



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 3, 2026 • 11:00 AM



*God the Architect Frontispiece of Bible Moralisée (Codex Vindobonensis) c. 1250 AD.*

**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

Trio Sonata no. 5, BWV 529: III. Allegro • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Christy Ezelle*

from *Psalms 84*

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**All: Our souls long to live in the courts of the Lord.**

One: My heart sings for joy to the living God.

**All: The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow finds a nest**

One: where she may lay her young,  
at your altar, O Lord of hosts.

**All: Happy are those who live in your house,  
and who forever sing your praise.**

One: Let us worship God,  
who makes, for all creation, a home!

\* HYMN 26

**Earth and All Stars!**

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

\* 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.

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\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE 582

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

\* 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

*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

ANTHEM

*Locus Iste • Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)*

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,* This place was made by God,  
*Inaestimabile sacramentum,* A priceless mystery;  
*Irreprehensibilis est.* It is without reproof.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Exodus 31:1-11**

The Lord spoke to Moses, "See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with a divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge, and every kind of skill, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every kind of craft. Moreover, I have appointed with him Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, and I have given skill to all the skillful, so that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, and the ark of the covenant, and the cover that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its stand, and the finely worked vestments, the holy vestments for the priest Aaron and the vestments of his sons, for their service as priests, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the holy place. They shall do just as I have commanded you."

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**Philippians 1:3-6**

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

**Hebrews 3:4**

For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“Renovator”**

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Renovator of sacred spaces, Architect of holiness,  
we ask that you would roll up your sleeves,  
and show us how to fix the broken places  
in our families, our nation and in this whole world.  
Refurbish our souls with your grace.  
Tear out what is rotten.  
Preserve what needs preserving.  
Build hearts that lean forward in love  
and communities fueled by compassion.  
This we ask in the name of the One who makes all things new.  
Amen.**

\* HYMN 301

**Let Us Build a House (Verse 1)**

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Presentation of Candidates

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination

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.**

Declaration and Charge

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, When I Came into This Life



1. Lord, when I came in - to this life\_\_ you called me by\_\_ my name;\_\_ to -  
2. With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as mem - ber of your cast, \_\_\_\_\_ I



day I come, \_\_ com - mit my - self, \_\_ re - spond - ing to \_\_ your claim. \_\_\_\_  
take my place \_\_ with all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past. \_\_\_\_

CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Chris Palmer*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Jubilate Deo • Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)*

*Text: Psalm 100*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
It is He that hath made us,  
And not we ourselves;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:  
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory be to the Father;  
Glory be to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end, Amen.

\* 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

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## TIME OF RECOGNITION

### SCRIPTURE

*Ezra 1:1-5*

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, to fulfill the word of the Lord from the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also in writing, saying:

“Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Let any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—go up to Jerusalem in Judah and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel; he is the God who is in Jerusalem. And let all survivors in whatever place they reside be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods, and with livestock, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.”

Then the heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem.

### ALL THE SKILLFUL

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

\* HYMN 463

#### **How Firm a Foundation**

\* BENEDECTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May God Who Creates You • *Louise Skibsted*

May God who creates you give you light;

May God who sustains you make you wise;

May God who protects you give you joy;

May God who surrounds you give you peace.

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

### POSTLUDE

*Sinfonia* from Cantata no. 29

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750), arr. Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

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

Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*

Dr. Can Olgun, *Director of Chapel Church Music and Pianist*

Wayne Wilson, *Vocalist* • Jennifer Reed, *Vocalist*



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## WORSHIP NOTES

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The composer of this morning's anthem, Anton Bruckner, was born in 1824 in the northern Austrian town of Ansfelden. His father was a schoolteacher and church organist, and Bruckner began studying the organ, piano, and music theory at an early age. He became the cathedral organist at St. Florian in 1848 and began composing sacred music around the same time. In 1855, he went to Vienna to formally study harmony and counterpoint at the Vienna Conservatory, becoming the cathedral organist in Linz a year later. At the same time, Bruckner studied orchestration with Otto Kitzler, a cellist who introduced him to Wagner's operas. Wagner's music ended up having an enormous influence on Bruckner, particularly in his symphonic work. He completed his formal studies in 1861, and began to make a name for himself as a composer and an improviser at the organ. He moved to Vienna in 1868 to take appointments as the Emperor's court organist and to take over as professor of harmony and counterpoint at the Vienna Conservatory.

On his own, Bruckner assiduously studied the music of Renaissance Italian polyphonic masters such as Palestrina, as well as German Baroque composers, especially J.S. Bach. These diverse elements are brought together, along with the boldly Romantic aesthetic inherited from Wagner, in Bruckner's sacred motets. Perhaps the most famous of these, the gradual *Locus iste*, is often sung during services for the dedication of a church. This four-part setting was composed in 1869 to celebrate the dedication of the votive chapel of the cathedral at Linz.

## 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

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

- 11 am**      **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.  
**Little Lambs Nursery & Sunday School.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am**    **Children’s Choir.** 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.  
**Kirkland Chapel Reopening Celebration.** 12:15 pm • Kirkland Chapel. Learn more at [fapc.org/chapel](http://fapc.org/chapel).  
**Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
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Coming Up

- Tue May 5**      **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email [community@fapc.org](mailto:community@fapc.org). To register, visit [fapc.org/community](http://fapc.org/community).
- Wed May 6**      **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!  
**Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. Contact [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to learn more.
- Thu May 7**      **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/community](http://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](mailto:community@fapc.org) to join.
- Sat May 9**      **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](mailto:moh@fapc.org).
- Sun Mon 10**     **CREDO: Sola Christus with Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike.** 12:45 pm • Bonnell Hall. Learn more at [fapc.org/credo](http://fapc.org/credo).
- Thu May 14**    **Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: *The Round House*.** 7 pm • Zoom. Learn more and register at [fapc.org/read](http://fapc.org/read).
- Fri May 15 – Sun May 17**    **Women’s Spring Retreat.** 6 pm • Community of St. John Baptist, Mendham, NJ. Register online at [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women).
- Sun May 17**    **Cantata Sunday.** 11 am • Sanctuary & Livestream.

### Next Sunday • Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Rose of Sharon” • Song of Solomon 2:1-13; Isaiah 35:1-2  
*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Today: Kirkland Chapel Reopening Celebration**

After a two-year renovation, our beloved Kirkland Chapel is open! We will celebrate the restored and refreshed chapel after our 11 am worship service. 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. Learn more at [fapc.org/chapel](http://fapc.org/chapel).

### **New Crossroads Podcast: CREDO | Sola Fide with Austin Applebach**

This year, our Adult Education CREDO series focuses on the Five Solas—foundational principles of the Reformation that summarize core Christian beliefs. In an exclusive video podcast, Austin, our director of engagement, will help us learn about Faith Alone, justification received through faith, not works. Listen at [fapc.org/crossroads](http://fapc.org/crossroads) or on YouTube @FAPCinNYC.

### **Sunday, May 10: CREDO | Sola Christus with the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike**

In our final CREDO, Rev. Natalie will explore Christ Alone: Jesus as the sole mediator between God and humanity, offering salvation and guiding us into a life rooted in love, hope, and redemption. Join us at 12:45 pm in Bonnell Hall as we consider what it means for Christ to shape our life and faith. Food will be served. The lecture will be recorded for later viewing. Learn more at [fapc.org/credo](http://fapc.org/credo).

### **Thursday, May 14: Fifth Avenue Reading Circle | *The Round House***

Join us on May 14 to discuss *The Round House* by Louis Erdrich. 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. Learn more and register at [fapc.org/read](http://fapc.org/read).

### **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). Scholarships are available—please email [womensministry@fapc.org](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org) with any questions.

### **Sunday, May 17: Cantata Sunday**

Join us for our third annual Cantata Sunday as the Fifth Avenue Choir presents Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein. Commissioned for Chichester Cathedral in London, Bernstein conducted the premiere at Lincoln Center in 1965. Sung entirely in Hebrew, the piece begins with Psalm 108 and continues with Psalms 100, 23, and 131. Join us at 11 am for this inspiring service.

### **Sunday, May 24: Organ Recital by Dr. Patrick Kreeger**

Come by the Sanctuary at 12 pm for a stirring selection of moving music played on our Mighty Austin organ by Dr. Patrick Kreeger, Fifth Avenue's Associate Organist. This concert is free and open to the public!

## 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).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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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*  
The Rev. Chris Palmer, *Associate Pastor* • Dennis Bushe, *Clerk of Session*  
Persis Luke, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Rachel Brenner	Chloe Hawker	Evelyn Acosta
Dennis Bushe	Josie Lawrence	Amanda DeMeola
Roseanne Lind	Persis Luke	Kathy Henderson
Nate Mahrer	Patrick Obeng-Frimpong	Phillip Ma
Brian McLendon	Thomas Pak	Thomas Mann
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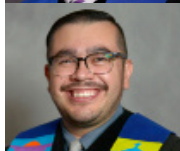
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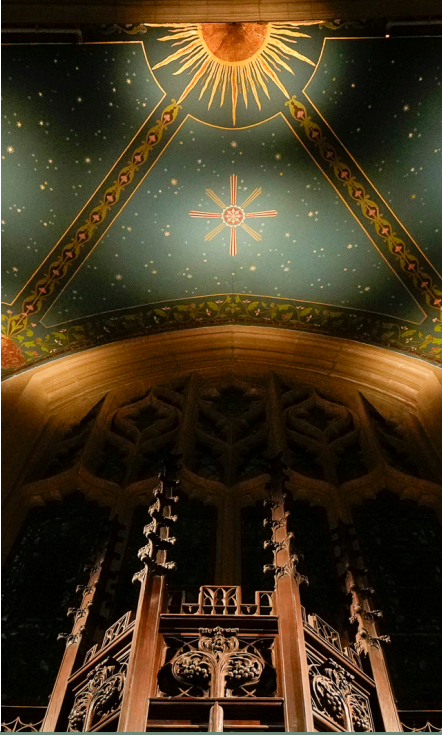
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# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



## May at a Glance

### Sunday, May 17 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

Final Chapel Church Spring Service  
9:30 am • Jones Auditorium

### Cantata Sunday

11 am • Sanctuary & Livestream  
*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.*

### Sunday, May 24 | Pentecost Sunday

Service of Welcome & Blessing  
for the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike  
10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream  
*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

### Sunday, May 31 | Trinity Sunday

Vespers Service  
5:30 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream  
*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

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Monday,  
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9 am – 6 pm

Tuesday  
9 am – 9 pm

Saturday  
8 am – 1 pm

Sunday  
8 am – 2:30 pm



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