

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 2026 • 11:00 AM

A Declaration by the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress assembled.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for ^{one} people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to ~~assume among the powers of the earth the~~ ^{separate and equal} station to which the laws of nature & of nature's god entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to ~~that~~ ^{the} separation.

We hold these truths to be ^{self-evident;} that all men are created equal & independent that ^{they are endowed by their creator with certain} ~~unalienable~~ ^{rights; that} among ^{these} ~~which~~ are ~~life, liberty, & the pursuit of happiness;~~ ^{life, liberty, & the pursuit of happiness;} that to secure these ^{rights,} governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government ~~shall~~ becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, & to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles & organising its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety & happiness. ^{providence indeed} will dictate that governments long established should not be ~~changed~~ ^{changed} for light & transient causes: and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. but when a long train of abuses & usurpations [begun at a distinguished period,

Declaration of Independence Draft, 1776

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

Lay My Burden Down: IV. Steal Away
Traditional, arr. Iain Farrington (b. 1977)

INTROIT

The Word Was God • *Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)*
Text: John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made, he has not made.
All things were made by him.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Jessica Carmona

Adapted from *Micah 6*

One: With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

All: God has shown us what is good.

One: What does the Holy One require of us?

**All: To do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: Let us do exactly that.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

* 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

* SONG RESPONSE (Choir sings once; then the congregation sings once.)

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.

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

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* 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. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM Nobody Knows and Steal Away from A Child of Our Time
Traditional Spirituals, arr. Michael Tippett (1905–1998)

Nobody knows the trouble I see, Lord,
Nobody knows the trouble I see.
Nobody knows the trouble I see, Lord,
Nobody knows like Jesus.

O brothers, pray for me,
And help me to drive old Satan away.

O mothers, pray for me,
And help me to drive old Satan away.

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus;
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder,
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees a-bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling,
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Genesis 1:24-27 (The Message)*

God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind:
cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds."

And there it was:
wild animals of every kind,
Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug.
God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image,
make them reflecting our nature,
So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,
And, yes, Earth itself,
and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings;
God created them to reflect God's nature.
God created them male and female.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

"Endowed by Their Creator"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.
Amen.**

* HYMN 337 **My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Rev. Chris Palmer & Austin Applebach, Director of Engagement

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O! What a Beautiful City
Traditional, arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)

Hallelujah!

O! What a beautiful city!

Twelve gates to the city,

Hallelujah!

Have you heard about the city?

The streets are paved with gold!

Twelve gates to the city,

Hallelujah!

Three gates in-a the east! Three gates in-a the west!

Three gates in-a the north! Three gates in-a the south!

See those gates of pearl, open to all the world!

Twelve gates to the city, hallelujah!

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*
Text by R. Gordon Nodwell

May the blessing of God be upon you.

May God's love light all your way.

May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.

May the Spirit of God dwell within you.

May you live in joy each day.

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

POSTLUDE

Lay My Burden Down: V. Every time I feel the spirit
Traditional, arr. Iain Farrington

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*
Cristóbal Arias, *Tenor* • Rebecca Soelberg, *Soprano*



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WORSHIP NOTES

The music for this service has been chosen to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, reflecting themes of faith, justice, resilience, and hope that resonate deeply with Dr. King's legacy.

The composer of this morning's Introit, Dr. Rosephanye Powell, is one of America's leading composers of solo vocal and choral music. Her widely performed works are published by many of the nation's foremost music publishers, and she is commissioned regularly by choirs across the country. An accomplished singer and pedagogue, Dr. Powell serves as Professor of Voice at Auburn University, where her research focuses on the African-American spiritual and vocal health. This morning's introit, *The Word Was God*, is among her most celebrated works, pairing infectious rhythmic layering with a radiant, lyrical middle section.

Our anthem features two spiritual settings from Michael Tippett's oratorio *A Child of Our Time*: *Nobody Knows* and *Steal Away*. Written during the Second World War, the work draws parallels between biblical oppression and the injustices of Tippett's own era. By incorporating African-American spirituals, Tippett places these songs of sorrow and hope at the emotional core of the oratorio. *Nobody Knows* gives voice to profound isolation, while *Steal Away* offers quiet consolation and the promise of spiritual freedom.

Shawn Kirchner's arrangement of *O! What a Beautiful City* gives the traditional spiritual a powerful gospel piano treatment. Set in eight vocal parts throughout, Kirchner skillfully weaves the piece's harmonies and vibrant rhythmic textures into a rich and engaging tapestry of sound. The arrangement features an enormous dynamic range, allowing the choir to build from the hushed excitement of the opening measures to the exuberant celebration of its conclusion. The beauty of this arrangement combined with the timeless message of the spiritual's text has made this piece a modern classic, and it is beloved throughout the world by choirs and audiences alike.

Our service concludes with "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a hymn often referred to as the Black National Anthem. With text by James Weldon Johnson and music by his brother J. Rosamond Johnson, the hymn is a profound expression of faith, resilience, and hope. Its soaring melody and stirring poetry remind us of the ongoing journey toward justice and equality. As we sing together, we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reaffirm our commitment to his vision of a beloved community.

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, Kathy Floyd
Jeanne Lehman French, David Getz, Irene P. Gilman, Cleofe De Jesus Guevarra
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

Faithful Departed:

January 13, 2026: Sharon Mootoo, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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

Courageous Conversations. Bonnell Hall & Zoom.

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

11 am

Worship. Sanctuary & Livestream.

Little Lambs Nursery & Sunday School. 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 pm

New Member Luncheon. Rita Arlen Room.

Coming Up

Mon Jan 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Building closed.

SAGES. 12 pm • Zoom. Join elder members for fellowship and study. Contact community@fapc.org to join.

Tue Jan 20

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

Wed Jan 21

Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!

FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org.

Thu Jan 22

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

Sat Jan 24

Meals on Heels. 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Sign up is required. To learn more and sign up, contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org.

Sun Jan 25

Blessings of Liberty: Dreaming Constitutional Freedom. 12:45 pm • Rita Arlen Room. Learn more at fapc.org/adulted.

Memorial Service for Beatrice Wolfe. 2 pm • Sanctuary.

Sat Jan 31

Women's Winter Sabbath. 4 pm • On site and online. Register at fapc.org/women.

Next Sunday • Third Sunday after Epiphany

"Perfecting the Union" • Matthew 25:31-46

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome, New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes the following new members into the congregation:

Matthew Anderson	Bill Hinrichs	Ann Vermeer	Yone Wells
Anand Christudoss	Carrie Hinrichs	Barry Vermeer	Jo Wolfe
Eugene Edynak	Justin Hom	Rosie Wedel	Vicky Zhang
Marea Edynak	Karlene Kreutzer	Terry Wedel	

Friday, February 6: Talbot—Path of Miracles

Joby Talbot's *Path of Miracles* is an immersive choral journey that traces the ancient pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela through four stirring movements, each evoking a stage of the Camino. Blending haunting medieval chant with striking contemporary harmonies, the work captures the physical trials, spiritual reflection, and profound transcendence experienced by pilgrims across the centuries. A modern choral masterpiece celebrated for its evocative storytelling and dramatic impact, this is a rare opportunity to hear this deeply moving work performed live. The concert will be held at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. In-person and livestream tickets are available at fapc.org/tickets.

Sunday, February 8: The Chili Cook-Off

This year's cook-off will take place at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Your \$10 admission goes directly to the Souper Bowl of Caring, which works to alleviate hunger in local communities. Admission allows you to judge all of the chilis, prepared by individuals, families, and teams. If you want to compete for the crown, you will find entry rules and registration at fapc.org/chili.

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 Rita Arlen Room. 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. 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.

Are You Officer Material?

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. Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, January 25.

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*
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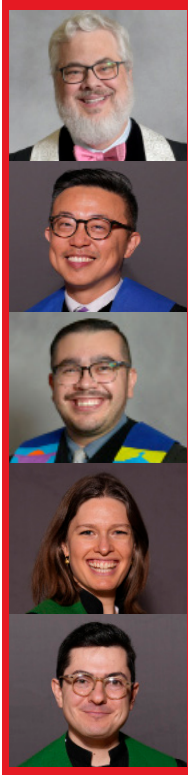
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CLERGY & STAFF



The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston *Senior Pastor*

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