



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2026 • 11:00 AM



Hans Memling, *Christ with Singing and Music-Making Angels*, ca. 1480

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 Morning Star: Reflections • Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 98*

Deacon Beth McCullough

One: Sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

**All: The right hand and holy arm of the Lord
have secured the victory.**

One: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**All: Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 689 **When the Morning Stars Together**

* 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.
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* 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival."
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

“Singer”

CANTATA

Chichester Psalms • *Leonard Bernstein (1918–1990)*

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| <p>I. Psalm 108:2
<i>Urah, hanevel, v'chinor!
A-irah shahar!</i></p> <p>Psalm 100
<i>Hariu l'Adonai kol haarets.
Iv'du et Adonai b'simha.
Bo-u l'fanav bir'nanah.
D'u ki Adonai Hu Elohim.
Hu asanu, v'lo anahnu.
Amo v'tson mar'ito.
Bo-u sh'arav b'todah,
Hatseirotav bit'hilah,
Hodu lo, bar'chu sh'mo.
Ki tov Adonai, l'olam has'do,
V'ad dor vador emunato.</i></p> | <p>Psalm 108:2
Awake, psaltery and harp!
I will rouse the dawn!</p> <p>Psalm 100
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye 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.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting.
And his truth endureth to all generations.</p> |
| <p>II. Psalm 23:1-4
<i>Adonai ro-i, lo ehsar.
Bin'ot deshe yarbitseini,
Al mei m'nuhot y'nahaleini,
Naf'shi y'shovev,
Yan'heini b'ma'aglei tsedek,
L'ma'an sh'mo.
Gam ki eilech
B'gei tsalmavet,
Lo ira ra,
Ki Atah imadi.
Shiv't'cha umishan'techa
Hemah y'nahamuni.</i></p> <p>Psalm 2:1-4
<i>Lamah rag'shu goyim
Ul'umim yeh'gu rik?
Yit'yats'vu malchei erets,
V'roznim nos'du yahad
Al Adonai v'al m'shiho.
N'natkah et mos'roteimo,
Yoshev bashamayim
Yis'hak, Adonai
Yil'ag lamo!</i></p> | <p>Psalm 23:1-4
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul,
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,
For his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
Through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For thou art with me.
Thy rod and thy staff
They comfort me.</p> <p>Psalm 2:1-4
Why do the nations rage,
And the people imagine a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the Lord and against his anointed,
Saying, let us break their bonds asunder
He that sitteth in the heavens
Shall laugh, and the Lord
Shall have them in derision!</p> |

Psalm 23:5-6
*Ta'aroch l'fanai shulchan
Neged tsor'rai
Dishanta vashemen roshi
Cosi r'vayah.
Ach tov vahesed
Yird'funi kol y'mei hayai
V'shav'ti b'veit Adonai
L'orech yamim.*

Psalm 23:5-6
Thou preparest a table before me
In the presence of mine enemies,
Thou annointest my head with oil,
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.

III. Psalm 131
*Adonai, Adonai,
Lo gavah libi,
V'lo ramu einai,
V'lo hilachti
Big'dolot uv'niflaot
Mimemi.
Im lo shiviti
V'domam'ti,
Naf'shi k'gamul alei imo,
Kagamul alai naf'shi.
Yahel Yis'rael el Adonai
Me'atah v'ad olam.*

Psalm 131
Lord, Lord,
My heart is not haughty,
Nor mine eyes lofty,
Neither do I exercise myself
In great matters or in things
Too wonderful for me to understand.
Surely I have calmed
And quieted myself,
As a child that is weaned of his mother,
My soul is even as a weaned child.
Let Israel hope in the Lord
From henceforth and forever.

Psalm 133:1
*Hineh mah tov,
Umah nayim,
Shevet ahim
Gam yahad.*

Psalm 133:1
Behold how good,
And how pleasant it is,
For brethren to dwell
Together in unity.

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Eternal God, you redeemed humanity by sending your only Son
in fulfillment of your promises of old.**

**As you sing over us,
let the truth and power of your salvation
be known in all places of the earth,
that all nations may give you praise, honor, and glory;
through Jesus Christ you Son. Amen.**

* HYMN 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

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

Psalm 150 • *Ruth Watson Henderson (b. 1932)*

O praise God in his holiness:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
Praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
Praise him upon the strings and pipe,
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals,
And the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Alleluia!

* 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 15

All Creatures of Our God and King (vss. 1, 2, 3, & 6)

* BENEDICTION

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

Organ Sonata (1975): III. Toccata • *Robert Elmore (1913–1985)*

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* • Kristi Shade, *Harp* • Stella Perlic, *Percussion*
Jared Marshall, *Countertenor* • Rachel Mikol, *Soprano* • Francesca Lionetta, *Alto*
Garrett Eucker, *Tenor* • Fredy Bonilla, *Baritone*



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WORSHIP NOTES

Composed in 1965, Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* was born from an unexpected detour. Commissioned by the Very Rev. Walter Hussey for the Southern Cathedrals Festival in England, the invitation came with a memorable suggestion. In his letter to Bernstein, Hussey wrote, "Many of us would be very delighted if there was a hint of *West Side Story* about the music." The request proved surprisingly prophetic.

At the time, Bernstein was on sabbatical from his role as music director of the New York Philharmonic and had intended to devote himself to more avant-garde composition. Recalling the period during a 1977 press conference, he said: "I spent almost the whole year writing 12-tone music and even more experimental stuff. I was happy that all these new sounds were coming out; but after about six months of work I threw it all away. It just wasn't my music; it wasn't honest. The end result was the *Chichester Psalms*, which is the most accessible, B-flat major-ish tonal piece I've ever written."

Rather than producing something radically experimental, Bernstein returned to a musical language unmistakably his own: lyrical, rhythmic, and deeply communicative. Setting selected psalms in their original Hebrew, he assembled the texts with dramatic instinct. The opening movement begins with an exuberant call to praise: "Awake, psaltery and harp" and "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." The second movement opens with a peaceful, lyrical setting of Psalm 23, sung by a treble soloist. Its serenity is shattered by the violent cry of Psalm 2: "Why do the nations rage?" The work ultimately arrives at Psalm 133: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

This progression of texts was carefully chosen, moving from praise, through conflict, to a prayer for reconciliation. The piece's journey is not only one of religious devotion, but also of humanity's perpetual struggle with fear, violence, and the search for peace. More than sixty years later, the work's final prayer for people to dwell together in unity remains as moving and necessary as it was in 1965 and perhaps even more so today.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If You Are in Need of Prayer

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

Please pray for:

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

May 11, 2026: Nancy Lin, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and beloved wife of Neil Zang.

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.

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 Sean McAvoy and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.

Coming Up

Tue May 19

Weekly Word Bible Study. 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email community@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/community.

Wed May 20

Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!

FAYA | Voicing Resilience: Reading the Psalms. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more email youngadults@fapc.org.

Thu May 21

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.

Sat May 23

Meals on Heels. 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Sign up is required. To learn more and sign up, contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org.

Sun May 24

Service of Welcome & Blessing for the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike.
10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream.

Organ Recital by Dr. Patrick Kreeger. 12:15 pm • Sanctuary.

Thu May 28

Moms Night Out. 6 pm • Weber Terrace. Register at fapc.org/moms.

Sat May 30

FAYA Garden Gala. 6:30 pm • Weber Terrace. Learn more and purchase tickets at fapc.org/gala.

Next Sunday • Day of Pentecost

Service of Welcome & Blessing for the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike.

“Wind” • Acts 2:1-13 • *The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

We will worship together at 10 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream.

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome to the World!

Valerie Micheline Szabo, child of Lindsey and Elias Szabo, born May 1, 2026.

Sunday, May 24: Volunteer Recognition

Volunteers are the beating heart of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Next Sunday, we'll take a moment to recognize and thank Fifth Avenue's volunteers at our 10 am worship service. Please make a special effort to be with us online or in person!

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

From the brilliance of Bach to the sparkle of Gershwin, this organ recital journeys through centuries of musical imagination and storytelling. The program includes vibrant contemporary works such as Ian Farrington's *Voices of the World*, rarely heard gems by Nadia Boulanger and Mary Howe, and a toe-tapping set of variations on Gershwin's *I Got Rhythm*. This performance will also feature Fifth Avenue Presbyterian's legendary "Mighty Austin" organ, always ready to whisper, rumble, and roar. The concert begins at 12:15 pm. Enjoy a pastry at coffee hour and then make your way back to the Sanctuary. It will be better with you there.

Thursday, May 28: Moms Night Out

All moms are invited to join us at 6 pm on the Weber Terrace for a fun evening together. There will be food, drinks, and great conversation. Learn more and register at fapc.org/moms.

Saturday, May 30: FAYA Garden Gala

All young adults are invited to an evening of celebration. Don your garden party best and join us at 6:30 pm on Weber Terrace. Tickets are \$30 for young adults and \$10 for guests, and include dinner, drinks, and a whole lot of dancing! Learn more and purchase tickets at fapc.org/gala.

Sunday, May 31: Trinity Sunday Vespers at 5:30 pm

Join us for a special Vespers service to celebrate Trinity Sunday! Vespers, from the Latin *vesper*, "evening," is an ancient form of worship with origins in the early church. Come to Fifth Avenue for this stirring and evocative liturgy. Please note: This will be the day's only service.

Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7: Family Camp

Join other families for a weekend of fun, rest, and connection at Johnsonburg Camp in upstate New Jersey! Families will enjoy swimming, boating, hiking, games, s'mores, and worship. We'll gather Friday evening for dinner and close with worship Sunday morning. Lodging is in shared rooms with bunk beds; please bring your own linens. Financial assistance is available. To learn more, please visit fapc.org/camp or email Jaime Staehle at familyministries@fapc.org.

Tuesday, June 9: Women's Ministry Walk in the Park

All women are welcome to join as we enjoy the beauty of the park and each other's company! We will meet at the church and together head to Central Park for a walk and fellowship with one another. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Register at fapc.org/women so we can keep you up to date regarding weather.

GETTING CONNECTED

Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Community Groups

We have over 20 community groups to help you form closer bonds within the Fifth Avenue family. Options available online and in-person. Learn more at fapc.org/community-groups, or email membership@fapc.org.

Congregational Care

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. Please visit fapc.org/care to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program.

Family Ministries

Family Ministries nurtures diverse, strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am to 12:30 pm. During the program year (September–May) we offer Sunday School for Pre-K through second grade at 9:30 am and Pre-K through fifth grade following the Litany of Parting during the 11 am worship service. Youth Group worships at Chapel Church at 9:30 am and meets at 11 am. On the first Sunday of the month, Youth Group worships at both services. Visit fapc.org/family to learn more, or contact Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, familyministries@fapc.org).

FAYA | Fifth Avenue Young Adults

FAYA is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s. During the program year, we meet every Wednesday night for small groups, supper, Bible study and fellowship. Find out more about our weekly gatherings, monthly fellowship events and weekend retreats at fapc.org/faya or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya).

Hybrid Church

Did you know that this church has a vibrant online community? Whether you're a New Yorker worshipping from home, a longtime member who moved, or a visitor new to our livestream, you are a part of our online campus! There are many ways you can get involved. Don't miss our virtual small groups, online office hours for pastoral care, retreat programming and seasonal gatherings here at Fifth Avenue. Contact Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike at hybridchurch@fapc.org for more information.

Membership

When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. Whether you live in the neighborhood, or across the country, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit fapc.org/membership or email membership@fapc.org to register.

Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for anyone who loves to sing. Visit fapc.org/choirs to learn more. The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artisans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater.

Outreach Ministries

Through our Outreach Ministries, hundreds of members and friends of the church are engaged in volunteering, advocacy and service. Our programs include our Befriending Ministry on behalf of our neighbors experiencing homelessness; the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, a collaborative ministry with Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral that serves the homeless population of Midtown; A Place at the Table, a twice-weekly sidewalk lunch for our homeless and hungry neighbors; and Meals on Heels, Saturday-morning meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. We also maintain mission partner relationships with local, national and international organizations. Our current mission partners are:

Asylum Support Clinic	Green City Force
Church of Gethsemane	Hands Along the Nile
Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar	Development Services
The Farminary Project	Holmes Camp and Retreat Center
Frontera de Cristo	Ministry of Hope Lesotho
Garden of Hope	Parity
Good Samaritan Project	PC(USA) Global Liaisons Cobbie and Dessa Palm
of First Spanish Presbyterian Church	Urban Outreach Center NYC

To learn more, visit fapc.org/outreach, or contact Ruben Nuño, director of the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership (212.247.0490 ext 3038, outreach@fapc.org).

Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit fapc.org/volunteer.

Fifth Avenue Women's Ministry

For generations, the women of Fifth Avenue have gathered for service, fellowship, and deeper faith. Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before, we continue to connect and would love to include you in our community. The women's ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is trans affirming and welcoming to women of any age and stage. We meet for annual retreats, fellowship events, Bible study, and small groups. To learn more and get involved, email womensministry@fapc.org or visit fapc.org/women.

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*
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
Erica Moffett	David Roberson	Glenda Moreland
Martha Van Hise	Beth Rumore Stanley	McKenna Nelson
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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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