

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TRINITY SUNDAY
MAY 26, 2024 • 10:00 AM



Lauren Wright Pittman, For Those In Darkness, 2018

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 if off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at *fapc.org/welcome*. Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opporunities.

▶ 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 <code>fapc.org/playback</code>. This morning's Prayers of the People can be found at <code>fapc.org/pray</code>. Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at <code>fapc.org/this-sunday</code>. For information about future worship services, visit <code>fapc.org/worship</code>.

→ 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 in E-flat major, BWV 552 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Janeen Sarlin

One: Tell me, what do you seek?

All: I seek my God, the Creator, my home.

One: Tell me, what do you need?

All: I need community.

I need people who know my name.

One: Tell me, what do you long for?

All: I long for joy after grief. I long for reasons to hope.

One: Tell me, what do your prayers sound like?

All: My prayers are full of "Help me," "Thank you,"

"I'm sorry," and "wow."

One: You and I are the same, so listen as I say—

God is here. The Spirit is near.

All: There is no sweeter news than this!

One: Let us worship God!

All: Let us worship the one

who turns mourning to dancing.

* HYMN 1 Holy, Holy, Holy

* CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

* 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

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^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit.



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* Assurance of Pardon

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM
Fifth Avenue Choir and
Community Choir

Psalm 150 • César Franck (1822–1890)

Alleluia! O Praise ye the Lord, Praise God in his temple.

Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power.

O praise him for his might, and the greatness of his wonders:

O praise him, praise him according to his majesty.

Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

Praise the Lord with the lute and the harp.

Praise the Lord with the timbrel. Praise the Lord with the dance.

O praise him with the organ and instruments of strings.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

How Can I Keep From Singing?

American Folk Hymn, arr. Ronald Staheli (b. 1947)

My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation, I hear the real, though far-off hymn That hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife,

I hear that music ringing; It sounds an echo in my soul: How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, And hear their death-knells ringing, When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing? In prison cell or dungeon vile Our thoughts to them are winging, When friends by shame are undefiled,

How can I keep from singing?

What if my joys and comforts die, I know that Truth is living.

What though the darkness 'round me close,

How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that Rock I'm clinging;

Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth:

How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin,

I see the blue above it.

And day by day this pathway smooths,

Since first I learned to love it.

The peace from love makes fresh my heart,

A song of hope is springing.

All things are mine since Truth I've found:

How can I keep from singing?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 16:16-22

"A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me." Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying to us, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They said, "What does he mean by this 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you

discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

"Mourning to Dancing"

* Affirmation of Faith

From the Iona Community

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God Who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith

That takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability. and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put us on the line; to bear responsibility, to take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.

Amen.

* HYMN 276

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Kate Dunn

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.

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

Offertory Anthem

CALL TO GIVE

Jubilate Deo • William Walton (1902–1983)

Text: Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness,

And come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

It is he that hath made us, And not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,

And into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

World without end. Amen.

* 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 295 Go to the World!

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE May God Who Creates You • Louise Skibsted

May God who creates you give you light; May God who sustains you make you wise; May God who protects you give you joy; May God who surrounds you give you peace.

POSTLUDE Fugue in E-flat major ("St. Anne"), BWV 552 • J.S. Bach

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 • Rachel Mikol and Rebecca Soelberg, Sopranos
Devony Smith, Mezzo-soprano • Wilson Nichols, Tenor • Christopher Seefeldt, Bass

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WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day when Christians throughout the world traditionally acknowledge and celebrate the doctrine of the Trinity, or the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday has been widely celebrated in the Western church on the first Sunday after Pentecost since the 13th century. Some references to the Trinity are made in several of the musical selections this morning, from the triune "Holy, Holy, Holy" of the opening hymn to the Trinitarian musical symbolism embedded throughout Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major.

J.S. Bach's monumental Prelude and Fugue in E-flat major is one of the great masterpieces for organ. The prelude is composed in what is known as the *French overture* style, a Baroque genre consisting of two contrasting musical ideas: a grand section with snappy, dotted rhythms, followed by a section of quickly-moving fugal material. This particular musical form was created in the 1650s by the famous French Baroque opera composer, Jean-Baptiste Lully; it was incredibly popular and came to be widely imitated throughout Europe. Bach, the greatest stylistic synthesizer, employed the French overture style often, especially in the opening movements of his instrumental suites. In this morning's prelude, Bach creates a powerful sense of unity by alternating between the grand and fugal sections throughout. He brings the piece to a triumphant and decisive conclusion by repeating the opening material at the end, a technique in musical composition known as "recapitulation".

The stunning fugue is nicknamed "St. Anne" because its primary subject bears a strong resemblance to the hymn tune by that name, known to most of us as "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past". Written at the height of Bach's compositional powers, this fugue is an incredibly expressive feat of musical ingenuity. It is composed in three major sections, the first of which is written in the *stile antico*, or "the old style": in Bach's time, composers would sometimes evoke musical styles of previous generations, especially late-Renaissance choral music by composers such as Palestrina. This old style is characterized by strict counterpoint and lines that are vocal in nature. This old-fashioned exposition gives way to a second section which introduces faster, more elaborate material in what is known as the *stile moderno*, or "the modern style". The musical lines in this section are much more florid and instrumental in character – one would be hard-pressed to sing them! In the third and final section of the fugue, these two seemingly contrasting styles are brought together in a brilliant synthesis: the old is merged with the new in a statement of musical cohesion and unity that continues to inspire centuries after its composition.

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:

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

Faithful Departed:

May 8, 2024: Fred Cannon, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. **Please note the date change: Fifth Avenue will host a memorial service on** <u>Thursday, June 27, at 5 pm.</u> A reception will follow.

April 24, 2024: Larry Ray Seefeldt—beloved brother of Christopher, Samantha, Mary Ann, Stephanie, and Michael; beloved son of Patricia and Larry, and beloved father of Olivia.

May 19, 2024: Leonard C. Gasiewicz—beloved brother of Barbara Gliwa and brother-in-law of Paul Gliwa.

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, 212.247.0490).

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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 and online.
	Tour the Church. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.
11:30 am	Bagels & Bible Study. 7th Floor Conference Room. All 40s are welcome!
This Week	
Mon May 27	Memorial Day Holiday. Building closed.
Wed May 29	Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
Thu May 30	Career Directions. 10 am • Zoom. A weekly online gathering for job seekers or anyone seeking career guidance. Contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom (membership@fapc.org) for the link.
Sat June 1	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).
	FAYA Silent Disco. 6 pm • Riverside Park. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at youngadults@fapc.org to learn more.
Coming Up	
Sun June 2	Worship. 10 am • Sanctuary and Livestream.
	Legacy Circle Luncheon. 11:30 am • Bonnell Hall.
Fri June 7– Sun June 9	Family Camp. Holmes Presbyterian Camp. To learn more visit <i>fapc.org/camp</i> or email Jaime Staehle at <i>familyministries@fapc.org</i> .
Wed June 12	FAYA at the Philharmonic! 8 pm • Central Park. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at <i>youngadults@fapc.org</i> 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 <i>fapc.org/dads</i> to learn more.
Sat June 15	College Brunch. 11 am. Join the Rev. Werner Ramirez and other college students home for the summer. Visit <i>fapc.org/college</i> to register.
Fri June 21	Women's Summer Retreat. 12 pm. Visit fapc.org/retreat to learn more.
Thu June 27	Memorial Service for Fred Cannon. 5 pm • Sanctuary. Reception to follow.

Next Sunday · Second Sunday after Pentecost

During worship we will recognize the dedicated volunteers who have served the church this year.

"The View from Here, XVII" • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

News & Events

Summer Schedule

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

Saturday, June 1: Silent Disco in Riverside Park

Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) are kicking off the summer with a dance party under the stars! Meet Rev. Sarah at Pier I in Riverside Park between 6 and 10 pm for food, drinks, and dancing. Headphones are free! Food and drink will be available for purchase. Questions? Email youngadults@fapc.org.

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 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 us in Central Park! To get the best seats, come early. Can't wait to see you there! Questions? Email youngadults@fapc.org.

Thurday, 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*. See you at 6 pm on June 13!

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 seventy-two 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 relationships. To learn more and register, visit *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, part of our longstanding befriending ministry, 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.

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*.

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 <code>fapc.org/community-groups</code>, or contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom, director of engagement (<code>membership@fapc.org</code>).

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* 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 <code>fapc.org/family</code>. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, <code>familyministries@fapc.org</code>).

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 or on Instagram @fapcfaya. Or contact Sarah (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 to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, 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 <code>fapc.org/choirs</code> 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

Holmes Camp and Retreat Center

Ministry of Hope Lesotho

Urban Outreach Center NYC

West Side Federation for Senior

and Supportive Housing

To learn more, visit *fapc.org/outreach*, or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, *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*.

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.

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*

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Prepare for baptism
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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org
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Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org
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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



Summer Schedule Reminder

This morning we begin our summer schedule of a single Sunday Worship at 10 am, in the Sanctuary and on livestream. We will keep this schedule until Homecoming Sunday, September 8.

Support the Church

Scan this code using the camera on your smartphone and follow the instructions to make a secure donation to our ministries.

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Monday, May 27, the building will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Summer Building Hours

Monday – Friday

9 am – 5 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am - 12 pm









