



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 • 10:00 AM



Lauren Wright Pittman, *You Are Worthy*, 2022

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

# Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, gathered in the Sanctuary and online, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy or someone at our Welcome Table. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston  
Senior Pastor

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## ➔ **New to Fifth Avenue?**

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at [fapc.org/welcome](http://fapc.org/welcome). Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

## ➔ **Large-Print Bulletins**

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

## ➔ **Families with Children**

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

## ➔ **Worship Resources Online**

A replay of today’s service will be available this afternoon at [fapc.org/playback](http://fapc.org/playback). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray). Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at [fapc.org/this-sunday](http://fapc.org/this-sunday). For information about future worship services, visit [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship).

## ➔ **Parking**

We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park for up to three hours, seven days a week. Please provide your mobile phone number or an email address to the staff person at the 55th Street reception desk. You will receive a QR code to use at the garage. (The garage no longer provides physical validation stickers.)

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.  
Please **silence all electronic devices and do not take flash photos** during the service.*

### PRELUDE

Trio • *Julius Reubke (1834–1858)*

Pastourelle • *Fela Sowande (1905–1987)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Kelly Baer*

One: Our hope is in the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**All: Our help comes from the Lord,  
who is faithful and true.**

One: When darkness surrounds us, Christ is our light.

**All: When fear grips our hearts, Christ is our courage.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord,  
the source of all our hope.

**All: We worship with joy and confidence,  
for our hope is in Christ!**

### \* HYMN 321

**The Church's One Foundation**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*Emily Harris, Program Coordinator for Welcome & Women's Ministry*

### \* 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.)

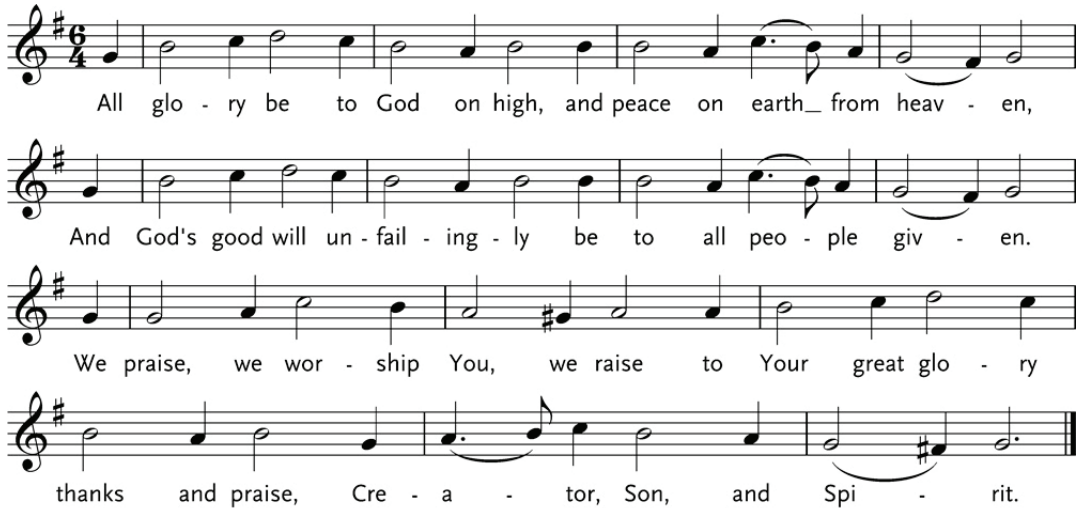


To you, O God, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.---

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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  
*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

SOLO

Elijah, op. 70: Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth  
*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

Then shall the righteous shine forth  
as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm,  
Joy on their head shall be forever-lasting,  
and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Hebrews 6:13-20*

When God made a promise to Abraham, because he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Human beings, of course, swear by someone greater than themselves, and an oath given as confirmation puts an end to all dispute. In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

“Why Church?”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Barmen Declaration

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance  
of the forgiveness of all our sins,  
so in the same way and with the same seriousness  
is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.  
Through him befalls us joyful deliverance  
from the godless fetters of this world  
for a free, grateful service to God’s Creatures.

We reject the false doctrine,  
as though there were areas of our life  
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,  
but to other lords—  
areas in which we would not need justification  
or sanctification through him. Amen.

\* SUNG 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

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OFFERTORY SOLO

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • *Eric Thiman (1900–1975)*

Jesus, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O saviour of mankind.

O Hope of every contrite heart,  
O Joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall how kind thou art,  
How good to those who seek!  
But what to those who find? Ah, this  
Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is  
None but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
As thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be thou our glory now,  
And through eternity.

\* 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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Holy God, we praise you.

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
 pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are  
 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.

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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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

St. Paul, op. 36: Be Thou Faithful Unto Death  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

Be thou faithful unto death,  
and I will give to thee a crown of life,  
Be not afraid, my help is nigh,  
Be thou faithful unto death,  
and I will give to thee a crown of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 772

**Live into Hope**

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare • *John Cook (1918–1984)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by:  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Alex McCoy, *Soloist*



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Annabel Mae Steil, born August 12, 2024, to Dr. Maria Steil and Dr. Austin Steil (sister and brother-in-law of Joanna McNurlen).***

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### **If You Are in Need of Prayer**

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

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### **Please pray for:**

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Patricia Blair, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook, Eugenia Connerat, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sohn Fong, Irene P. Gilman, Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Wanda Roush Hannan, Peter S. Hawkins, Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Maggie Hendrix, Emi Iwaida, Juliet Kaldanie, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Janet Lamberth, Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry, Violet Lorenzen, Lauren Ma, The McCall Family, 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, 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

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### **Faithful Departed:**

July 1, 2024: Muriel A. Fraser—beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Beloved wife of Derek Fraser and beloved mother of Brian Fraser, Anthony Fraser, and Roy Matthews.

August 25, 2024: Carol Spomer—beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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

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### Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Kids Bible Adventure.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Church.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall and online.
- Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.
- 11:30 am** **Bagels & Bible.** 7th Floor Conference Room.
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### This Week

- Wed Sep 4** **Feed Your Soul.** 6 pm. Bonnell Hall & Jones Auditorium. To learn more, visit [fapc.org/soul](http://fapc.org/soul).
- Thu Sep 5** **Career Directions.** 10 am. Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/community-groups](http://fapc.org/community-groups) to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat Sep 7** **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)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Sep 8** **Family Ministries Breakfast.** 9:30 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- Homecoming!** 11 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. Worship at 11 am followed by our annual homecoming celebration. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- Thu Sep 12** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom.
- Sat Sep 14** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall.
- Sun Sep 15** **Worship.** 9:30 am • Jones Auditorium. 11 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- Wed Sep 18** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
- Women's Ministry Walk in the Park.** 6 pm • Central Park.

### Next Sunday • Homecoming Sunday

“Her Song” • 1 Samuel 2:1-10 • *The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

**Reminder: Next Sunday we return to our regular worship schedule.**

***The service will begin at 11 am.***

## NEWS & EVENTS

### HOMEcomings & FALL HIGHLIGHTS

**Homecoming** is next week! On Sunday, September 8, at 11 am, we'll celebrate the beginning of our program year. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston will launch a new sermon series. We'll cap the joyous day with a festive coffee hour in Bonnell Hall and an Opportunities Fair where you can learn more about everything going on at church. See you at Homecoming!

Following Homecoming, we have a vibrant lineup of events to bring our community together in fellowship, worship, and celebration. Mark your calendars and join us!

- **Women's Ministry Walk in the Park.** Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6 pm.
- **Fall Concert.** *Unclouded Day: Sacred Songs of America.* Friday, Oct. 18, 7 pm.
- **Family Ministries Fall Festival.** Sunday, Oct. 20, 12:30 pm.
- **The Kenneth O. Jones Awards.** Friday, Oct. 25, 7 pm.

We look forward to seeing you at these events as we come together to enjoy the blessings of the fall season!

### Today: Summer Sermon Series Concludes

In the ever-divisive world we live in, people ask—Why church? Why do you go to worship? Why are you a Christian? Why do you join? This summer, we have explored those deep questions and seen what the wisdom of Scripture and tradition have to offer. Join us today as the Rev. Werner Ramirez concludes this sermon series as we ask together—“Why church?”

### Wednesday, September 4: Feed Your Soul

Join the staff of Fifth Avenue for an evening of fellowship, prayer, and a shared meal at Feed Your Soul. This event is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for a year of dedicated service as officers, vocalists, ushers, greeters, Sunday School teachers, Outreach volunteers, and more. Dinner will begin at 6 pm in Bonnell Hall. We will also host this annual worship service via Zoom for the online campus, including online communion. Please register at [fapc.org/soul](http://fapc.org/soul) by Wednesday, August 28 as registration is required. For more information, contact Christine Boyle at [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org).

### Sunday, September 8: Family Ministries Breakfast

We invite all families with kids to join us on September 8 for a delicious breakfast to kick off the new program year! You will have a chance to meet Sunday School teachers and childcare staff, hear more about choir programming and catch up with friends. Bring your backpacks for a special back-to-school blessing! For more information, contact Jaime Staehle ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).

### Sunday, September 15: Chapel Church Returns!

We're excited to celebrate the joyous return of Chapel Church at 9:30 am! Come worship with us in Jones Auditorium and hear some great music from our Chapel Church Band, featuring members of the Fifth Avenue family. For more information, please email [chapelchurch@fapc.org](mailto:chapelchurch@fapc.org).

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org/adult-ed](http://fapc.org/adult-ed).

### Community Groups

Want stronger relationships? Community groups make that possible. We have over 20 community groups to help you form closer bonds within the Fifth Avenue family. Options available online and in-person. Learn more at [fapc.org/community-groups](http://fapc.org/community-groups) or email [community@fapc.org](mailto:community@fapc.org).

### Congregational Care

If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also visit [fapc.org/care](http://fapc.org/care) to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program.

### Family Ministries

Family Ministries brings together families from diverse backgrounds to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday; our summer hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Sunday School and Youth Group take place at 9:30 am during the program year (**September through May**). Children depart the 11 am worship service to attend Children's Church every Sunday (**except for our summer break, from the end of June until Homecoming Sunday, September 8**). 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. 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).

### 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) or email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) to register.

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## Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for anyone who loves to sing. Visit [fapc.org/choirs](http://fapc.org/choirs) to learn more. The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artisans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater.

## Outreach Ministries

Through our Outreach Ministries, hundreds of members and friends of the church are engaged in volunteering, advocacy and service. Our programs include our Befriending Ministry on behalf of our neighbors experiencing homelessness; the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, a collaborative ministry with Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral that serves the homeless population of Midtown; A Place at the Table, a twice-weekly sidewalk lunch for our homeless and hungry neighbors; and Meals on Heels, Saturday-morning meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. We also maintain mission partner relationships with local, national and international organizations. Our current mission partners are:

Asylum Support Clinic	Mission co-workers in Madagascar,
Church of Gethsemane	the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border
The Farminary Project	Parity
Garden of Hope	Search and Care
Hands Along the Nile Development Services	Urban Outreach Center NYC
Holmes Camp and Retreat Center	West Side Federation for Senior
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	and Supportive Housing

To learn more, visit [fapc.org/outreach](http://fapc.org/outreach), or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org)).

## Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit [fapc.org/volunteer](http://fapc.org/volunteer).

## Fifth Avenue Women's Ministry

For generations, the women of Fifth Avenue have gathered for service, fellowship, and deeper faith. Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before, we continue to connect and would love to include you in our community. The women's ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is trans affirming and welcoming to women of any age and stage. We meet for annual retreats, fellowship events, Bible study, and small groups. To learn more and get involved, email [womensministry@fapc.org](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women).

## 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*  
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, *Associate Pastor*  
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## CLERGY & STAFF



**The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston** *Senior Pastor*

**The Rev. Dr. Jonah So** *Executive Pastor*

**The Rev. Werner Ramirez** *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Family Ministries*

**The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike** *Associate Pastor for Ministry to the Online Campus*

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

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# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



## See you at Homecoming!

Sunday, Sept. 8 • 11 am

Next Sunday is Homecoming! We'll celebrate the start of our program year after the summer break. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston will launch an exciting new sermon series. We'll cap the joyous day with a festive celebration in Bonnell Hall where you can learn about everything going on at Fifth Avenue. Visit [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) for details on all these events and more.

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Monday, September 2 the building will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

## Summer Building Hours

Monday – Friday

9 am – 5 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 12 pm



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