

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 15, 2026 • 11:00 AM

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birmingham City Jail
April 16, 1963

Bishop C. C. J. Carpenter
Bishop Joseph A. Durick
Rabbi Milton L. Grafman
Bishop Nolan B. Harmon
The Rev. George H. Murray
The Rev. Edward V. Ramage
The Rev. Earl Stallings

My dear Fellow Clergymen,

While confined here in the Birmingham City Jail, I came across your recent statement calling our present activities "unwise and untimely." Seldom, if ever, do I pause to answer criticism of my work and ideas. If I sought to answer all of the criticisms that cross my desk, my secretaries would be engaged in little else in the course of the day, and I would have no time for constructive work. But since I feel that you are men of genuine goodwill and your criticisms are sincerely set forth, I would like to answer your statement in what I hope will be patient and reasonable terms.

I think I should give the reason for my being in Birmingham, since you have been influenced by the argument of "outsiders coming in." I have the honor of serving as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization operating in every Southern state with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. We have some eighty-five affiliate organizations all across the south— one being the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights. Whenever necessary and possible we share staff, educational and financial resources with our affiliates. Several months ago our local affiliate here in Birmingham invited us to be on call to engage in a nonviolent direct action program if such were deemed necessary. We readily consented and when the hour came we lived up to our promises. So I am here, along with several members of my staff, because we were invited

Letter from the Birmingham Jail — April 16, 1963

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

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
Helmut Walcha (1907–1991)

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren, op. 55 no. 7
Gunther Martin Göttliche (b. 1953)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trustee Chris Duffy

Adapted from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

One: O God, your love for us, warm and brooding,
has opened our eyes:

All: We give you thanks.

One: Your love for us, wild and freeing,
has awakened us to sap that flows,
blood that pulses, and the heart that sings:

All: We give you thanks.

One: Your love for us, compassionate and patient,
has carried us through times of pain
and waited with us in our confusion:

All: We give you thanks.

One: Your love for us, strong and challenging,
calls us to risk for you, asks for the best in us,
and shows us how to serve;

All: We give you thanks.

One: Awaken us this day to the love Christ offers,
and draw us into your presence.

All: Let us worship our loving God.

* HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Trusting in the great Messiah;
Holy grace did raise them higher
Safe in the Promised Land.

Where now are the holy martyrs?
Safe in the Promised Land:
Those who washed their robes, and made them
White and spotless pure, and laid them
Where no earthly stain could fade them,
Safe in the Promised Land.

Where now are the holy Christians?
Safe in the Promised Land:
There our souls will join the chorus,
Saints and angels sing before us,
While all heaven is beaming o'er us,
Safe in the Promised Land!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Revelation 3:14-20

And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God's creation:

"I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, 'I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.' You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white robes to clothe yourself and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen, and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me."

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“The Virtues and Vices of Moderates”

THEOLOGICAL WORDS FOR THE DAY

- *Adiaphora* — A Greek term meaning “things indifferent”
- *Status Confessionis* — A Latin term meaning “state of confession”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Saint Francis of Assisi

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Lord, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**

* HYMN 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Chris Palmer

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

Witness • *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Butler (b. 1959)*

Who'll be a witness for my Lord?

Now there was a man of the Pharisees,
His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.
The same man came to Christ one night,
Wanting to be taught out of human sight.

Nicodemus was a man who wanted to know
How to be born again when you're already a man.
Christ said repent and believe and be baptized,
Then you will be a witness, there's no compromise.
Nicodemus was a witness,
He became a witness, my Lord,
And here's another witness for my Lord.

You heard about Daniel in the lion's den
When deception forced the king to throw Daniel in.
But Daniel was a man, yes, who prayed three times a day,
So God bestowed favor on Daniel that day.

Then the king asked Daniel, "have you been rescued?"
And Daniel replied, "the lions have been subdued."
Out of fear he lifted Daniel from the pit,
'Cause he must be a witness for my Lord.

Ain't that a witness?
Sho' 'nough a witness.
Ain't that a witness?
Daniel was a witness for the Lord.

Witness, who will be a witness?
You must be born, born again!
I am a witness, witness!
Here's another witness, Lord!
Here's another witness, my Lord!
Here's a witness, oh my Lord!
My soul is a witness for my,
For my 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 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Grace of Christ • *William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)*
Text by John Newton (1725–1807)

May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And our Maker's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
Held together by the Word,
And possess in rich communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven • *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

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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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, Anthea and Neville Graham Cleofe De Jesus Guevarra, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Peter S. Hawkins, Carol Healy Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Alba Hesselroth, 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, Micki Peck, Emmett Raitt, Dexter Ramcharan Debbie Rogers, Ramon Rosa, Norma Santos, Robert Scheuer, Taylor Shultz, Monica Smith Spencer Robert Smith, Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, John Weisel, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler

Faithful Departed:

February 6, 2026: Franck Van Riel, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Beloved husband of Maria Van Riel, step-father of Charmaine, Christopher, and Tiffany, grandfather of Tyler, Charlotte, Hazel and Max, and brother of Helen.

February 6, 2026: Margaret Ditmars, 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** **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
Little Lambs Nursery. 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.
- 12:45 pm** **Perils & Promise of a Big-Tent Faith: Lessons from the Civil Rights Era.** Jones Auditorium. Learn more at fapc.org/adulted.
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Coming Up

- Mon Feb 16** **SAGES.** 12 pm • Zoom. Join elder members for fellowship and study. Contact community@fapc.org to join.
- Tue Feb 17** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email community@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/community.
- Wed Feb 18** **Ash Wednesday Worship.** 12 pm, Sanctuary & Livestream; 6:30 pm, Sanctuary. Service and imposition of ashes. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
FAYA Dinner. 7 pm • The Living Room. Contact youngadults@fapc.org to learn more.
- Thu Feb 19** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community to learn more and to sign up.
Dads Night Out. 6 pm • The Living Room. Visit fapc.org/dads to learn more and to sign up.
Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: Elmer Gantry. 7 pm • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/read to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat Feb 21** **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.

Next Sunday • First Sunday in Lent

"The Name" • Exodus 3:1-15

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: Special Coffee Hour

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by beloved member Betsy Ross, in celebration of her birthday. Thank you, Betsy, and Happy Birthday!

Today: Perils & Promise of a Big-Tent Faith | Lessons from the Civil Rights Era

We live in one of the most diverse societies that humanity has ever known and in an era marked by hyper-polarization. Must we choose between love and justice? In the story of how ecumenical Protestants navigated the Civil Rights era, we'll find both inspiration and cautionary tales for church and nation alike as we approach America's 250th anniversary. Dr. Heath Carter, Associate Professor of American Christianity at Princeton Theological Seminary, will lead this class in Jones Auditorium at 12:45 pm. Food will be served. This class will be recorded for later viewing.

Journey through Lent with Fifth Avenue

Experience the profound meaning of Lent this year as together we examine the many names of God and give ourselves the space and time for reflection, contemplation, and connection with the divine.

- **Ash Wednesday:** Services at 12 pm and 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. The 12 pm will be available on livestream.
- **Sermon Series: Call on the Name of the Lord.** Throughout the season of Lent, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will explore the most provocative, reorienting, and comforting names for God found in our tradition.
- **Lent Community Groups.** Much like our Advent groups, these groups are designed to be spaces for us to slow down, reflect, and walk together toward the cross and the empty tomb. Groups will meet in person and online. Find a group and register at fapc.org/lent.

Thursday, February 19: Dads Night Out

Dads of children of all ages are invited to join Rev. Werner and other fathers for Dads Night Out at 6 pm in the Living Room! Enjoy a fun evening with other fathers! Register at fapc.org/dads.

Saturday, February 21: FAYA Book Club

Like to read? So do we! Anyone twenty to forty-years-old is invited to join us for a conversation on Kazuo Ishiguro's fantasy novel *The Buried Giant*. The novel follows a Briton couple in post-Roman England where no one is able to retain their memories. We'll gather at the home of Ophelia Ma and Ben De Winkle in Forest Hills. The coffee will be hot, and the pastries will be fresh. Contact youngadults@fapc.org for more details.

Sunday, February 22:

Game Day with Guests from our Ecumenical Outreach Partnership

Families are invited to sign up to participate in our annual Game Day with guests from our Ecumenical Outreach Partnership. Share a meal with our homeless neighbors, playing games, and engaging our guests in conversation! Outreach Ministries seeks fifteen to twenty volunteers for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with our homeless neighbors. Be part of this befriending ministry tradition of sharing a meal, playing games, and engaging our guests in conversation! The event is set for 1 to 3 pm in Jones Auditorium. Register at fapc.org/gameday.

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.

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The Session

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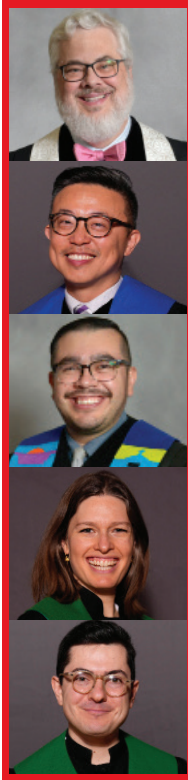
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Join the church

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Plan your wedding

Donna Ketchledge

weddings@fapc.org



Prepare for baptism

Jaime Staehle

familyministries@fapc.org

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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Your pledge brings beautiful worship services to our congregation and vital support to the vulnerable.

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Building Hours

**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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