



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 24, 2022 • 11:00 AM



Lauren Wright Pittman, *Grieving Thomas (Thomas Meets the Risen Christ)*

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, 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 tons 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

Welcome

We’d love to connect! Please scan the QR code or fill out a Connect Card that you will find in your pew. You can fill it out online, or place the card into an offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance.) The folks at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries and programs. Our Sanctuary Doors open at 10 am every Sunday.

These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print bulletin please ask an usher.

Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, but you may want to take advantage of the first 10 rows on the far north side, which we have equipped for families with young children. You will find children’s Bibles and children’s worship bulletins in the pews, as well as easy access to our Family Room, located just outside the Sanctuary. We also provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am until 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at fapc.org.

Worship Resources Online

Head to fapc.org for information about future worship services. Our weekly video service, Light, Leaven & Salt, is available throughout the week at fapc.org/worship. This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at fapc.org/pray.

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. Ask for discount coupons at the 55th Street reception desk.

In response to Covid-19, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church recommends that **all in-person worshippers be fully vaccinated and boosted**. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, we ask you to “love your neighbors” by staying at home and worshipping via Livestream.



We provide mask-required and mask-optional areas in our Sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.

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

Cuatro Piezas para la Misa · José Lidón (1748–1827)

I. Cantabile, II. Ofertorio, III. Elevación, IV. Allegro

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Darby Blaker

from Psalm 150

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God in the sanctuary.

One: Praise God in the vault of heaven.

All: Praise God in the earth and skies.

One: Sing praises to the Lord.

All: Shout and sing praises to God.

One: We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

All: We have seen the Lord's greatness.

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

All: Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!

* HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

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

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

* SUNG RESPONSE

O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do all our
in - most hearts pos - sess; O Lord of all, with us a -
bide In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

Music: Trier ms., 15th century; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609 · PUER NOBIS NASCITUR.

Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heav - en 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.**

*Children (pre-K through fifth grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Church.
If this is your child's first time at Fifth Avenue, please come downstairs with them.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SOLO O Rest in the Lord, from *Elijah* • Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)
 Text: Psalm 37:7
 O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him,
 And he shall give thee thy heart's desires.
 Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him,
 And fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 20:19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he

said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

"Therefore...We Have Room to Doubt"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Confession of 1967* PC(USA)

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. Amen.**

* HYMN 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

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 SOLO

O Divine Redeemer • *Charles Gounod (1818–1893)*

Ah, turn me not away, receive me though unworthy.
Hear thou my cry, hear thou my cry,
Behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from thy throne,
Haste thee, Lord, to mine aid!
Thy pity show in my deep anguish,
Thy pity show in my deep anguish.
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
Though righteous thine anger, O Lord!
Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On thee, Lord, alone will I call!
O divine Redeemer, O divine Redeemer!
I pray thee grant me pardon, and remember not
Remember not my sins! Forgive me!
O divine Redeemer!
I pray thee, grant me pardon
And remember not,
Remember not, O Lord, my sins!
Night gathers round my soul
Fearful, I cry to thee,
Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste thee, Lord, haste to help me!
Hear my cry, hear my cry
Save me, Lord in thy mercy;
Hear my cry, hear my cry!
Come and save me, O Lord!
O divine Redeemer! O divine Redeemer!
I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not
Remember not, O Lord, my sins!
Save in the day of retribution
From death shield thou me, O my God!
O divine Redeemer, have mercy!
Help me Savior!

* 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 246

Christ Is Alive!

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in E-flat major, op. 99 no. 3
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

The ministry of music this morning is offered by:
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Sharon Byrne, *Mezzo-soprano*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If You Are in Need of Prayer

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

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley
Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi
Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen
David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV
Patricia L. (DeLue) Glimpse, Wanda Roush Hannan, Maggie Hendrix, Juliet Kaldanie
Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry
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Spencer Robert Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason
Betty Ty, Henny Waisapy, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler
Doris Wurgler

If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Kristia Tolode (congregationalcare@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

- 9:30 am** **The Word is Out.** Boardroom.
- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs & Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** Kirkland Chapel & La Dane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
- Tour of the Church.** Join us for weekly tours of the Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and the Columbarium. After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "tour starts here" sign.
- 12:45 pm** **Credo: Docetism.** Bonnell Hall. Rev. Ramirez kicks off this popular Christian Education series. Each of the four CREDO Lectures will be offered on Monday on our YouTube Channel, *FAPCinNYC*. Sign up at fapc.org/events.
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This Week

- Thu April 28** **Fifth Avenue Community Choir.** 6 pm · Jones Auditorium. All are welcome.
- Fri April 29** **Friday Night Meetup.** 7 pm · LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Youth in grades 6-12 can join us for games and Bible Study.
- Sat April 30** **Meals on Heels Volunteers Needed.** 8:30 am · Bonnell Hall. Join us for weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Advance signup is required by emailing moh@fapc.org.
- Sun May 1** **CREDO: The Heresy of Donatism.** 12:30 pm · Bonnell Hall. Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston. Sign up at fapc.org/credo.

Coming Up

- Sat May 7** **Fifth Avenue Serves.** Register at fapc.org/events for our annual, all-congregation day of service.
- Sun May 8** **CREDO: The Heresy of Pelagianism.** 12:45 pm · Bonnell Hall. Instructor: The Rev. Sarah A. Speed. Sign up at fapc.org/credo.
- Sun May 15** **CREDO: The Heresy of Arianism.** 12:45 pm · Bonnell Hall. Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Jonah So. Sign up at fapc.org/credo.

Next Sunday · Third Sunday of Easter
"Therefore...We Break Bread" · John 21:1-14
The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

CREDO: Essentials of Christian Theology

Throughout history, Christians have come to understand their faith not only by what they do believe, but also by what they do not believe. You will be surprised at how interesting, relevant and inspiring these theological mistakes can be! Join us Sundays at 12:45 pm in the Corning Logan Room. Sign up at fapc.org/events. Each CREDO lecture will be available on Monday via our YouTube Channel, *FAPCinNYC*.

- Sunday, April 24 · The Heresy of Docetism | The Rev. Werner Ramirez
- Sunday, May 1 · The Heresy of Donatism | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston
- Sunday, May 8 · The Heresy of Pelagianism | The Rev. Sarah A. Speed
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Fifth Avenue Serves

Final week to sign up! Be the hands and feet of Jesus for our annual day of service. Fifth Avenue will mobilize volunteers across our community to serve our mission partners, including new partners who joined us during the pandemic. Volunteer sites include: Meals on Heels, Holmes Camp and Retreat Center, The Farminary, Search and Care, Urban Outreach Center and WANA Community Resource Center, Register now so we can alert these mission sites that Fifth Avenue is here to help on Saturday, May 7. Head to fapc.org/events to sign up.

Wine and Scripture: An Evening with the Spirits

Wine is an important feature in the Bible and in the Christian tradition. Our Outreach and 20s + 30s ministries invite you for a wine flight and an evening of fellowship on Thursday, May 12 at 6 pm. We'll touch on the centrality of wine in Scripture and other themes of farming, creation, climate, shame, and the Kingdom of God. This is an in-person event, with wine and appetizers. The participation fee is \$20.00. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

CouplesPlus Sunset Gathering

CouplesPlus is hosting a sunset gathering honoring Associate Pastor Emeritus Randy Weber and his wife, Cindy on Saturday, May 14 at 6 pm. CouplesPlus is open to all Fifth Avenue singles and friends and will host this joyful event on the soon-to-be-dedicated Weber Terrace. Light refreshments and beverages will be served and the cost is \$60 per person. Secure your reservation by emailing couplesplus@fapc.org.

Youth Outing: Beat the Paint Bomb

Let's Beat the Paint Bomb! Don't miss this team-working, puzzle solving, laser dodging, experience on Friday, May 20. The cost is \$40, and scholarships are available. At 6 pm, we will meet at the Shake Shack by Brooklyn Bridge Park for dinner and then walk over to the Beat the Bomb site. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

Fifth Avenue Service Trips

To join Fifth Avenue on one of our three upcoming trips, head to fapc.org/events and sign up.

- Youth Trip to The Center in Baltimore, July 24–30
- Adult Education trip to Oberammergau Passion Play, September 26–October 4
- Outreach Ministries Trip to the Appalachia, July 31–August 6

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • Erica Moffett, *Clerk of Session*

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The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, *Parish Associate*

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Let's Connect!

Engage with us

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Serve with us

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Join Fifth Avenue for the Eastertide Sermon Series, “Therefore...”

Theologian David Johnson has remarked, “God loves us. No ‘if’ comes after this statement of belief. There is no ‘maybe’ following this creed. But there is, for Christians, a ‘therefore...’”

This Eastertide, the clergy of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will offer their versions of “therefore”— their understandings of what the love of God means for us and calls forth from us.

Worship with us Sundays at 11 am EDT in the Sanctuary, on Livestream at fapc.org/live and on demand.

Sunday, April 24 · Therefore... We Have Room to Doubt

Sunday, May 1 · Therefore... We Break Bread

Sunday, May 8 · Therefore... We Follow

Sunday, May 15 · Therefore... The Tent is Big

Sunday, May 22 · Therefore... We Are Filled Beyond Measure

Sunday, May 29 · Therefore... We Are Liberated

Sunday, June 5 · Therefore... We Speak with Fire

Sunday, June 12 · Therefore... We Leave the Porch Light On



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