

*Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*  
(“Christ our Lord came to the Jordan”), BWV 684  
*J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Susan Roberson*

from *Psalm 149*

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

**All: May the Lord bless us with God's Peace!**

One: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus  
as God's beloved.

**All: In our own baptisms,  
we are claimed as God's beloved.**

One: Let us worship God.

### \* HYMN 361

**O Christ, the Great Foundation**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Chris Palmer*

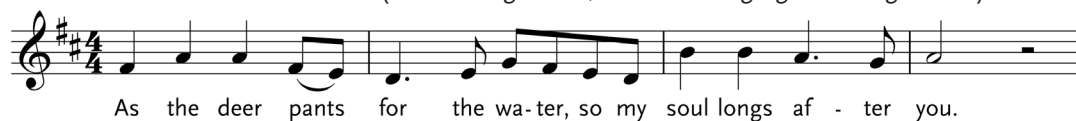
### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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 sings once.)



Music and Text: Martin J. Nystrom, 1984.

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### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Praise our Ma - ker, peo - ples of one fam - 'ly:  
 God is love! God is love! Praise our Ma - ker  
 peo - ples of one fam - 'ly: God is love! God is love!

Music: E. Rawdon Bailey (1859–1938). Text: Church and School Hymnal, 1926; adapt. RGH.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

ANTHEM

Behold, O God, Our Defender • *Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*  
 Text: *Psalm 84:9-10*

Behold, O God our defender,  
 And look upon the face of thine anointed.  
 For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Acts 10:34-38*

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

**"The Gifts of Water and the Spirit"**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you turn from the ways of sin  
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: **I do.**

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ  
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,  
trusting in his grace and love?

All: **I do.**

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

\* HYMN 490

**Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord  
*Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

In the Lord, in the Lord,  
My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Before I'd stay in hell one day,  
I'd sing and pray myself away.  
Gonna shout and pray and never stop,  
Until I reach the mountaintop.

Do you love him? Oh yes!  
Do you love him? Hallelujah!  
Do you love him? Oh yes!  
God almighty!  
Are you anchored? Oh yes!  
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you serve him? Oh yes!  
Will you serve him? Hallelujah!  
Will you serve him? Oh yes!  
God almighty!  
Are you anchored? Oh yes!  
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you praise him? Oh yes!  
Will you praise him? Hallelujah!  
Will you praise him? Oh yes!  
God almighty!  
Are you anchored? Oh yes!  
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

\* 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 295

**Go to the World**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May God Who Creates You • *Louise Skibsted*  
May God who creates you give you light;  
May God who sustains you make you wise;  
May God who protects you give you joy;  
May God who surrounds you give you peace.

*~ Please watch your step as you exit your pew. ~*

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POSTLUDE

*Jauchz, Erd' und Himmel, Juble!*

("Rejoice and Shout, Heaven and Earth"), op. 67, no. 15

*Max Reger (1873–1916)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir

Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*

Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*



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music in worship.

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## WORSHIP NOTES

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Herbert Howells was one of the most influential composers of English choral music in the 20th century. In November 1952, Howells was invited to compose an introit for the coronation service of Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953. The text was to be two verses from Psalm 84 beginning with, “Behold, O God our defender.” Howells finished composing the piece at the end of that year on Christmas Day, and the results were stunning. Although it is relatively short, *Behold, O God our defender* is a gem containing many of the musical qualities that made Howells one of the greatest choral composers of the 20th-century: long, soaring vocal phrases; evocative modal harmonies; and the uncanny capacity to evoke both breathtaking grandeur and profoundly personal piety almost simultaneously. This piece is a highlight of the great English choral tradition.

For the Offertory Anthem, we turn to *My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord*, one of the most celebrated spiritual arrangements by Moses Hogan, among America's foremost composers and arrangers of choral music. Renowned for his distinctive voice and masterful craftsmanship, Hogan created settings that are beloved worldwide for their expressive power and stylistic sophistication. Though his life was tragically cut short by a brain tumor in 2003 at the age of 45, his enduring legacy continues to inspire through his extraordinary contributions to 20th-century American choral music.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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### **If You Are in Need of Prayer**

Deacons (wearing white stoles) are available to pray with you after the service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request that they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. You may submit prayer requests online at [fapc.org/prayer-requests](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests).

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### **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, Susie Hill, George Illingworth  
Emi Iwaida, Tara Kay Johnson, Juliet Kaldanie, Ceciwa Khonje, Louis Sterling King, Janet Lamberth  
Richard J. Lawson, Violet Lorenzen, Mary Lowry, Penelope Rose Lovely, 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, Christine Van Hise  
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](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490).

## CALENDAR

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### 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. 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.
- 12:30 pm** **Family Ministries Day of Service.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 2 pm** **Believing & Belonging Membership Class.** Zoom. Register at [fapc.org/membership](https://fapc.org/membership).
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### Coming Up

- Tue Jan 13** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email [community@fapc.org](mailto:community@fapc.org). To register, visit [fapc.org/community](https://fapc.org/community).
- Wed Jan 14** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!  
**Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. Contact [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to learn more.
- Thu Jan 15** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/community](https://fapc.org/community) to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat Jan 17** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! To learn more contact John Wyatt at [moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org).
- Sun Jan 18** **Courageous Conversations.** 9:30 am • Bonnell Hall & Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/adulted](https://fapc.org/adulted) to learn more and register.  
**New Member Lunch.** 1 pm • Rita Arlen Room.
- Sun Jan 25** **Blessings of Liberty: Dreaming Constitutional Freedom.** 12:45 pm • Jones Auditorium. Learn more at [fapc.org/adulted](https://fapc.org/adulted).

### Next Sunday • Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

"Endowed by Their Creator" • Genesis 1:24-27

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

We will worship together at 11 am. There will be no Chapel Church service.

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Today: Believing and Belonging Membership Class**

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](https://fapc.org/membership) and join us at 2 pm on Zoom.

### **Sunday, January 18: Courageous Conversations**

All are invited to join our Anti-Racism Response Team for a continental breakfast and Courageous Conversations around the table. A panel of Fifth Avenue congregation members will share their life experiences in regards to race and racism, and offer us an opportunity to continue these conversations around the table. There will be opportunities to follow up these conversations in online community groups this winter as well. This event will take place at 9:30 am in Bonnell Hall and on Zoom. Food will be served. Register at [fapc.org/adulted](https://fapc.org/adulted).

### **Sunday, January 18: New Member Luncheon**

As we start the new year, Rev. Chris Palmer and Austin Applebach invite those who have joined as members in the last year to join us for a special lunch to connect and celebrate a year of membership. Join us at 1 pm in the Rita Arlen Room to talk about significant upcoming events in the life of the church, groups to plug into, and service opportunities that could use your gifts. For more information and to RSVP please email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org).

### **Sunday, January 25: Blessings of Liberty: Dreaming Constitutional Freedom**

The U.S. Constitution seeks to “secure the Blessings of Liberty.” The politics of race in the U.S. demonstrate that freedom is provisional. What does it mean for the church to enter the fray? What are Christians called to risk? Dr. Andrea C. White is the Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary. Join us at 12:45 pm in Jones Auditorium. Food will be served, and the lecture will be recorded for later viewing.

### **Saturday, January 31: Women's Winter Sabbath**

All women are invited to a rejuvenating day-long Sabbath retreat at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church! Starting at 10 am, we'll come together for a rich day of fellowship, insightful study, and a delicious lunch. We'll wrap up this inspiring time with a closing worship by 4 pm, leaving you refreshed and renewed. The cost for this retreat is \$25 in-person (includes lunch!) and is free for online participants. Online participants can join us from 11 am to 2 pm ET. Register at [fapc.org/women](https://fapc.org/women).

### **Officer Nominations**

The Nominating Committee seeks your input as it prepares a slate of officer candidates for new, three-year terms. If you, or another member you know, would be a good candidate for the Board of Deacons, the Session, or the Board of Trustees, please send us your recommendation. More information on the officer election process, and the officer recommendation form, are available at [fapc.org/nominations](https://fapc.org/nominations). Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, January 25.

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### **Adult Education**

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org/adult-ed](http://fapc.org/adult-ed).

### **Community Groups**

We have over 20 community groups to help you form closer bonds within the Fifth Avenue family. Options available online and in-person. Learn more at [fapc.org/community-groups](http://fapc.org/community-groups), or email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org).

### **Congregational Care**

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. Please visit [fapc.org/care](http://fapc.org/care) to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program.

### **Family Ministries**

Family Ministries nurtures diverse, strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am to 12:30 pm. During the program year (September–May) 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](http://fapc.org/family) to learn more, or contact Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).

### **FAYA | Fifth Avenue Young Adults**

FAYA is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s. During the program year, we meet every Wednesday night for small groups, supper, Bible study and fellowship. Find out more about our weekly gatherings, monthly fellowship events and weekend retreats at [fapc.org/faya](http://fapc.org/faya) or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya).

### **Hybrid Church**

Did you know that this church has a vibrant online community? Whether you're a New Yorker worshipping from home, a longtime member who moved, or a visitor new to our livestream, you are a part of our online campus! There are many ways you can get involved. Don't miss our virtual small groups, online office hours for pastoral care, retreat programming and seasonal gatherings here at Fifth Avenue. Contact Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike at [hybridchurch@fapc.org](mailto:hybridchurch@fapc.org) for more information.

### **Membership**

When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. Whether you live in the neighborhood, or across the country, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit [fapc.org/membership](http://fapc.org/membership) or email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) to register.

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## Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for anyone who loves to sing. Visit [fapc.org/choirs](http://fapc.org/choirs) to learn more. The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artisans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater.

## Outreach Ministries

Through our Outreach Ministries, hundreds of members and friends of the church are engaged in volunteering, advocacy and service. Our programs include our Befriending Ministry on behalf of our neighbors experiencing homelessness; the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, a collaborative ministry with Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral that serves the homeless population of Midtown; A Place at the Table, a twice-weekly sidewalk lunch for our homeless and hungry neighbors; and Meals on Heels, Saturday-morning meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. We also maintain mission partner relationships with local, national and international organizations. Our current mission partners are:

Asylum Support Clinic	Green City Force
Church of Gethsemane	Hands Along the Nile
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](http://fapc.org/outreach), or contact Ruben Nuño, director of the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership (212.247.0490 ext 3038, [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).

## Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit [fapc.org/volunteer](http://fapc.org/volunteer).

## Fifth Avenue Women's Ministry

For generations, the women of Fifth Avenue have gathered for service, fellowship, and deeper faith. Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before, we continue to connect and would love to include you in our community. The women's ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is trans affirming and welcoming to women of any age and stage. We meet for annual retreats, fellowship events, Bible study, and small groups. To learn more and get involved, email [womensministry@fapc.org](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*  
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### The Board of Deacons

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<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
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Susan Roberson	Trevor Illingworth	Matt Roush
Betsy Ross	Jamie Ku	Anggryani Sumenge
Amelia Vogler Topping	Elizabeth (Beth) McCullough	David Sytsma
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	Nicole Rusk	

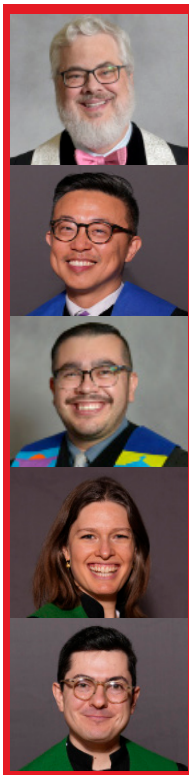
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