



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

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Caspar David Friedrich, *Easter Morning*, c. 1830.

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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.*

### HARP PRELUDE

#### INTROIT

Salvation is Created

*Pavel Chesnokov (1877–1944), Text: Psalm 74*

*Adapted from the original Russian by N. Lindsay Norden*

Salvation is created in the midst of the earth,  
O God, O our God.  
Alleluia.

#### THE PASCHAL CANDLE



#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### \* HYMN 232

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

#### \* EASTER LITANY

*The Rev. Chris Palmer*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: This is the good news we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: He appeared to Mary, and to the disciples,  
and to many faithful witnesses.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: At last he came to us,  
that we might come to believe  
and proclaim this good news to the world.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: Let us pray...

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
 Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es; heav - en - ly mu - sic let it ring.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867 - REGENT SQUARE. Text: William M. James, 1979 © The United Methodist Publishing House. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-721169.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*  
 11:15 am

Baptismal Questions  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 Baptism

\* CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church;  
 for we are all one in Christ.**

**We promise to love, encourage and support you,  
 to share the good news of the gospel with you,  
 and to help you know and follow Christ.**

*Choir and Congregation*

\* SUNG RESPONSE

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
 Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
 Born of the Spirit, we are God's children  
 Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

ANTHEM

*i thank You God for most this amazing day  
 Eric Whitacre (b. 1970), Text by e.e. cummings (1894–1962)*

i thank You God for most this amazing  
 day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
 and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything  
 which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,  
 and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth  
 day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay  
 great happening illimitably earth)

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how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any—lifted from the no  
of all nothing—human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 28:1-10*

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see 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*

## "Christos Anesti"

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*1 Corinthians 15 & Luke 24*

**This is the good news we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved.**

**God has given us a living hope:**

**Christ is risen from the dead!**

**Alleluia. Amen.**

### \* SUNG RESPONSE



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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

*Trinity Te Deum (2012) • Ēriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977)*

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens,  
and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine honorable, true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

\* 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

9:30 am Elder Dennis Bushe, Clerk of Session

11:15 am Elder Meg Sheehan

\* HYMN 238

**Thine Is the Glory**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah from *Messiah* • G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

*Text: Revelation 19:6; 11:15; and 19:16*

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,

And of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

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

POSTLUDE

Symphony no. 5 in F minor: Toccata

Charles Marie Widor (1845–1937)

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper* Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Claire Myers McCormick, *Cantor* • Rachel Mikol, *Soprano*

**The Paschal Candle**

*“The Light of Christ!” “Thanks be to God!”* Each year at Easter, these words pierce the air as we begin worship with the procession of a large, lit candle. This candle is the Paschal Candle, sometimes called the Easter Candle or Christ Candle; its name comes from *pasach*, the Hebrew word for Passover. Congregations may have different Easter celebrations and very different-looking paschal candles, but the meaning and symbols are universal.

Following the period of darkness that began on Good Friday, Christians light a new candle on Easter morning, signaling Christ’s banishment of death and darkness. This tall, white candle (made from beeswax) represents Christ’s steadfast presence in our midst.

# EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Members and friends of the congregation have helped to provide the Easter flowers this morning, in honor and loving memory of these departed loved ones.

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Ziad Abou-Hinin	Carl Guthrie	John Morgan
Jim Adams	Edward Henn	Penny Morgan
Lisa Anderson	Julia Henn	Virginia Morgan
Catherine Aron	Alba Hesselroth	Calvin Neunaber
Sidney Aron	Gladys Highmore	Mary Neunaber
Margaret Bailey	William Hinrichs II	Ah Sin Ng
Rev. David Banks	Judy Hinrichs-Meckfessel	Mee Yung Wong Ng
Minnie Banks	Peter Hisey	Susan Niederberger
Constance M. Bell	Bill Hooper	Dr. Sun Yong Pak
Donna L. Bell	Wyolene Hooper	Sibyl Preston
Donna Bottita	Dorothy Huff	William Preston
Frances Brown	Keith N. Hull	Tate Ramsden
James Buche	Sallie Hunter	Beth Roberson
Francis Byank	Sattie Jagdeo	Mark Roberson
Lauder Calhoun	Thelma Karcher	Helen Rockwell
Januario Dia	Bill Keck	Kelvin Sankersingh
Julie Ann Dia	Ellen Keck	Bill Sherling
Mabel Dia	Jim Keeble	Dotty Sherling
Bryden M. Dow	David May Koepfel	Monica Shively
Sally R. Dow	Alex Kojak	Richard Spielman
Jeanne S. Dunn	Dee Kojak	Corinna Stokes
Cindy Edie	Maude Lane	Rolf Strom
Helene Edie	Aileen Marshall Langston	Mr. and Mrs. Strom
Robert Edie	John Wayne Langston	Edward Toolan
Cyrus Fleck	Joon Lee	Helen Toolan
Virginia Fleming	Rita Marimutu	Marilyn Ulius
O. Sterling Gillis III	Judith L. McLendon	Chuck Vogt
Duff Green	Laurie McLendon	Mary B. Walden
Mark Green	Rich Meckfessel	Richard Wenger
Jane Griffin	Eva F. Moeller	Doris Wurgler

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

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

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### **Please pray for:**

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Eliseo Batuan, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad  
Patricia Blair, Teresita Block, Sarah Boyce, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon  
Denise Campbell, Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook  
Edna Craddock, 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, 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:**

March 27, 2026: Gerald Nagy, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and beloved husband of Lynn Nagy.

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

### Children's Easter Programs

**Little Lambs Nursery (Ages 0–2) & Preschool Easter Program (Ages 3–5)**

*Both in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.*

**Elementary-aged children are invited to worship with their families.**

The first ten rows of pews on the north side of the Sanctuary are especially equipped for families with children. Ushers also have Easter worship bags for elementary-aged children at the doors.

**Children's Choir, Children's Church, Sunday School and Youth Group will not meet today.**

#### *This Week*

- Wed April 8**      **Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.  
**FAYA Midweek.** 7 pm • The Living Room. Contact [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).
- Thu April 9**      **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/community](https://fapc.org/community) to sign up.  
**SAGES.** 12 pm • Zoom. Join elder members for fellowship and study. Contact [community@fapc.org](mailto:community@fapc.org) to join.  
**The Memory Tree™ Spring Series.** 2 pm • Rita Arlen Room. To register, contact Elizabeth Fine at [efoundation@gmail.com](mailto:efoundation@gmail.com).
- Sat April 11**      **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Sign up is required. Contact John Wyatt at [moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org).

#### *Coming Up*

- Sun April 12**      **CREDO: Sola Scriptura with the Rev. Dr. Jonah So.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall.
- Tue April 14**      **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. To register, visit [fapc.org/community](https://fapc.org/community).
- 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.
- Thu April 23**      **SAGES.** 12 pm • Zoom. Join elder members for fellowship and study. Contact [community@fapc.org](mailto:community@fapc.org) to join.  
**Dads Night Out.** 6 pm • Location TBD. Visit [fapc.org/dads](https://fapc.org/dads) to sign up.  
**Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: Jayber Crow.** 7 pm • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/read](https://fapc.org/read) to learn more and register.
- Fri April 24**      **Youth Group: Last Friday Hangouts.** 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Let's end the month together! Register at [fapc.org/youth](https://fapc.org/youth).
- Sun April 26**      **CREDO: Sola Gratia with the Rev. Werner Ramirez.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall.

### Next Sunday • Second Sunday of Easter

"Shepherd" • John 21:9-19; Psalm 23

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Baptized Today**

Oliver Ziad Lopez-Rayward, child of Miriam Rayward and Carlos Lopez, born August 24, 2025.  
Eloise Lin, child of Nora Chen and Jackson Lin, born April 21, 2025.

### **Today: 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.

### **Sunday, April 12: CREDO: Five Solas**

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](http://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 at 7 pm 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](http://fapc.org/joy).

### **Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3: Beyond the Walls Weekend**

Mark your calendars for our fourth annual Beyond the Walls weekend. Join us in New York for a weekend of special events and fellowship, especially planned to integrate our online campus with our onsite church community! Whether you're as close as Connecticut or as far away as California, come experience worship in person, enjoy an evening welcome on the Fifth Avenue terrace with the clergy and staff, share in a Bible study on the scriptures that inspire this hybrid church ministry, and deepen our relationships as we break bread together. Learn more and register at [fapc.org/beyond](http://fapc.org/beyond).

### **Saturday, May 2: Fifth Avenue Serves**

Our annual day of service returns with opportunities to serve at the church or with local mission partners. All members, friends, and family are invited. The day begins at 8:45 am, with a light breakfast and commissioning in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. At 9:30 am volunteers will head to their service sites, where they will work for anywhere from 90 minutes to three hours. Volunteers can sign up individually, in pairs or as a group. Assignments will be made on a first come/first served basis. Register today at [fapc.org/serve](http://fapc.org/serve).

### **Friday, May 15 – Sunday, May 17: Women's Spring Retreat**

Come away with us for a sabbath weekend! This weekend is a true retreat for your soul, offering space for Bible study, worship, and fellowship, alongside personal moments of quiet reflection. The cost for the weekend is \$250. Please register online at [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women). Limited scholarships are available for those who need financial help. Please email [womensministry@fapc.org](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org) to inquire.

## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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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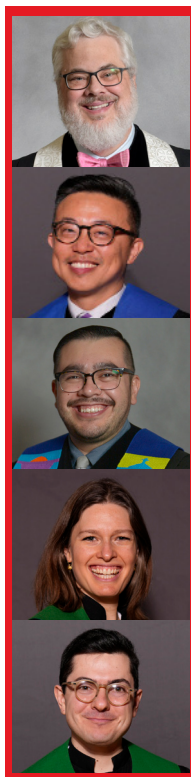
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Eugène Burnand, *The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection*, 1898

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