

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026 • 11:00 AM



Fra Angelico, *Christ the Judge*, 1447

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

*Trois Pièces • Nadia Boulanger (1887–1979)
I. Prélude, II. Petit Canon, III. Improvisation*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Suri Wong

One: When the disciples were certain
that Jesus was dead,

**All: He stood among them and said,
“Peace be with you.”**

One: Let us watch for the risen Christ.

All: We will search for the Source of new life.

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

* HYMN 251

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

* 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 Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do all our
in - most hearts pos - sess; O Lord of all, with us a -
bide In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

Music: Trier ms., 15th century; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609 - PUER NOBIS NASCITUR.
Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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.**

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

Barron Flood, Outreach & Engagement Intern

ANTHEM

O nata lux, from Lux aeterna • Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)
Text: Anonymous, 10th-century hymn

<i>O nata lux de lumine,</i>	O born light of light,
<i>Jesu redemptor saeculi,</i>	Jesus, redeemer of the world,
<i>Dignare clemens supplicum</i>	Mercifully deem worthy and accept
<i>Laudes preces qui sumere.</i>	The praises and prayers of your supplicants.
<i>Qui carne quondam contegi</i>	Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
<i>Dignatus es pro perditis.</i>	For the sake of the lost ones,
<i>Nos membra confer effici,</i>	Grant us to be made members
<i>Tui beati corporis.</i>	Of your holy body.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 4:1-2

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Sun of Righteousness”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Sun of Righteousness,
return to us like the dawn.
Warm the cold places in our hearts,
stretch out our stiff souls,
that we might leap with Easter joy.
Amen.**

* HYMN 666

O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright

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

Gloria from Missa Brevis • Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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- * 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 265 **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**
- * BENEDICTION
Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.
- * CHORAL RESPONSE Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies • *Keith Bissell (1912–1992)*
Text by Charles Wesley (1707–1788)
- Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- ~ Please watch your step as you exit your pew. ~*
- POSTLUDE *Fête • Jean Langlais (1907–1991)*

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*

WORSHIP NOTES

The anthem this morning, *O Nata Lux*, is the third of five movements in Morten Lauridsen's transcendental cantata, *Lux Aeterna*. Composed for choir and orchestra, *Lux Aeterna* was written for and is dedicated to the Los Angeles Master Chorale, who gave the world premiere in 1997. Its texts are drawn from sacred Latin sources, each containing references to light. Lauridsen is perhaps most well known for his setting of *O Magnum Mysterium*, which has become the all-time best-selling choral octavo distributed by Theodore Presser (which has been in business since 1783!).

The Offertory Anthem, by Jonathan Dove, is the Gloria from his *Missa Brevis* ("Short Mass"), a work commissioned by the Cathedral Organists' Association in the UK. *Missa Brevis* was premiered by the choir of Wells Cathedral in 2009; it was chosen for the BBC's Christmas Day Worship broadcast that same year. Since that time, *Missa Brevis* has become one of the most popular contemporary settings of the Mass and has been performed in countless services throughout the world. The Gloria is characteristic of Dove's distinctive minimalist style, featuring catchy rhythmic motives, ingenious thematic prolongation, and captivating interplay between the choir and organ.



LOVE THE MUSIC?

Scan this code to enjoy your favorite music from worship.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Flowers are given by the Monday Night Bible Study to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kristianna Martindale.

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 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:

April 13, 2026: Kristianna Martindale, cherished friend of the Monday Night Bible Study and beloved wife of Alan Heins.

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 & 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.** Bonnell Hall. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
Sermon Springboard. Zoom. Join Barron 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** **CREDO: Soli Deo Gloria with the Rev. Chris Palmer.** Bonnell Hall.
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Coming Up

- Tue April 21** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email community@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/community.
- Wed April 22** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. Contact youngadults@fapc.org to learn more.
- Thu April 23** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community to learn more and to sign up.
SAGES. 12 pm • Zoom. Join elder members for fellowship and study. Contact community@fapc.org to join.
Dads Night Out. 6 pm • Weber Terrace. Visit fapc.org/dads to sign up.
Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: Jayber Crow. 7 pm • Zoom. Visit 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.
- Sat Apr 25** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Sign up is required. Contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org.
- Sun April 26** **CREDO: Sola Gratia with the Rev. Werner Ramirez.** 12:45 pm • Bonnell Hall.

Next Sunday · Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Lion and Lamb" • Revelation 5:1-10

The Rev. Chris Palmer, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: CREDO | Five Solas

This year, our Adult Education CREDO series will focus on the Five Solas—foundational principles of the Reformation that summarize core Christian beliefs. The Rev. Chris Palmer will continue this year's CREDO series by exploring Soli Deo Gloria—Glory to God Alone. Join us at 12:45 pm in Bonnell Hall as we consider what it really means to live for God's glory in our everyday lives. Food will be served. The lecture will be recorded for later viewing. Learn more at fapc.org/credo.

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 Weber 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.

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/serves.

Sunday, May 3: Kirkland Chapel Re-opening Celebration

After a two-year renovation, our beloved Kirkland Chapel will reopen on Sunday, May 3! We will worship together at one service at 11 am. Following worship, we will celebrate the restored and refreshed chapel. Join friends and supporters of this historic project as we cut the ribbon and introduce this transformed sacred space to its next century of ministry and service. This will be a landmark day in the life of our congregation. It will be better with you there!

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. Scholarships are available—please email womensministry@fapc.org with any questions.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

If you have included a bequest for the church in your will or estate plans, please let us know! You are eligible to join our Legacy Circle, a group of members and friends who have remembered the church in their financial arrangements. Please reach out to Sean McAvoy, Director of Communications and Development, at fapc@fapc.org, to let him know of your generous provision.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, *Associate Pastor*
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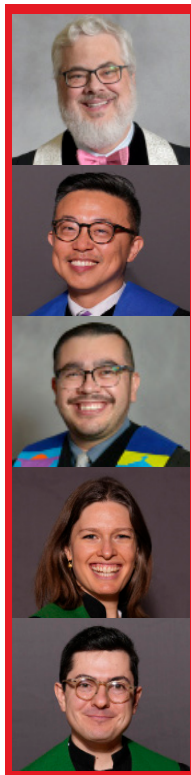
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8 am – 2:30 pm



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