



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 3, 2022 • 10:00 AM



Plaque from an altar retable showing the cleansing of Naaman, made in the Meuse Valley, ca. 1150–60

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

## WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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### Connect with Us

We invite you to look for the Connect Card in your pew (or ask an usher if you do not find it). You can submit it online using the QR code, or fill it out and place into the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Also, visit the Welcome Table just inside the Fifth Avenue entrance, where our volunteers will be happy to provide information on all of our ministries and programs.

### Large-Print Bulletins

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

### Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are free 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 9:30 am until 11:30 am in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org).

### Worship Resources Online

A replay of today’s service will be available this afternoon at [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship). 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/calendar](http://fapc.org/worship/calendar).

### 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.

We recommend that all who worship with us in person be vaccinated (and boosted) against Covid-19. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, please stay home and worship with us via livestream. You will find the livestream service every week at [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship).



**We provide mask-required and mask-optional seating areas in the Sanctuary.**  
**Please ask an usher if you have 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

## Contemplation on “Repton” and “Laudate Dominum”

James Biery (b. 1956)

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Beverly Elmyra Johnson*

One: Call upon the Lord!  
I asked for help, and I was healed!

**All:** We asked for freedom,  
and we were given liberty beyond measure!  
**Praise God!**

One: Sing to the Lord, all you faithful;  
give thanks to God's holy name.

**All:** God turned our mourning into dancing!  
The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth  
and dressed us up in celebration!

One: Our hearts sing without ceasing!

**All:** O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

\* HYMN 35

## Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

## \* 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.

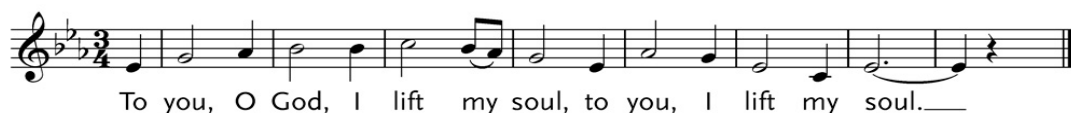
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO

There Is a Balm in Gilead • *Traditional, arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)*

*Refrain*

*There is a Balm in Gilead  
 To make the wounded whole,  
 There is a Balm in Gilead  
 To heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
 But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

*Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter; if you cannot pray like Paul,  
 You can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.

*Refrain*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking

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with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

#### SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

#### **"Bathing in Muddy Water"**

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Study Catechism*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

One: What difference does your faith in God's providence make when you struggle against bitterness and despair?

All: **When I suffer harm or adversity,  
my faith in God's providence upholds me  
against bitterness and despair.  
It reminds me when hope disappears  
that my heartache and pain are contained  
by a larger purpose and a higher power  
than I can presently discern.  
Even in grief, shame and loss,  
I can still cry out to God in lament,  
waiting on God to supply my needs,  
and to bring me healing and comfort. 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. Dr. Patricia Kitchen*

OFFERTORY SOLO

The Lord's Prayer • *Albert Hay Malotte (1895–1964)*

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done,  
In 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,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.

\* DOXOLOGY

***Hymn 606***

\* 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 of and the 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

*Panis angelicus* • César Franck (1822–1890)

<i>Panis angelicus</i>	The bread of the angels
<i>Fit panis hominum;</i>	Becomes the bread of humankind;
<i>Dat panis coelicus</i>	The heavenly bread
<i>Figuris terminum:</i>	Ends all symbols:
<i>O res mirabilis!</i>	Oh, miraculous thing!
<i>Manducat Dominum</i>	The body of the Lord will nourish
<i>Pauper, servus et humilis.</i>	The poor, and humble servant.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### \* HYMN 65

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

### \* BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Jubilee Overture ("My Country, 'Tis of Thee")  
Carl Maria von Weber (1786–1826), arr. W. T. Best (1826–1897)

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



## WORSHIP NOTES

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Today's festive Postlude is played in commemoration of the July 4th holiday. Carl Maria von Weber was one of the finest German composers of his time, along with other such luminaries as Ludwig van Beethoven and Franz Schubert. A composer of many operas and standalone overtures, Weber often composed in a lighthearted, comedic style. His *Jubilee Overture* is no exception, featuring spritely melodies and passages that sparkle with good humor. The *Jubilee Overture* was originally written for full orchestra; the version being played this morning was masterfully transcribed for organ by W. T. Best, an organist who was highly regarded throughout his career for his virtuosic arrangements and dazzling performances. The practice of arranging orchestral music for organ was extremely popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as it allowed the public more economical access to great music in the days prior to recordings. Weber cleverly builds the excitement in his overture to a thrilling and dramatic statement of the work's "big tune," "God Save the Queen," which is better known to U.S. citizens as "America," or, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." This melodic statement is played on the regal "Tuba" stops of the organ and brings the overture to a majestic, heroic conclusion.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karl Sukhdeo on his 50th birthday, from his family.***

### ***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:***

Candy Asman, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley, Bill Brown  
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  
Wanda Roush Hannan, Christopher Henderson, Maggie Hendrix, Juliet Kaldanie  
Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Richard J. Lawson  
Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Phyllis Oblander, Jeanne Pape  
Emmett Raitt, Dexter Ramcharan, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz  
Brian Smith, Rosabelle Smith, 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](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
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### This Week

- Sat July 9** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt, [moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org).
- FAYA Beach Day.** 11 am • Rockaway Beach. All those in their 20s and 30s are welcome. Want to know more? E-mail [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).

### Coming Up

- Sun July 10** **Believing & Belonging: Digital New Member Class, Session 1.** 2 pm • Zoom. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed and Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement. Visit [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events) to learn more and enroll.
- Sun July 17** **Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America.** 7 pm • Webinar. Dr. Randal Jelks leads a discussion of his new book, which addresses contemporary social issues through imagined letters to Martin Luther King, Jr. Sign up at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events).
- Believing & Belonging: Digital New Member Class, Session 2.** 2 pm • Zoom. Led by Rev. Sarah A. Speed and Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement. Visit [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events) to learn more and enroll.
- Sun July 24** **Fifth Avenue Youth Trip.** 7 am • Baltimore, Maryland. The Rev. Werner Ramirez leads our youth group to explore justice ministries at The Center, a community-based ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Contact: The Rev. Werner Ramirez ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).
- Sat July 30** **FAYA Long Island City Brewery Tour.** 4 pm • Long Island City. Join Fifth Avenue's young adults as we taste-test local brews. For details, email [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).
- Mon Aug 1 – Fri Aug 5** **Fifth Avenue Kids Camp.** 9:30 am – 4 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to join us for a week of fun! We also offer before- and after-care for an additional fee. To enroll your child, complete the enrollment form at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events).
- Thu Aug 4** **FAYA: Mets vs. Braves.** 7 pm • Citi Field. Come enjoy a night of baseball and help us cheer on the Mets! Tickets (\$20) are available for purchase at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events). Questions? E-mail [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).

**Next Sunday • Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
“Samaritan and Some More” • Luke 10:25-37  
The Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight, preaching.

**Have You Donated to the Kitchen Campaign?**

The Kitchen Campaign is more than halfway toward its fundraising goal of \$520,000. But we still have a way to go to bring this vital center of ministry into good repair. Our kitchen is integral to our service to the homebound elderly of Midtown, our neighbors on the streets and our own church community. The planned renovation in Bonnell Hall calls for new appliances and flooring, plumbing and electrical upgrades, and improved fire safety. Any contribution you can make to this important initiative will make a difference! To donate online, visit [fapc.org/kitchen](http://fapc.org/kitchen) and click the Donate Here button. You may also mail a check earmarked to the Kitchen Campaign to the business office, or call Richard Schexnider, director of finance, at 212.247.0490 ext 3044. Thank you for your generous support!

**Saturday: FAYA at the PLAYA**

Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) continue our “Home, Sweet Home” tour of favorite New York City haunts with a visit this Saturday (July 9) to Rockaway Beach. All 20s and 30s (and your friends) are welcome for an afternoon in the sun. Contact the Rev. Sarah Speed ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)) for details.

**Starting Next Sunday: Our Two-Week, Online New Member Class**

Are you looking for a place to belong, a way to grow deeper in your faith, or a community to call home? We invite you to join us the next two Sundays at 2 pm as we share our faith stories, and learn more about the Presbyterian tradition and the Fifth Avenue community. Whether or not you choose to become a member of this church, you will find this class an enriching experience. Enrollment is required. Locate this event at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events) and complete the registration form. Or contact the Rev. Sarah Speed ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

**Sign Up for Kids Camp, Aug. 1–5**

Families, sign up now for Fifth Avenue Kids Camp, a full week of games, music, Bible stories and more! Each morning begins with a God in our Food Truck Party, followed by acting, singing and dancing in the afternoon (with a performance for families on Friday). Children from pre-school through fifth grade are invited. Before- and after-care is available for an additional fee, and scholarships are available. To register, complete the registration form at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events), or email Jaime Staehle ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).

**July 17: Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America.**

We invite you to an evening webinar two weeks from today (July 17) as we welcome Dr. Randal Jelks, the author of *Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America*. Dr. Jelks is a professor of African and African American Studies and American Studies at the University of Kansas, and a friend and colleague of our associate pastor emeritus the Rev. Dr. Oscar McCloud. His book, written as a series of letters to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., addresses economic inequality, police brutality and other social issues.

**Staff Update: Communications & Development**

After two years as our director of communications & development, Kellie Picallo has left the church to begin a much-deserved sabbatical. During her tenure, Kellie led the church’s entry into livestreaming and shifted a large share of our program content to a video format. She also led two annual pledge campaigns to successful conclusions. We thank her for her service to the church. Tim Palmer Curl has returned to the staff on an interim basis as we begin the search for our next director of communications and development.

## 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. The Employment Advisory program offers monthly seminars on career-related issues. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org/adult-ed](http://fapc.org/adult-ed).

### 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 people of diverse backgrounds and families of all definitions to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs Nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday throughout the year; the current hours are 9:30 to 11:30 am. Our Sunday morning youth and children's programming is on break for the summer, but we have lots of special events that we'd love to have your youth and children join us for. Learn more (and register your child) at [fapc.org/family](http://fapc.org/family).

### Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA)

FAYA is a diverse group of curious, adventurous people who are centered in our faith. We offer a number of programs to make you feel at home. During the program year, we have a Wednesday evening gathering, service projects, social events, retreats and more. Throughout the summer, we focus on learning our city and fellowship. Join us! We're online at [fapc.org/faya](http://fapc.org/faya) and on Instagram @FAPCFAYA.

### Membership

When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. From the moment you walk through our doors, we invite you to be a part of our community. We want to learn your name, listen to your questions, and hear your story. Every step of the way, we choose you. In membership, you choose us. 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 may be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming online class. Visit [fapc.org/membership](http://fapc.org/membership) to learn more.

### 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 entry-level vocalists. Visit [fapc.org/choirs](http://fapc.org/choirs) to learn more about our choirs.

Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artisans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater. They offer a mainstage production every spring, staged readings, a cabaret and other events during the year. This ministry is currently on hiatus.

The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Visit [fapc.org/gallery](http://fapc.org/gallery) for our online exhibitions.

### **Outreach and Missions**

Outreach and Missions upholds the pulpit message of our pastors by serving those in need! Taking up cause, service and acting for vulnerable individuals and populations is our commitment to being light, leaven and salt. Our signature suite of Outreach programs includes: Homelessness and the David B. Skinner Shelter, Meals on Heels, the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, A Place at the Table and Mission Partners. Members from across the church landscape participate in Outreach and Missions' events, volunteer their time and talents, and offer their leadership on various program committees to ensure that vulnerable and in need populations are supported by Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. To learn more about Outreach and Missions, or to volunteer with our two feeding ministries, Meals on Heels or A Place at the Table, please email [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 visit [fapc.org/volunteer](http://fapc.org/volunteer).

### **Women's Association**

The Women's Association's Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held in November. Do you have donations? We gladly accept artwork, collectibles, new and gently used clothing, handbags, accessories and other items for this annual Joy of Christmas Bazaar. (No books, pots and pans, toys or electronics, please.) You may leave your items at the front desk at the 55th Street entrance. Future Women's Association programs will resume in the fall.

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*  
Porter Binks, *Clerk of Session* • John Wyatt, *Assistant Clerk of Session*  
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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It can take a bit of effort and courage to walk through the  
doors of a new church, so let us be the first to say,  
we are so glad you're here.**

Fifth Avenue looks and feels like a big church, and it is, but this community is also a family. We are a family that longs to learn your name and form lasting relationships! So, while you are here, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to an usher (dressed in black with a white flower on their lapel) or a member of the staff. We'd be delighted to meet you. Additionally, we encourage you to check out our website, our social media, and the program information listed in this bulletin. We have everything from Bible studies to service trips, community groups, book clubs, and more for every age and stage of life.

Rev. Sarah Speed and Ashley Gonzalez are leading a new member's class called Believing and Belonging. This membership class explores what it means to worship, serve, and be a part of the community at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in attending, we would love to have you. Please know that participation in this class does not mean you have to become a member. The class is for all people, both local and those who worship remotely. So, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome! The upcoming dates are July 10 and 17 online or Oct. 9 and 16 in person.

Welcome to the family. We're so glad you're here.  
Come back and see us soon.

With joy,

Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*  
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