



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 25, 2026 • 11:00 AM

## ARTICLE I.

*Sec't. 1.* ALL legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

*Sec't. 2.* The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states, and the electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature.

No person shall be a representative who shall not have attained to the age of twenty-five years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons. The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and

**W**E, the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defence, promote the General Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to Ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they may by law direct. The number of representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each state shall have at least one representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the state of New-Hampshire shall be entitled to choose three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New-Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North-Carolina five, South-Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the representation from any state, the Executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other officers; and shall have the sole power of impeachment.

*Sec't. 3.* The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, chosen by the legislature thereof, for six years; and each senator shall have one vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three classes. The seats of the senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the first year, of the second class at the expiration of the second year, and of the third class at the expiration of the third year.

Original Printing (from Dunlap & Claypool) of the United States Constitution, 1787

**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

Tocatta and Fugue in C major, BWV 566a  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Joshua Code*

Based on *Psalm 133*

One: We are weary of arrogance.

**All: We gather in humility.**

One: We have had our fill of aggression.

**All: We gather with gentle hearts.**

One: We have tasted the bitter fruit of hatred.

**All: We gather to pursue love.**

One: When God's people dwell together in unity,

**All: a new day will dawn.**

One: God's blessings will flow.

**All: Life forevermore.**

### \* HYMN 757

**Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**

### \* 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* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

*Cantor* Chri - ste e - lei - son. *All* Chri - ste e - lei - son.

*Cantor* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

\* 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.

Music: John L. Bell, 1996. Text: Desmond Tutu, 1994.  
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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM  
*Fifth Avenue Choir*  
& *Community Choir*

*Jubilate Deo* from *Benedictus sit Deus* in C  
W.A. Mozart (1756–1791)  
Text: Psalm 66

*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra,* Rejoice in God, all the earth,  
*Psalmum dicite nomini ejus,* Sing a song of praise to God's name,  
*Date gloriam laudi ejus.* Give glory to God's praise.

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

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal • *René Clausen* (b. 1953)  
Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,  
For love is strong as death.  
Many waters cannot quench love;  
Neither can the floods drown it.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 25:31-43*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“Perfecting the Union”**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace  
and seek the good of all in cooperation  
with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics.  
But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices  
when these same powers endanger human welfare.  
Their strength is in their confidence  
that God’s purpose rather than human schemes  
will finally prevail.**

**Amen.**

\* HYMN 186

**Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

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.**

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CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O man greatly beloved,” from *Dona Nobis Pacem*  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*  
*Text: Daniel 10:19; Haggai 2:9; Micah 4:3; Leviticus 26:6;*  
*Psalm 85:10; Psalm 118:19; Isaiah 43:9; Isaiah 66:18-19, 22; Luke 2:14*

O man greatly beloved, fear not,  
Peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.  
The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former,  
And in this place will I give peace.  
Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation,  
Neither shall they learn war any more.  
And none shall make them afraid,  
Neither shall the sword go through their land.  
Mercy and truth are met together;  
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
Open to me the gates of righteousness, I will go into them.  
Let all the nations be gathered together,  
And let the people be assembled;  
And let them hear, and say, it is the truth.  
And it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues.  
And they shall come and see my glory.  
And I will set a sign among them,  
And they shall declare my glory among the nations.  
For as the new heavens and the new earth,  
Which I will make, shall remain before me,  
So shall your seed and your name remain forever.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, good-will toward men.  
*Dona nobis pacem (Grant us peace.)*

\* 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 298

**Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

\* BENEDICTION

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

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\* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*  
*Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)*

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

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

POSTLUDE

Organ Sonata no. 3, op. 65 no. 3: I. Con moto maestoso  
*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

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

Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Mark Hosseini, *Baritone* • Rachel Mikol, *Soprano*



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## WORSHIP NOTES

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This morning's Anthem, *Set Me As a Seal*, was composed by René Clausen, an esteemed American composer, conductor of the Concordia Choir, and professor of music at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Clausen's works are widely performed and recorded, and his exceptional contributions to choral music have earned numerous accolades, including three Grammy Awards for the album *Life & Breath: Choral Works by René Clausen* at the fifty-fifth Grammy Awards in 2013.

The Offertory Anthem is the final movement of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*, a powerful anti-war cantata composed in 1936 as tensions mounted toward another European conflict. The work opens with a setting of the *Agnus Dei*, followed by three movements based on poetry by Walt Whitman, including the poignant *Dirge for Two Veterans*, originally composed in 1911. Vaughan Williams also incorporated a striking excerpt from an 1855 speech by John Bright in the British Parliament: "The Angel of Death has been abroad throughout the land; you may almost hear the beating of his wings..." (Vaughan Williams claimed to be the only composer to have set to music a passage from parliamentary proceedings!).

The final movement, heard this morning, begins with a poignant baritone solo, introducing a tapestry of biblical texts expressing hope for peace and the end of violence. Its climax arrives with the proclamation from Luke's Gospel: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" The work then fades to a spare, a cappella choral plea, *Dona nobis pacem*, with a plaintive soprano solo leaving the piece suspended in haunting uncertainty.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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*Flowers are given to The Glory of God and in loving memory of Beatrice Wolfe.*

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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 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, Anthea and Neville Graham  
Cleofe De Jesus Guevarra, 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, Penelope Rose Lovely, Mary Lowry, , Lauren Ma  
The McCall Family, Octavia McLaren, Epifania Mercado, Ryan Moloughney, Gerry Nagy  
Joyce Nolen, Nahid Oloumi, 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

### ADJUSTED SNOW SCHEDULE

*Today*

- 11 am**      **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
- 12:15 pm**      **Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- 1 pm**      **Blessings of Liberty: Dreaming Constitutional Freedom.** Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/adulted](http://fapc.org/adulted) to register.

*Coming Up*

- Tue Jan 27**      **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](http://fapc.org/community).
- Wed Jan 28**      **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. Contact [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to learn more.  
**Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.
- Thu Jan 29**      **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/community](http://fapc.org/community) to sign up.  
**Moms Night Out.** 6 pm • Location TBD. Register at [fapc.org/moms](http://fapc.org/moms).
- Fri Jan 30**      **Youth: Last Friday Hangouts.** 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Join us for pizza, games, and devotional time. Register at [fapc.org/youth](http://fapc.org/youth).
- Sat Jan 31**      **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. New volunteers are welcome! Sign up is required. To learn more and sign up, contact John Wyatt at [moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org).  
**Women's Winter Sabbath.** 10 am • Jones Auditorium & Zoom • Online participants can join from 11 am to 2 pm ET. Register at [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women).
- Sun Feb 1**      **Faith, Law, and the Bill of Rights: A Panel Discussion.** 12:45 pm • Bonnell Hall & Livestream. Learn more at [fapc.org/adulted](http://fapc.org/adulted).
- Fri Feb 6**      **Talbot—Path of Miracles.** 7 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. Tickets are available at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).
- Sun Feb 8**      **The Chili Cook-Off.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Register at [fapc.org/chili](http://fapc.org/chili).
- Sat Feb 14**      **Galentines Lunch and Candle Making.** 12 pm • Rita Arlen Room. An evening to celebrate the love of friends. Register at [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women).
- Sun Feb 15**      **Family Pancake Day.** 9:30 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. All families are invited to join us for a pancake feast before the Lenten period of reflection.

### Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“Remember Egypt, Remember England” • Deuteronomy 24:17-22; Romans 13:8-12

*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Today on Zoom: 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. The program begins at 1 pm on Zoom. The lecture will also be recorded for later viewing. Visit [fapc.org/adulted](https://fapc.org/adulted) to register.

### **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 for those joining in person (includes lunch!) and is free for online participants. Those online can join us from 11 am to 2 pm ET. Register at [fapc.org/women](https://fapc.org/women).

### **Extended Deadline for Officer Recommendations**

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, February 1!

### **Sunday, February 1: Faith, Law, and the Bill of Rights—A Panel Discussion**

Join us in person or on livestream, for a panel discussion exploring the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Moderated by the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, this conversation will feature attorneys connected to Fifth Avenue who will share their perspectives on the Constitution’s relevance, interpretation, and enduring importance. Together, we’ll consider how these foundational principles intersect with our faith and shape our understanding of civic life. Food will be served in Bonnell Hall.

### **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](https://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. Your admission also 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](https://fapc.org/chili).

## 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).

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Suri Wong (Youth Elder)	Jama Toung	Lynn Wishart

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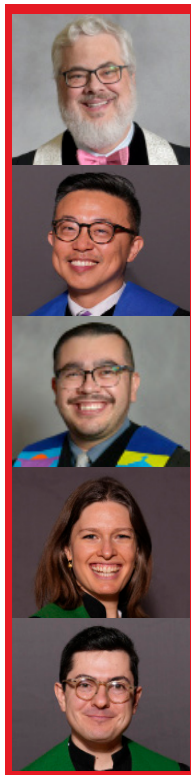
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# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

## SOWING Abundance

**93%**  
**\$3,491,918**

The 2026 Pledge Campaign

**This congregation has pledged over \$3.4 million for *Sowing Abundance*, our 2026 pledge campaign. We are over 93% towards our goal. Thank you!**

Your pledge supports Fifth Avenue's profound worship services, moving music ministries, robust hybrid church family, outreach to the vulnerable, and so much more.

To help our church meet its \$3.7 million goal, please make your pledge today at [fapc.org/pledge](https://fapc.org/pledge).

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Scan this code using the camera on your smartphone and follow the instructions to make a secure donation to our ministries.

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Monday,  
Wednesday – Friday  
9 am – 6 pm

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9 am – 9 pm

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8 am – 1 pm

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