



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
EASTER SUNDAY  
MARCH 31, 2024

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Angel of the Empty Tomb, Mileševa Monastery, 13th century fresco

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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

## ➔ 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. There is Sunday school for children in preschool through 5th grade at 9:30 am and Children’s Church for children in preschool through 2nd grade at 11:15 am.

## ➔ 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

### INTROIT

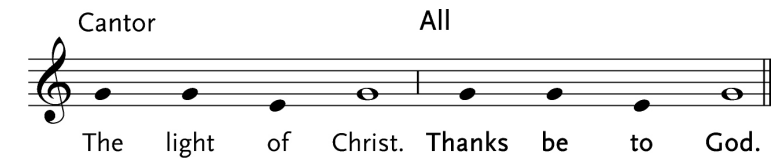
Salvation is Created • Pavel Chesnokov (1877–1944)

*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. Natalie Owens-Pike*

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  
 (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

*Jubilate Deo (2017) • Simon Johnson (b. 1975)  
 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, and to the Son,  
 And to the Holy Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
 World without end, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Luke 24:1-12*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**"The Life Resilient"**

\* 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



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Trinity Te Deum (2012) • Eriks Ešņvalds (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.**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Clerk of Session John Wyatt*

\* 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!

POSTLUDE

Symphony no. 5 in F minor: Toccata

*Charles Marie Widor (1845–1937)*

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*

The Fifth Avenue Brass

Lorraine Cohen, Atse Theodros, and Christian Marrero, *Trumpets*

Zohar Schondorf, and Matthew Jaimes, *Horns*

Matt Melore, David Giaco, and Steven Nugget, *Trombones*

John Hill, *Tuba* • Andrew Funcheon, *Percussion* • Kristi Shade, *Harp*

**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 bee's wax) 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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Jean and Graham Andrews  
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Atkins  
Gregory & Marie Bakumenko  
Barbara Barton  
Constance M. Bell  
Mark Cabanos Jr.  
Jacqueline Calkins  
Mary Campbell  
Elizabeth Carlton  
Frank Chase  
Grace E. H. Chung  
Earl & Cora (Pat) Dapp  
Adam Delaney  
Januario and Mabel Dia  
Julie Ann Dia  
Bryden M. and Sally R. Dow  
Kenneth Eberle  
Cyrus Fleck  
Helen Gamble  
Caleb Hampton  
William and Martha Harris  
Nancy Hatch  
Julia Henn  
Edward Henn  
Gladys Highmore  
John T. Holliday  
C. W. Hubbard  
Myrtle Hubbard  
Dorothy Huff  
John and Louise Hughes  
Andrew Jackson (A)  
Jerome P. Kenney  
Roger and Dena Kolb  
Joan Krueger  
Faith Gamble Lane  
John William Macy  
Brendan McCulloch

Mary Jane and George McCullough  
Judith Locke McLendon  
Laurie McLendon  
Bob Meek  
Penny Morgan  
Mildred Larew  
Brian Nethercott  
Clayton and Richalene Nettleton  
John and Barbara Nettleton  
Calvin & Mary Neunaber  
Ah Sin Ng  
Mee Yung Wong Ng  
Susan Niederberger  
Charles and Gail Noyes  
Paul and Grayce Otto  
Peter J. Otto  
Dr. Sun Yong Pak  
Cecil Pond  
Betty Pond  
Gary Pond  
Sibyl Preston  
S. William Preston  
Eric Ramahoronirina  
Judy Russo  
Howard Thompson  
Eve Thalys  
Marilyn Ulius  
Chuck Vogt  
Thomas C. Walsh  
Philip Wesley  
Robert and Bernice Wesley  
Kristin Westbrook  
John and Jacqueline Wild  
Maureen and Fred Witek  
Stephen Witek  
Pat and Ed Wojcik  
Sarah Young

## 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](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests).

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### Please pray for:

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Indie and Algernon John Baptiste, Patricia Blair, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiut, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell, Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook, Eugenia Connerat, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sohn Fong, Janet Gibbs, Irene P. Gilman, Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Wanda Roush Hannan, Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Maggie Hendrix, Emi Iwaida, Juliet Kaldanie, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Janet Lamberth, Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, The McCall Family, Lynn and Gary Nagy, Frank Owarish, Dexter Ramcharan, Don Rogers, Ramon Rosa, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Nancy Seelig, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Bonnie Smith, Monica Smith, Spencer Robert Smith, Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler, Wayne Zhou

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### Faithful Departed:

March 14, 2024: Ann Hankins Cole, beloved wife of Jack Cole and beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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

This morning we welcome children ages 2 and younger to the Little Lambs nursery, downstairs in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Children ages 3–5 are invited to a special Preschool Easter Program in Room 10 of the Christian Education Center. You may bring your children downstairs just before the start of each service. Elementary-age children are invited to worship with their families. The first 10 rows on the north side of the Sanctuary are especially equipped for families with children. You will find a children's Bible and children's bulletins in each row. Ushers also have Easter worship bags for elementary-age children at the doors.

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

### Coming Up

- Fri April 5** **FAYA Spring Retreat.** FAYA embarks on a fun weekend of fellowship, games, keynotes, small groups, and late-night chats around the fire in the woods of upstate New York.
- Sat April 6** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to homebound neighbors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).
- Sun April 7** **CREDO: Foundations of Christian Theology—The Confession of 1967.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Featuring the Rev. Dr. Jonah So.
- Wed April 10** **Community Choir.** 6 pm. Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. Weekly gathering with the Fifth Avenue Young Adults! Email the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to join.
- Thu April 11** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)) for the link.
- Sat April 13** **Women's Ministry: Saturday Lunch Day.** 12 pm • Local Restaurants. The women of FAPC head out for a Saturday lunch on the town!
- Sun April 14** **CREDO: Foundations of Christian Theology—A Brief Statement of Faith.** 12:30 pm Bonnell Hall. Featuring the Rev. Sarah A. Speed.
- Sun April 21** **CREDO: Foundations of Christian Theology—The Belhar Confession.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Featuring the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike.
- Fri April 26** **Youth Group Last Friday Hangout.** 7 pm. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited.

### Next Sunday • Second Sunday of Easter

"The Resilient Peter" • John 21:1-14  
*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

### TODAY: Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) Easter Tex Mex

When it comes to Easter, we've learned chips and salsa are even better than Easter ham! We invite all young adults to join us for a rooftop terrace feast as we celebrate Easter together in style! No one should have to spend the Easter holiday alone, so let's celebrate this holy day together. Sign up online at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events) or by emailing [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).

### Friday, April 5: FAYA Spring Retreat

FAYA heads to Holmes Presbyterian Camp for our favorite weekend of the spring—Spring Retreat! Last year we took our biggest group ever—close to 50 people. This year, we are happy to announce that the trip is at capacity. Participants will enjoy a fun and spiritually satisfying weekend. Stay tuned for more news on upcoming retreats!

### Sunday, April 7: CREDO 2024: Foundations of Christian Theology—The Confession of 1967

This spring we invite you to join us for our annual series on foundations of Christian theology, CREDO, led by our very own clergy. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has eleven confessions in The Book of Confessions. While most of these confessions date back several hundred years, four of them were written as recently as the twentieth century. What do churches in Nazi Germany, apartheid South Africa, and the political climate of the United States in 1967 have to say to us today? What themes brought together two of the largest Presbyterian churches in the United States in 1983? We hope you'll join us in Bonnell Hall at 12:30 pm each Sunday in April to discover more. This week, the Rev. Dr. Jonah So will explore the Confession of 1967 and how this modern statement of faith addresses the church's role in today's world. Food will be served.

### Saturday, April 13: Women's Ministry Lunch Day

Join the women of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church for a Saturday lunch out on the town! Register today at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events). The week of April 13, the Rev. Sarah A. Speed will split the list into small groups of five or six and give each group a restaurant reservation. Come break bread together at a local restaurant and learn some more about the women in this congregation. It will be better with you there.

### Did you know...

...that you can sponsor a Coffee Hour? In honor of a loved one, celebration of a milestone, or commemoration of a significant personal or familial event, you can support a Coffee Hour at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Please contact Rodrigo Rosas ([rodrigo@roxoevents.com](mailto:rodrigo@roxoevents.com)) for more information.

...that you can nominate officers all year round? If you see a gift in someone in the community or wish to use your own abilities to serve as a church officer, go to [fapc.org/nominations](http://fapc.org/nominations) and fill out a nomination form! Please send us your recommendations. More information on the officer election process, and the officer recommendation form, are available at [fapc.org/nominations](http://fapc.org/nominations).

## 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. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. 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

Want stronger relationships? Community groups make that possible. 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 contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom, director of engagement ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

### Congregational Care

If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also 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 brings together families from diverse backgrounds to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Sunday School and Youth Group take place at 9:30 am during the program year (September through May). Children depart the 11 am worship service to attend Children's Church every Sunday (except for our summer break, from June 25 until Homecoming). We also sponsor special events for families and kids throughout the year. Learn more and register your child at [fapc.org/family](http://fapc.org/family). 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, led by the Rev. Sarah Speed. 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). Or contact Sarah ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)). We'd love to get to know you!

### 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) to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

### 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	Mission co-workers in Madagascar,
Church of Gethsemane	the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border
The Farminary Project	Parity
Garden of Hope	Search and Care
Hands Along the Nile Development Services	Urban Outreach Center NYC
Holmes Camp and Retreat Center	West Side Federation for Senior
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	and Supportive Housing

To learn more, visit [fapc.org/outreach](http://fapc.org/outreach), or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, [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 Rev. Sarah A. Speed at [womensministry@fapc.org](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org).

## 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. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*  
 John Wyatt, *Clerk of Session* • Meg Sheehan, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Jill Borrero	Eric Daniels	Rachel Brenner
Mae Cheng-PaVon	Ann Marie Koehler	Dennis Bushe
Bruni Fernandez	Sara Rodgers	Roseanne Lind
Paul Griggs	Chris Rogers	Nate Mahrer
Sam Griggs	Janeen A. Sarlin	Brian McLendon
Claire Kedeshian	Meg Sheehan	Louisa Raitt
John Kern	Sylvia Winrich	Martha Van Hise
William Stone		
John Wyatt		

### The Board of Deacons

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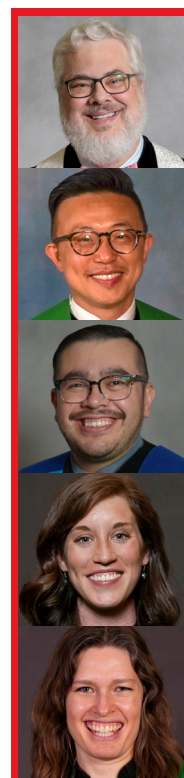
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