



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 • 11:00 AM

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John Opie, *The Calling of Samuel*, c. 1800

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**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! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary (to the right when looking down the aisle). Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service with your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. Every Sunday, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. There is Sunday school for children in preschool through 5th grade at 9:30 am and Children’s Church for children in preschool through 2nd grade at 11:15 am.

## ➔ Worship Resources Online

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

## ➔ Parking

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*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

Views from the Oldest House: 2. Elms • *Ned Rorem (1923 – 2022)*

A Quaker Reader • *Ned Rorem*

4. "There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil..."

8. "...No darkness at all..."

Organbook I: 3. Song • *Ned Rorem*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Chad Schepp*

One: In our dreaming and our waking;

**All: God calls us by name.**

One: In the calm of the night,  
and above the din of city;

**All: God calls us by name.**

One: When God calls,

**All: souls tremble and hearts race.**

One: We listen, we ponder, we lean forward.

**All: We worship.**

One: Amen to that.

Let us worship Almighty God, tender and just.

### \* HYMN 612

**We Praise You, O God**

### \* 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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Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light as shows a feast;  
Such a Feast, as mends in length;  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move;  
Such a Love, as none can part;  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*1 Samuel 3:1-21*

*The Rev. Kate Dunn  
Seminararian Kari Swanson  
Seminararian Anne Nelson*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

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

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SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“Rare Words”**

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God who calls,  
God who whispers truths in the night,  
we do not want your Word  
to be rare in the land.  
So, open our ears to hear,  
and fortify our hearts to answer.  
Help us to listen for your summons  
and empower us to respond,  
“Here I am.”  
Amen.

\* HYMN 726

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Chris Palmer*

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 ANTHEM

Praise the Lord, O My Soul • *Ned Rorem*

*Text: Psalm 146*

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers nor in any child of earth,

For there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

And in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

Whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas,

And all that is in them;

Who keeps his promise forever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

And food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

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The Lord loves the righteous;  
The Lord cares for the stranger;  
He sustains the orphan and widow,  
But frustrates the way of the wicked.  
The Lord shall reign forever,  
Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

\* 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 65

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Blessing of God Be upon You • *William H.M. Wright*  
*Text by R. Gordon Nodwell*

May the blessing of God be upon you.  
May God's love light all your way.  
May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay.  
May the Spirit of God dwell within you.  
May you live in joy each day.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in B major, op. 7, no. 1 • *Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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The Anthem this morning is a beautiful setting of the famous poem *The Call* by the English poet and cleric, George Herbert. Herbert wrote devotional verse throughout his life, but only after his death in 1633 were his poems published. Referring to his poetry in the ancient tradition as “song,” Herbert used simple and common words, conversational speech rhythms, musical imagery, and witty, unexpected metaphors. His titles are short, sometimes direct, sometimes enigmatic, such as *Discipline*, *Prayer*, and *The Pulley*. In his poetry, Herbert explores his vision of Christian life, “a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul.” Today, critics consider Herbert to be “one of the purest and most ravishing of English poets.” This morning’s setting is by Kenneth Jennings who was, for many years, conductor of the St. Olaf Choir and Professor Emeritus of St. Olaf College.

Ned Rorem, the composer of this morning’s Offertory Anthem, was born in Richmond, Indiana, on October 23, 1923, and spent most of his youth in Chicago. He received his musical training at the American Conservatory of Music, Northwestern University, the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, and the Juilliard School. Particularly renowned for his art songs, Rorem also composed operas, symphonies, and pieces for various chamber ensembles. In 1976, Rorem received the Pulitzer Prize for Music recognizing his suite *Air Music: Ten Etudes of Orchestra*, which was first performed in Cincinnati in December of 1975. Rorem composed extensively for choir and wrote several pieces for solo organ. *Praise the Lord, O My Soul* is a wonderful example of Rorem’s up-tempo and rhythmic choral style—the musical language is fundamentally tonal, with punchy chromaticism that is usually playful, sometimes a bit startling, often resulting in harmonies evocative of jazz. Rorem passed away in 2022 at the age of 99 in New York City.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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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

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**      **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.  
**Little Lambs Nursery & Sunday School.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am**      **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.  
**Parents Community Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am**            **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.  
**Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am**      **Children's Church & Communion Class.** LaDane 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.** After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "tour starts here" sign.  
**Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
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### This Week

- Wed Sep 18**      **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!  
**Women's Ministry Walk in the Park.** 6 pm • 55th Street Entrance. To learn more, email [womensministry@fapc.org](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org).  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm. The Living Room. To learn more, contact [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).
- Thu Sep 19**      **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/community-groups](https://fapc.org/community-groups) to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat Sep 21**      **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 22**      **Echo Chambers to Empathy.** 12:30 pm • Bonnell Hall & Zoom. To learn more, visit [fapc.org/adult-ed](https://fapc.org/adult-ed).  
**Bagels & Bible.** 12:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room. Calling all those 40+ to join the Rev. Dr. Jonah So for bagels & Bible study.
- Tue Sept 24**      **Memorial service for Carol Spomer.** 1 pm • Sanctuary.
- Wed Sep 25**      **Asian-American Bible Study.** 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.

### Next Sunday • Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Ichabod & Ebenezer" • 1 Samuel 4:1-22 & 1 Samuel 7:7-17  
*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Today: 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 house band, Chapel Church Music, featuring members of the Fifth Avenue family. For more information, please email [chapelchurch@fapc.org](mailto:chapelchurch@fapc.org).

### **Today: Farewell Reception for the Rev. Kate Dunn**

Join us today after our 11 am service for a special Coffee Hour where we'll celebrate our departing Parish Visitor, the Rev. Kate Dunn. Rev. Dunn has served at Fifth Avenue in a variety of capacities for over twenty years. She has touched the lives of many in this congregation. Together we will send her off to her new calling as a hospital chaplain and bless her with our prayers and gratitude.

### **Today: Arts & Our Faith Exhibit opens: Shepherds of Light**

To complement the Fall sermon series, the Arts and Our Faith Committee has installed a new exhibit in the Chesnut Gallery: "Give Us a King: Faith and Civic Leadership." This exhibit focuses on people from many nations whose faith informed their leadership. In their struggles for peace, justice, equality, freedom, and human dignity, each of these individuals, in her or his own way, reflected strong faith in God. Some are very well-known, some less so. Look on these walls for leaders who inspire you, who challenge your thinking, who make you wonder if such things could ever be possible. Consider their vision, their bold deeds, their quiet courage. We encourage you to visit our exhibit and learn more about these exceptional people.

### **Wednesday, September 18: Women's Ministry Walk in the Park**

Gather at the church at 6 pm and we will head up to Central Park for a walk and fellowship with one another. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. All women are welcome to join as we enjoy the beauty of the park and each other's company!

### **Sunday, September 22: Adult Education Kickoff!**

#### **From Echo Chambers to Empathy: Navigating Election Conversations with Pantsuit Politics**

Join us for our Fall Adult Education Kickoff, where we'll virtually host Pantsuit Politics founders Sarah and Beth. Together, we'll delve into navigating grace-filled conversations amidst the heated atmosphere of the current election climate, exploring the significance of breaking out of our echo chambers and actively listening to diverse perspectives. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and tools for fostering understanding and empathy in our community. This event will take place at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall and on Zoom. Food will be served in Bonnell. Please visit [fapc.org/adult-ed](https://fapc.org/adult-ed) to register for Zoom.

### **Wednesday, September 25: Bereavement Group**

Fifth Avenue hosts a ten-week bereavement support group for persons struggling with grief and loss. We will meet Wednesday evenings from September 25 through December 18, 2024. The group is led by Ellen Theg, a licensed psychotherapist and experienced bereavement counselor. She has been counseling individuals on moving through grief and loss since 2001. To register, contact Natalie Wardius ([congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)) by the end of today, Sept. 15. Financial assistance is available if needed.

## 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. 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**

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 ([membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

### **Congregational Care**

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. Please 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 nurtures diverse, strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am to 12:30 pm during the program year (September–May). Sunday School (PreK – 5th Grade) is at 9:30 am and Children’s Church (PreK – 2nd Grade) is following the Litany of Parting during the 11 am worship service during the program year. Youth Group worships at Chapel Church at 9:30 am and meets at 11 am. On the first Sunday of the month, Youth Group worships at both services. Learn more 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).

### **Hybrid Church**

Did you know that this church has a vibrant online community? Whether you’re a New Yorker worshipping from home, a longtime member who moved, or a visitor new to our livestream, you are a part of our online campus! There are many ways you can get involved. Don’t miss our virtual small groups, online office hours for pastoral care, retreat programming and seasonal gatherings here at Fifth Avenue. Contact Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike at [hybridchurch@fapc.org](mailto:hybridchurch@fapc.org) for more information.

### **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*  
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## CLERGY & STAFF



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

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