



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024 • 11:00 AM



John August Swanson, *Entry Into The City*, 2012

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

*Sonata Eroica pour Grand Orgue, op. 94  
Joseph Jongen (1873–1953)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Kirsten Aiello*

*from Zechariah 9*

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

**All: triumphant and victorious is he,**

One: humble and riding on a donkey,

**All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

One: Let us worship God, tender and just.

### PROCESSIONAL

**HYMNS 196 & 197**

*We will sing these hymns in alternating fashion, beginning with the refrain and verse 1 of **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** (#196), followed by verse 1 of **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** (#197), and so on through all the verses of each hymn.*

### \* 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;**

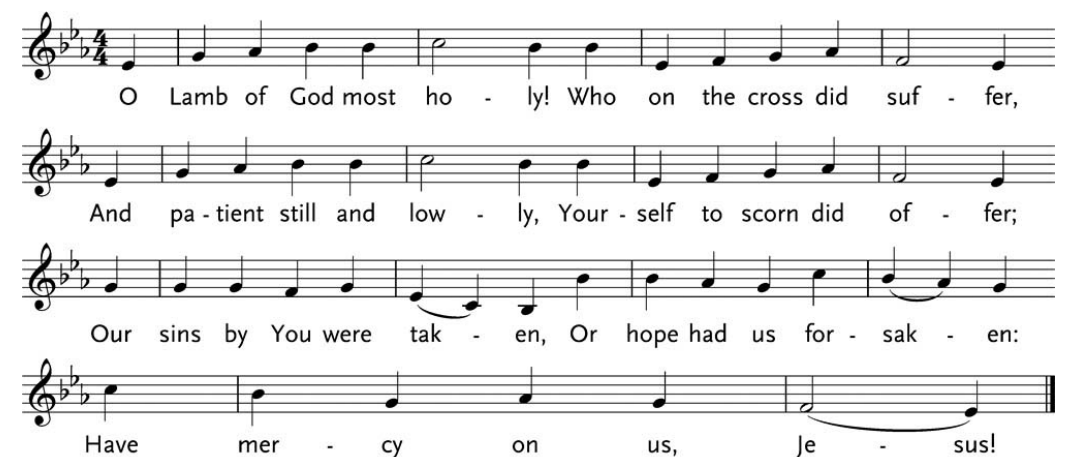
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**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 Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,  
And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;  
Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for - sak - en:  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!

Music: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541 - O LAMM GOTTES. Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541, trans. Arthur Tozer Russell, (1806-1874).

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul,  
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
 To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
 To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
 All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM  
*The Choirs of Fifth Avenue  
 Presbyterian Church*

Shout, Sing, Celebrate • *Joel Raney (b. 1956)*  
*Refrain*  
*Shout, sing, celebrate, Jesus is riding by.*  
*Dance with joy, clap your hands, lift praises to the sky.*  
*Shout, sing, celebrate, let out a triumph cry.*  
*Everyone shout, "Hosanna!" Waving the palm branches high.*  
 See, he comes in majesty, riding the humble beast.  
 The children with their joyous sounds join the triumphant feast.  
*Refrain*  
 Bowing low the people praise; humbleness fills each heart.  
 Thanking God for such a day, when all of their shadows depart.  
*Refrain*

*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*

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David • *Thomas Weelkes (d. 1623)*  
*Text: Matthew 21:9*

Hosanna to the Son of David.  
 Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.  
 Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 21:1-11*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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 Resilient Crowd"**

\* RESPONSE OF FAITH

*from Philippians 2:5-11*

**Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,  
 did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,  
 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
 being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form,  
 he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point of death—  
 even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name that is above every name,  
 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
 Amen.**



\* HYMN 211

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

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. Natalie Owens-Pike*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus  
*Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Ride on, King Jesus,  
Ride on, the conquering king.  
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on.  
No man can a-hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun.  
No man can a-hinder thee.  
But now my race is almost done.  
No man can a-hinder thee.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse.  
No man can a-hinder thee.  
The river of Jordan he did cross.  
No man can a-hinder thee.  
He's the King and the Lord.  
He's the first and the last.  
He's the Lord of Lords.  
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

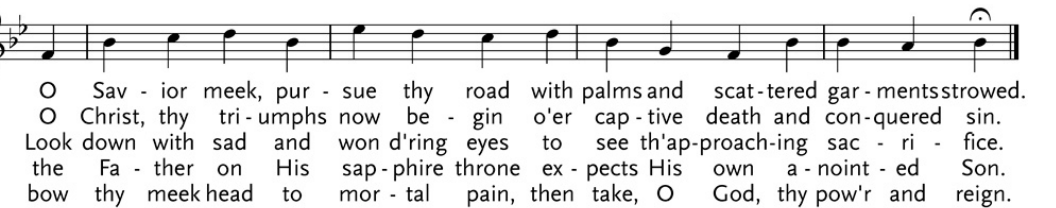
\* DOXOLOGY

**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

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!



Music: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690 - WINCHESTER NEW. Text: Henry Hart Milman, 1821

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

A Celtic Prayer • *Barry Peters, Text: Traditional*

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
walk with you on the road.  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
stretch out your hands to serve.  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
open up your hearts to love.  
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,  
And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur Triomphale*, op. 47, no. 2  
*Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)*

The ministry of music this morning is offered by:  
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir & Community Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*  
Children's Choir and Youth  
Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director* • Jacob Robinson, *Percussionist* • Joseph Vaz, *Pianist*

## ABOUT THE PARAMENTS

Today, with the start of Holy Week, our paraments change to vivid red and black. These colors are present in the stoles worn by the clergy and in the pulpit banner that features the symbols of this sacred week. A palm and the Passover Lamb are set against a looming cross on the hill of Calvary. The paraments will change again for Easter. Look for the Lamb of God to reappear next Sunday, but in a new light. Our paraments feature the traditional colors and symbols of the liturgical seasons. They help us mark the seasons of the Christian year in beautiful and tangible ways.



## 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 Cajiuat, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell, Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook, 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 6, 2024: Dave J. Stiemke, beloved brother of Paula Andrews.

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

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Little Lambs, Sunday School, and Youth Group.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. <b>Chapel Church.</b> Jones Auditorium.
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Children's Choir.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
<b>11 am</b>	<b>Worship.</b> Sanctuary & Livestream.
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Children's Church.</b> LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
<b>12 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Hour.</b> Bonnell Hall and online. <b>Tour the Church.</b> Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Bagels &amp; Bible.</b> 7th Floor Conference Room.

### This Week

<b>Tue Mar 26</b>	<b>Weekly Word Bible Study.</b> 12 pm. For more information, please contact Jaime Staehle ( <a href="mailto:bible-study@fapc.org">bible-study@fapc.org</a> ).
<b>Thu Mar 28</b>	<b>Career Directions.</b> 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom ( <a href="mailto:membership@fapc.org">membership@fapc.org</a> ) for the link. <b>Maundy Thursday.</b> 6:30 pm • Sanctuary & livestream. The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.
<b>Fri Mar 29</b>	<b>Good Friday.</b> 12 – 3 pm • Sanctuary & livestream. A contemplative service of Scripture, reflection, and sacred music.
<b>Sat Mar 30</b>	<b>Meals on Heels.</b> 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to homebound neighbors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt ( <a href="mailto:moh@fapc.org">moh@fapc.org</a> ).

### Coming Up

<b>Sun Mar 31</b>	<b>FAYA Easter Tex Mex Lunch.</b> 12:30 pm • Weber Terrace. The Fifth Avenue Young Adults celebrate an Easter feast. Register online at <a href="http://fapc.org/events">fapc.org/events</a> .
<b>Fri April 5</b>	<b>FAYA Spring Retreat.</b> Holmes Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center.
<b>Sat April 6</b>	<b>Meals on Heels.</b> 8:30 am. Bonnell Hall.
<b>Sun April 7</b>	<b>CREDO: Foundations of Christian Theology - The Confession of 1967.</b> 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. Instructor: Rev. Dr. Jonah So.

### Next Sunday

#### Easter: Resurrection of the Lord

“The Life Resilient” • Luke 24:1-12 • *The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*  
9:30 am & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Today: Last Day to Submit Names to the Easter Memorial Flower Fund

The Easter Flower Fund is an opportunity for you to honor loved ones who have passed away. Memorial donations help to cover the cost of the flowers that fill the Sanctuary on Easter morning. The names of those you honor will be published in the Easter bulletin. A donation of \$25 per honoree is suggested. Please submit your names by the end of today at [fapc.org/flowers](http://fapc.org/flowers) to ensure they will appear in the Easter bulletin..

### Sunday, March 31: 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! Join us for a weekend of fellowship, games, keynote, small group and late night chats around the fire. Last year we took our biggest group ever—close to 50 people. This year, we hope to do the same. We would love to have you join us! Cost is \$170 including transportation. Limited scholarships are available. Sign up at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events) or email [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).

### Sunday, April 7: CREDO: 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 20th 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. On April 7, 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 for a Saturday lunch out on the town! Register today at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events). The Rev. Sarah A. Speed will sort participants into small groups of five or six and provide each group with 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.

## GETTING CONNECTED

### 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		

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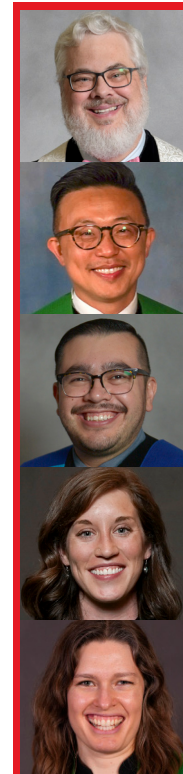
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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Greg Dow	Kelly Baer	Brendan Birth
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Lydia Kalmen	Jane Henn	Jeanne Lehman French
Shane Markstrum	Sarah McKoy	Bruce Ramsden
Auguste Nipabi	Jeannine Rodgers	Susan Roberson
Joyce Nolen	Chad Schepp	Betsy Ross
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## Holy Week & Easter Services

We invite you to complete your Lenten journey with us and join our joyous celebration of Easter. Our services are listed below. **All services (except the early Easter service) are available on livestream.** You will find additional details at [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship).

### Maundy Thursday: Communion & Tenebrae Service

6:30 pm, March 28 • Sanctuary  
The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.

### Good Friday: Service of Sacred Music & Reflection

12–3 pm, March 29 • Sanctuary  
You are welcome to attend all or part of this three-hour service.

### Easter: Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 am & 11:15 am, March 31 • Sanctuary  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

*We invite you to bring fresh-cut flowers on Easter morning  
to adorn the Cross on Fifth Avenue.*

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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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