



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 29, 2026 • 11:00 AM

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James Ensor, *Christ's Entry into Brussels in 1889*, 1888

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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

Sonata Eroica • *Joseph Jongen (1873–1953)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Ken Henderson

from *Zechariah 9*

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

**All: triumphant and victorious is he,**

One: humble and riding on a donkey,

**All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

One: Let us worship God, tender and just.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMNS 196 & 197

*We will sing these hymns in alternating fashion, beginning with the refrain and verse 1 of **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** (#196), followed by verse 1 of **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** (#197), and so on through all the verses of each hymn.*

### \* 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*

### \* SUNG RESPONSE



O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,  
And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;  
Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for - sak - en:  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!

Music: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541 - O LAMM GOTTES. Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541, trans. Arthur Tozer Russell, (1806-1874).

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What won - drous love is this, O my soul,  
What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

*The Choirs of Fifth Avenue  
Presbyterian Church*

A Celebration of Palms, *incorporating traditional tunes by  
Schulz and Duke Street, by Joseph Martin (b. 1959)*

Come rejoicing, people sing!  
Children raise your voice, and greet the King,  
for blessed is the One who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sing, hosanna to the King of kings; hosanna evermore.  
O blessed is the One who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.

Oh, come, little children, and raise high the palms.  
Rejoice with thanksgiving, with jubilant song.  
Come walk with the faithful, and life high your praise.  
Come follow the Lord on this glorious day.

Come, join the chorus; let your tuneful voices ring.  
Come, join with all the earth, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And children's voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

Sing, hosanna to the King of kings; hosanna evermore.  
O blessed is the One who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Oh, come, little children.  
Come, little children.  
Come, all ye people, come.  
Come, ye joyful people, come!

*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.*

LITANY OF PARTING

**All:            May God be with you there.**  
**Children:    May God be with you here.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David • *Thomas Weelkes (d. 1623)*

*Text: Matthew 21:9*

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

*Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Matthew 21:1-11**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Psalm 22 (Eli, Eli) • David Gambrell**

(Choir sings once; then the congregation sings once and joins in the refrain as indicated.)

**Refrain**

Em D D C D Em

E - li, E - li, le - ma sa - bach - tha - ni? Why have you for - sak - en me,

1. D C C D | 2. D Em

E - li, E - li? E - li, E - li?

**Psalm 22:1-6**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night but find no rest. **Refrain.**

Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them. **Refrain.**

To you they cried and were saved;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not human,

scorned by others and despised by the people. **Refrain.**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“From King to Worm”**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Philippians 2:5-11*

**Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.**

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Therefore, God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
Amen.

\* HYMN 817

**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

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

*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus  
*Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Ride on, King Jesus,  
Ride on, the conquering king.  
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on.  
No man can a-hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun.  
No man can a-hinder thee.  
But now my race is almost done.  
No man can a-hinder thee.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse.  
No man can a-hinder thee.  
The river of Jordan he did cross.  
No man can a-hinder thee.

He's the King and the Lord.  
He's the first and the last.  
He's the Lord of Lords.  
Jesus is the Prince of 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.**

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\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN

**Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!**



1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the tribes ho - san - na cry;
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons of the sky
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and fier - cest strife is nigh;
5. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;



O Sav - ior meek, pur - sue thy road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
Look down with sad and won d'ring eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
the Fa - ther on His sap - phire throne ex - pects His own a - noint - ed Son.  
bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy pow'r and reign.

Music: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690 - WINCHESTER NEW. Text: Henry Hart Milman, 1821

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

A Celtic Prayer • *Barry Peters, Text: Traditional*

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
open up your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,

And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

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

POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur Triomphale, op. 47, no. 2*

*Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by the  
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir & Community Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*  
Children's Choir and Youth  
Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director* • Pablo Molano, *Pianist*  
Shanade Hernandez, *Assistant Director*



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## ABOUT THE PARAMENTS

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Today, with the start of Holy Week, our paraments change to red and black. These colors are also in the clergy's stoles and the pulpit banner. A palm and the Passover Lamb stand against a cross on the Hill of Calvary. The paraments will change again for Easter. Look for the Lamb of God to reappear next Sunday in a new light.

## 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).

### 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, Tom Crowfis, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen  
David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Daniele Engome  
Jacqueline Fickling, 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, 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:

December 30, 2025: Jim Keeble, beloved brother of Mary Jo Keeble, father of Katherine and Paul Keeble, and grandfather of Christian and Isabella Kolev.

March 15, 2026: Barbara D. Ferguson, beloved grandmother of Carolyn and Mark Fernandez.

March 16, 2026: Roy Kolly, beloved grandfather of Bethany Fitch.

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.** Rita Arlen Room. 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**      **Legacy Circle Luncheon.** Bonnell Hall.
- 7 pm**            **Virtual Stations of the Cross.** Zoom. Register at [fapc.org/adulted](https://fapc.org/adulted).
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*This Week*

- Tue March 31**      **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. To register, visit [fapc.org/community](https://fapc.org/community).
- Thu April 2**      **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/community](https://fapc.org/community) to sign up  
**The Memory Tree™ Spring Series.** 2 pm • Rita Arlen Room.  
**Maunder Thursday.** 6:30 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream.
- Fri April 3**      **Good Friday.** 12 – 3 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. A contemplative service of Scripture, reflection, and sacred music.
- Sat April 4**      **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. New volunteers are welcome and needed! To learn more and sign up, contact John Wyatt at [moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org).
- Sun April 5**      **FAYA Easter Tex Mex Lunch.** 12:30 pm • Weber Terrace. Register at [fapc.org/faya](https://fapc.org/faya).
- Sun April 12**      **CREDO: Sola Scriptura with Rev. Dr. Jonah So.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall.
- Thu April 16**      **Joyful, Anyway with Kate Bowler.** 7 pm • Sanctuary. Buy tickets at [fapc.org/joy](https://fapc.org/joy).
- Sun April 19**      **CREDO: Soli Deo Gloria with the Rev. Chris Palmer.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall.

### **Next Sunday • Easter: Resurrection of the Lord**

“Christos Anesti” • Matthew 28:1-10

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

9:30 am, Sanctuary & 11:15 am, Sanctuary & Livestream.

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Today: Virtual Stations of the Cross**

Join us online at 7 pm for a meaningful time of prayer and reflection as we prepare to enter Holy Week. We will explore 15 stations of the cross through visual art, music, scripture, and prayer. This program will be led by the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike and Jaime Staehle. To participate, please register at [fapc.org/adulted](https://fapc.org/adulted).

### **Thursday, April 2: The Memory Tree™ Spring Series Begins**

The Memory Tree's twelve-week program will meet at Fifth Avenue and online for people experiencing mild memory loss, including early-stage Alzheimer's disease. Each Thursday at 2 pm, participants will explore music through discussion, memory exercises, and performances by students from the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music. The program is free for members of Fifth Avenue. Space is limited. To register, contact Elizabeth Fine at [eafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:eafoundation@gmail.com).

### **Sunday, April 5: FAYA Easter Tex Mex Lunch**

Who says Easter ham is a must? We've learned that chips and salsa are the real Easter treat! All young adults are invited to a rooftop Tex-Mex feast as we celebrate Easter in our Sunday best. No one should have to spend the Easter holiday alone, so join us as we celebrate this holy day together. To learn more and register, visit [fapc.org/faya](https://fapc.org/faya).

### **Sunday, April 12: CREDO | Sola Scriptura with the Rev. Dr. Jonah So**

CREDO returns! This year, our Adult Education CREDO series will focus on the Five Solas—foundational principles of the Reformation that summarize core Christian beliefs. Together, we will explore Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Solus Christus, and Soli Deo Gloria. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So will kick off this year's CREDO series by exploring Scripture Alone. Join us on Sundays at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Food will be served. These lectures will be recorded for later viewing. Our May 3 CREDO will be available exclusively as a Crossroads in the Living Room Podcast. Learn more at [fapc.org/credo](https://fapc.org/credo).

### **Thursday, April 16: Joyful, Anyway with Kate Bowler**

We are thrilled to host bestselling author, professor, and 2024 Gotto Lecturer Dr. Kate Bowler on her next book tour. Join us for an inspiring evening as she sits down with former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy to discuss her latest book. Together they will explore the surprising ways joy can appear even in life's hardest seasons, reflecting on how small moments of connection, humor, and wonder can carry us through uncertainty and longing. Tickets are \$25 and include a pre-signed copy of Kate's new book—*Joyful, Anyway!* Learn more and get your tickets today at [fapc.org/joy](https://fapc.org/joy).

### **Thursday, April 23: Fifth Avenue Reading Circle | Jayber Crow**

Join us to discuss *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry. You're invited each month to read and discuss a variety of books! From fiction to non-fiction, books that will stretch our faith and our imagination, books that inform, and books that entertain—we read them all! We meet at 7 pm ET on Zoom. To learn more and register, visit [fapc.org/read](https://fapc.org/read).

## 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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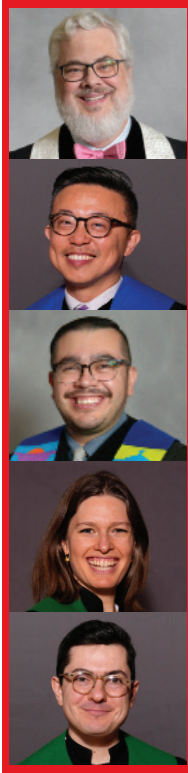
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## Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

# Holy Week & Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday: Communion & Tenebrae Service | April 2**

6:30 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream  
*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.*

**Good Friday: Service of Sacred Music & Reflection | April 3**

12–3 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream

**Easter: Resurrection of the Lord | April 5**

9:30 am, Sanctuary • 11:15 am, Sanctuary & Livestream  
*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

We invite you to bring fresh-cut flowers for the  
**Flowering of the Cross** outside on Fifth Avenue.

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Monday,  
Wednesday – Friday  
9 am – 6 pm

Tuesday  
9 am – 9 pm

Saturday  
8 am – 1 pm

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8 am – 2:30 pm



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