

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024 • 11:00 AM

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For I will consider my Cat Jeoffry.

For he is the servant of the Living God duly and daily  
serving him.

For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East he  
worships in his way.

For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round  
with elegant quickness.

For he purrs in thankfulness, when God tells him he's a  
good Cat.

For he is an instrument for the children to learn  
benevolence upon.

For every house is incomplete without him and a blessing  
is lacking in the spirit.

For he is the cleanest in the use of his forepaws of any  
quadruped.

For the dexterity of his defence is an instance of the love  
of God to him exceedingly.

For he is the quickest to his mark of any creature.

For he is tenacious of his point.

For he is a mixture of gravity and waggery.

For he knows that God is his Saviour.

Christopher Smart, excerpts from *Jubilate Agno*, c. 1760

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**This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.**

# Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, gathered in the Sanctuary and online, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy or someone at our Welcome Table. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston  
Senior Pastor

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## ➔ New to Fifth Avenue?

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at [fapc.org/welcome](http://fapc.org/welcome). Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

## ➔ Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin or hymnal to follow the service.

## ➔ Families with Children

Children are always welcome! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary (to the right when looking down the aisle). Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service with your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. Every Sunday, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. 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

Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 566a • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Arthur Wong*

One: Know this: God is God!  
God made us, we didn't make God.

**All: This is true. We are God's people.  
We belong to God's beloved flock.**

One: So, my friends, enter this place saying "Thank you!"  
Make yourselves at home here.

**All: Bless you! We will. We have come to lift our  
hearts to the Holy One.**

One: Then, let us make a joyful noise to God!

**All: We bring laughter and gladness.  
We will sing ourselves into God's presence.**

One: That sounds good. Very good.  
Let us worship God.

### \* HYMN 15

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

### \* 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.

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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\* 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.**

LITANY OF PARTING            All:            **May God be with you there.**  
    Children:     **May God be with you here.**

*Children (pre-K through second 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON            *Job 12:7-10*

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.”

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

HOMILY

**“Fergus: Servant of the Living God”**

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CANTATA

Rejoice in the Lamb • *Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)*

*Text from Jubilate Agno • Christopher Smart (1722–1771)*

*Choir*

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues;  
Give the glory to the Lord, and the Lamb.  
Nations, and languages, and every Creature,  
    in which is the breath of Life.  
Let man and beast appear before him,  
    and magnify his name together.

Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter, bind a Leopard to the altar  
    and consecrate his spear to the Lord.  
Let Ishmael dedicate a Tyger, and give praise for the liberty  
    in which the Lord has let him at large.  
Let Balaam appear with an Ass, and bless the Lord his people  
    and his creatures for a reward eternal.  
Let Daniel come forth with a Lion, and praise God with all his might  
    through faith in Christ Jesus.  
Let Ithamar minister with a Chamois, and bless the name of Him,  
    that cloatheth the naked.  
Let Jakim with the Satyr  
    bless God in the dance.  
Let David bless with the bear—  
    the beginning of victory to the Lord—  
    to the Lord the perfection of excellence—

Hallelujah from the heart of God,  
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,  
And from the echo of the heavenly harp  
In sweetness magnificent and mighty.

*Soprano Solo*

For I will consider my Cat Jeoffrey.  
For he is the servant of the Living God,  
    duly and daily serving him.  
For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East  
    he worships in his way.  
For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round  
    with elegant quickness.  
For he knows that God is his Saviour.  
For God has blessed him in the variety of his movements.  
For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when at rest.  
For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in beauty,  
    from whom I take occasion to bless Almighty God.

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*Tenor Solo*

For the flowers are great blessings.  
For the flowers have their angels  
    even the words of God's Creation.  
For the flower glorifies God and the root parries the adversary.  
For there is a language of flowers.  
For flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.

*Choir*

For I am under the same accusation with my Saviour—  
For they said, he is besides himself.  
For the officers of the peace are at variance with me,  
    and the watchman smites me with his staff.  
For silly fellow! Silly fellow! It is against me  
    and belongeth neither to me nor to my family.  
For I am in twelve HARSHIPS  
    but he that was born of a virgin shall deliver me out of all.

*Alto Solo*

For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valour.  
For—this is a true case—  
Cat takes female mouse—male mouse will not depart,  
but stands threat'ning and daring.  
.....If you will let her go, I will engage you,  
as prodigious a creature as you are.  
For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valour.  
For the Mouse is of an hospitable disposition.

*Bass Solo*

For H is a spirit and therefore he is God.  
For K is king and therefore he is God.  
For L is love and therefore he is God.  
For M is musick and therefore he is God.

*Choir*

For the instruments are by their rhimes.  
For the Shawm rhimes are lawn fawn moon boon and the like.  
For the harp rhimes are sing ring string and the like.  
For the cymbal rhimes are bell well toll soul and the like.  
For the flute rhimes are tooth youth suit mute and the like.  
For the Bassoon rhimes are pass class and the like.  
For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place beat heat and the like.  
For the Clarinet rhimes are clean seen and the like.  
For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound soar more and the like.  
For the TRUMPET of God is a blessed intelligence  
    and so are all the instruments in HEAVEN.  
For GOD the father Almighty plays upon the HARP  
    of stupendous magnitude and melody.

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For at that time malignity ceases  
and the devils themselves are at peace.  
For this time is perceptible to man  
by a remarkable stillness and serenity of soul.  
Hallelujah from the heart of God,  
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,  
And from the echo of the heavenly harp  
In sweetness magnificent and mighty.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY  
*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

**God of life, God of beauty,  
thank you for the music all around us:  
the low notes of wind at our windows,  
the whoosh of water as it comes from the tap,  
the throaty whistle of the boiling kettle,  
the metallic tap of the spoon against the cup,  
the sound of voices raised in praise,  
the gift of composers who convey your world to us.  
For all this we are grateful.  
God of music,  
keep our song,  
the one that we hum as we watch the news,  
and eat our lunch, and make our decisions,  
keep that constant song ever grounded in you,  
This we ask in the name of the One whom we are bold to call:  
the Lord of the Dance. Amen.**

\* HYMN 20

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*Jubilate Deo • Benjamin Britten*

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

\* HYMN 32

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

\* 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.

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary ("The Prince of Denmark's March")*

*Jeremiah Clarke (1674–1707)*

*Offered in celebration of John and Gail Crane's 60th Wedding Anniversary*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper* Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*  
Rachel Mikol, *Soprano* • Devony Smith, *Alto* • Pablo Rubin-Jurado, *Tenor* • Shafiq Hicks, *Bass*



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of John and Gail Crane who were married in the Chapel by the Rev. Dr. Bryant M. Kirkland on April 25, 1964.

### 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 Cajiuat, 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, Irene P. Gilman, Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Wanda Roush Hannan, Peter S. Hawkins, 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 Gerry 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, Phillip Snyman, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler, Priscilla Young-Rodgers, Wayne Zhou

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### Faithful Departed:

Tuesday, April 16, 2024: James B. Adams III—beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Beloved brother of Audrey Adams Massa and John Adams and beloved uncle of James Massa.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024: Rev. Nancy Rank Ledger— former parish visitor and beloved friend of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Beloved mother of Robin Ledger-Ryan, Wendy Ledger (Michael Sweeney), and Matt Ledger (Gretchen Wright), sister of Jeff Rank, and grandmother of Dare Ryan (Will Vanasdale), Kyle Ryan, Joe Ledger (Rachel Morrison), Jules Brendanawicz, and Emma Ledger.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024: Ann Palmer—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

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### Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.  
**Chapel Church Family Worship Service feat. Children's Choir.** Jones Auditorium.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 12 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall and online.  
**Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.
- 12:30 pm** **CREDO: Foundations of Christian Theology—The Theological Declaration of Barmen.** Bonnell Hall. Featuring the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston.
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### This Week

- Tue April 30** **Supper Club.** 6:30 pm. This is the last supper club of the program year. If you would like to join, please email [communitygroups@fapc.org](mailto:communitygroups@fapc.org).
- Wed May 1** **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 [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to join.  
**Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th floor conference room & Zoom.
- Thu May 2** **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.

### Coming Up

- Sat May 4** **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)).  
**Fifth Avenue Serves.** 9:30 am. Various points in New York City and beyond. Join the Fifth Avenue family and lend your hand to some great causes.
- Sun May 5** **New Member Social.** 12:30 pm • Weber Terrace. For members who have joined in the last year. RSVP at [fapc.org/engage](https://fapc.org/engage).  
**HANDS Along the Nile Crafts of Cairo Sale.** 12:30 pm. Bonnell Hall.  
**Children's Spring Concert.** 1 pm. Jones Auditorium.
- Fri May 17–  
Sun May 19** **Beyond the Walls Weekend.** Visit [fapc.org/beyond](https://fapc.org/beyond) to learn more.
- Sun May 19** **Ryan Jackson Organ Recital.** 1:00 pm. Sanctuary.

### Next Sunday • Sixth Sunday of Easter

“On Dwelling” • John 15:9-17

**Guest Preacher:** The Rev. Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **TODAY: CREDO: Foundations of Christian Theology – The Theological Declaration of Barmen**

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 this Sunday for the final CREDO of the year. This week, the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston speaks on the Theological Declaration of Barmen, adopted by Christians in Nazi Germany who stood against that fascist and wicked regime's attempt to corrupt religion for political and malevolent ends.

### **Sunday, May 5: New Member Social**

Are you a new member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church? Connect with other new members and the staff of Fifth Avenue over tacos and refreshments! Join us at 12:30 pm on the Weber Terrace. It will be better with you there! RSVP at [fapc.org/engage](http://fapc.org/engage).

### **Sunday, May 5: Children's Concert**

All are invited to our Annual Children's Spring Concert next Sunday, May 5th, following Coffee Hour at 1pm in Jones Auditorium. The children of our congregation are excited to share their talents with you through instrumental music, singing, and maybe even some additional gifts! Prepare to be delightfully surprised and thoroughly charmed.

### **Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19: Beyond the Walls Weekend**

Launched in 2023, Beyond the Walls is a weekend gathering in New York of members and farflung friends from outside the city. It is an opportunity for our "extended family" to get to know Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church up close. This year offers even more opportunities to foster connections, engage in community service, and join in worship together. You can learn more and, if you are a hybrid member, register at [fapc.org/beyond](http://fapc.org/beyond).

### **Sunday, May 19: Family Ministries Picnic**

All families are invited to join us for a fun picnic in the park on Sunday, May 19 at 1pm. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch and meet us on the lower east side of Sheep Meadow near the big tree. Please register so we can keep you posted about any weather changes! Register at [fapc.org/picnic](http://fapc.org/picnic).

### **Sunday, May 19: Ryan Jackson Organ Recital**

Come to the Sanctuary at 1 pm to hear our very own Dr. Ryan Jackson, the William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries, present a moving selection of music on our beautiful Mighty Austin organ.

### **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.

## 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)).

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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	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 the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at [womensministry@fapc.org](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women).

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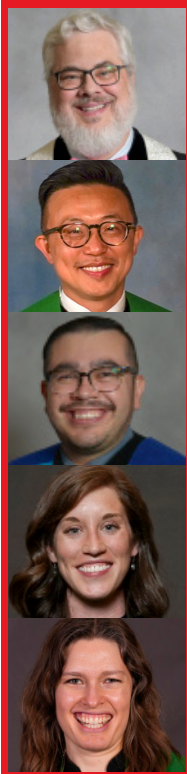
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# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

## You are invited to join the Fifth Avenue family for **Beyond the Walls Weekend!**

From Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19, we will welcome members and friends from outside the New York City area to Fifth Avenue. This weekend will help you foster connections with folks near and far, engage in community service, and join in worship together. You can learn more and, if you are a hybrid member, register at [fapc.org/beyond](https://fapc.org/beyond).

**It will be better with you there!**

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## Building Hours

Monday, Wednesday – Friday	Tuesday	Saturday	Sunday
9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 9 pm	8 am – 1 pm	8 am – 2:30 pm



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