



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 2, 2024 • 10:00 AM

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Christ the Pantocrator, Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, c. 537

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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 in worship! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary. Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service to attend to your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. We provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

## ➔ 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

Variations on Nettleton • *Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)*

Prelude on Rhosymedre • *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 116*

*Deacon Susan Roberson*

One: What shall we return to the Lord  
for all the good things God has done?

**All: We will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God!

### \* HYMN 475

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

### \* 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.**

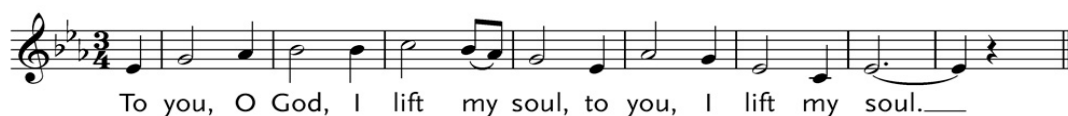
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**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

(Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)

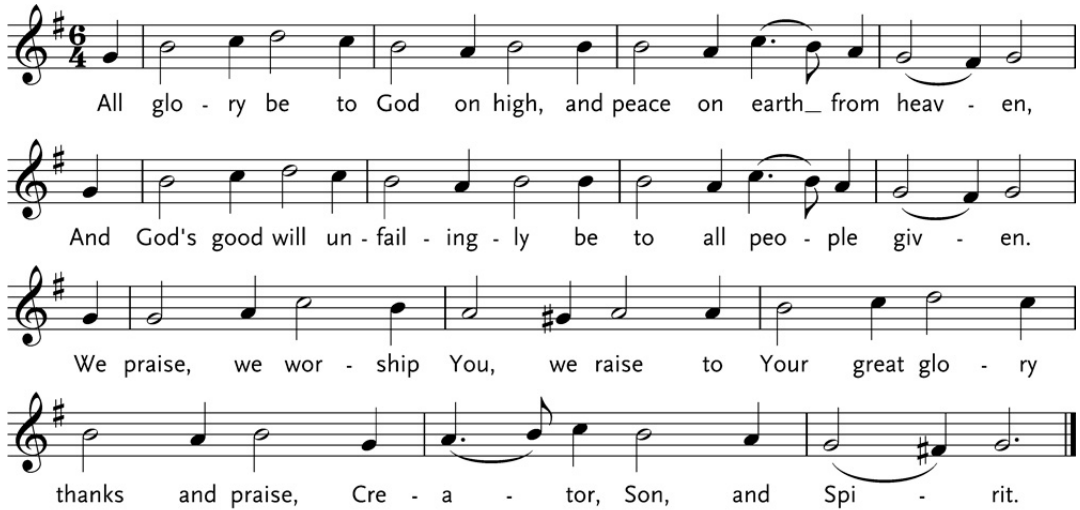


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### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON



\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth\_ from heav - en,  
 And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.  
 We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry  
 thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit.

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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 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.*

LITANY OF PARTING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

SOLO

Acquaint Now Thyself with Him • *Michael Head (1900–1976)*

*Text: Job 22; Psalms 96 & 99; Micah 6*

Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace;  
 Thereby good shall come unto thee.  
 Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace.  
 Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy hill.  
 For the Lord our God is holy.  
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
 Fear before him all the earth.  
 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.  
 Bring an offering, and come unto his courts.  
 Wherewith shall I come before the Lord,  
 And bow myself before the most high God?  
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings?  
 He hath showed thee O man what is good  
 And what doth the Lord require of thee,

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But to do justly, and to love mercy  
And to walk humbly with thy God.  
Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace;  
Thereby good shall come unto thee.  
Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of 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*

#### **“The View from Here, XVII”**

#### \* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

*from Reinhold Niebuhr*

**God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.**  
**Living one day at a time,  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;  
taking, as Jesus did,  
this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
trusting that You will make all things right  
if I surrender to Your will;  
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.**

\* SONG RESPONSE

You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal - va - tion,  
 And on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore cre - a - tion.  
 You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own, and, with the Spir - it,  
 You a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

OFFERTORY SOLO

Beautiful City, from *Godspell* • Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)

Out of the ruins and rubble, out of the smoke,  
 Out of our night of struggle,  
 Can we see a ray of hope?  
 One pale thin ray, reaching for the day:

*Refrain*

We can build a beautiful city,  
 Yes, we can, yes, we can.  
 We can build a beautiful city,  
 Not a city of angels, but we can build a city of man.

We may not reach the ending, but we can start  
 Slowly but truly mending,  
 Brick by brick, heart by heart.  
 Now, maybe now, we start learning how: *Refrain*

When your trust is all but shattered,  
 When your faith is all but killed,  
 You can give up, bitter and battered,  
 Or you can slowly start to build: *Refrain*

\* 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.**

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\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

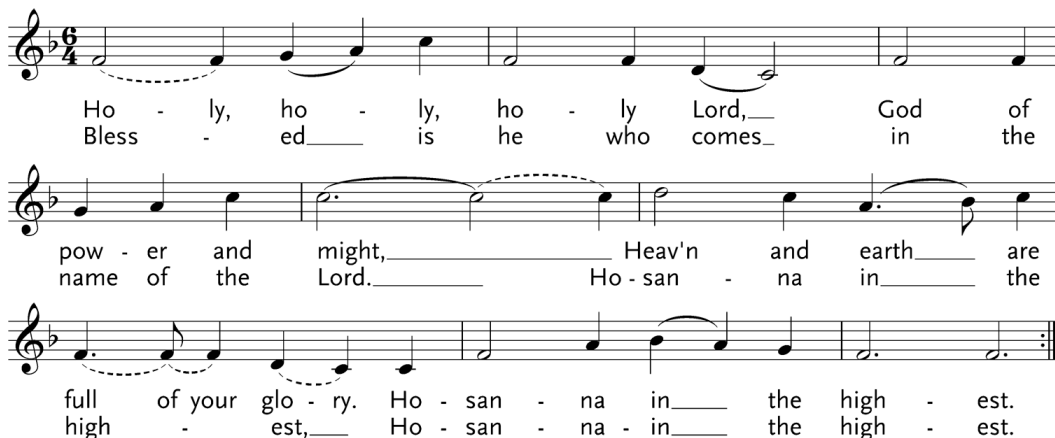
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,  
and for Jesus Christ, in whom your fullness dwells.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us. Rising from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, he prays for us. Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.  
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup  
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion  
in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.  
 Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,  
 that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.  
 We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,  
 in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.



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#### 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.**

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

##### COMMUNION SOLO

Lord God of Abraham, from *Elijah*  
*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel;  
 This day let it be known that Thou art God,  
 And that I am thy servant!  
 Lord God of Abraham!

O show to all this people that I have done these things  
 according to thy word.

O hear me, Lord, and answer me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel;

O hear me and answer me,

and show this people that thou art Lord God.

And let their hearts again be turned!

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

##### \* HYMN 774

##### **There Is Now a New Creation**

##### \* BENEDICTION

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



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\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*  
*Text by R. Gordon Nodwell*

May the blessing of God be upon you.  
May God's love light all your way.  
May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.  
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.  
May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat major, BWV 560  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by:  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Shafiq Hicks, *Baritone*

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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, 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

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

### Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Church.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Coffee Hour.** Weber Terrace & Living Room and online.
- Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.
- 11:30 am** **Legacy Circle Lunch.** Bonnell Hall.

### This Week

- Mon June 3** **Sages.** Zoom. Email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) to learn more.
- Wed June 5** **Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • Zoom & 6th floor conference room.
- Thu June 6** **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.
- Fri June 7** **Family Camp.** Holmes Presbyterian Camp.
- Sat June 8** **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)).

### Coming Up

- Wed June 12** **Asian American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • Zoom & 6th floor conference room.
- FAYA at the Philharmonic!** 8 pm • Central Park. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to learn more.
- Thu June 13** **Dad's Night Out.** 6 pm. All dads are invited to join the Rev. Werner Ramirez for a drink after work. Visit [fapc.org/dads](http://fapc.org/dads) to learn more.
- Sat June 15** **College Brunch.** 11 am. Join the Rev. Werner Ramirez and other college students home for the summer. Visit [fapc.org/college](http://fapc.org/college) to register.
- Fri June 21** **Women's Summer Retreat.** 12 pm. Visit [fapc.org/retreat](http://fapc.org/retreat) to learn more.
- Sun June 23** **Margaret Shafer Picnic.** 12 pm • Bonnell Hall. Visit [fapc.org/shafer](http://fapc.org/shafer) to learn more.
- Sat June 29** **FAYA Prom.** 7 pm • Bonnell Hall. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to learn more.
- Sun June 30** **Pride Parade!** 12 pm. Join FAYA and other members as we show our pride to New York City. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org) to learn more.

### Next Sunday • Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Summoned to the Rampart" • Habakkuk 1:1-5; 2:1-4

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Summer Schedule**

Today we continue our summer schedule of one Sunday Worship at 10 am. We will keep this schedule until Homecoming Sunday, September 8.

### **Monday, June 3: Sages**

If you are an older adult or seasoned member of this community looking for connection, come join our next Sages meeting! Email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) if you would like to participate.

### **Wednesday, June 12: FAYA Philharmonic Concert in Central Park**

One of the most celebrated events of the summer is the Philharmonic concert in Central Park! Grab your picnic blanket, some food and a drink and meet other members of the Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) on Central Park's Great Lawn. To get the best seats, come early. Can't wait to see you there! Questions? Email [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).

### **Thursday, June 13: Dad's Night Out**

All dads are invited to join new dad the Rev. Werner Ramirez for a drink after work. This will be a relaxed and informal gathering where we can swap stories and laugh about what it means to be a dad today. Come out and have a fun evening with other fathers! We'll choose a location near the church in the next few weeks. Register online at [fapc.org/dads](http://fapc.org/dads). See you at 6 pm on June 13!

### **Sunday, June 16: Chapel Church in the Sanctuary!**

Join us on Sunday, June 16, at 10 am in the Sanctuary for a special Chapel Church-style service. Come experience the Chapel Church band, the Holy Interruption, written prayer, and all the creativity of this special contemporary worship celebration. If you haven't experienced Chapel Church before, this is your chance to see how the Spirit moves there. See you at 10 am on June 16!

### **Sunday, June 16: Juneteenth Coffee Hour**

On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger brought emancipation to Galveston, Texas, ending slavery in America at the close of the Civil War. Come learn about the history and significance of Juneteenth, a holiday celebrating this important moment for our nation.

### **Friday, June 21: Women's Summer Retreat**

Research says it takes 72 hours for a group to form. That truth is what makes retreats so powerful! Over the course of one weekend, you will not only go deeper in your faith, but deeper in relationships. Join us as we get out of town for a weekend of sabbath, laughter, games, conversation, food, and study. Give yourself this gift of time and connection. To learn more and register, visit [fapc.org/retreat](http://fapc.org/retreat). We'd love to see you there!

### **Sunday, June 23: Margaret Shafer Picnic**

Every summer, Fifth Avenue volunteers serve a picnic lunch to our neighbors experiencing homelessness or in need of a relaxed meal among friends. This event is named in honor of the late Margaret Shafer, our former associate for outreach and a beloved friend and advocate of the homeless in our community. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success by helping with the event set-up, welcoming guests, serving the meal, making desserts, being part of the fellowship, and more! To learn more and register, please visit [fapc.org/shafer](http://fapc.org/shafer).

## 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; our summer hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 am. 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).



## 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. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

John Wyatt, *Clerk of Session* • Meg Sheehan, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

### Class of 2024

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