



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 • 11:00 AM



Gower Memorial, *Prince Hal*, Stratford, c.1876

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

Lullaby • *Grayston Ives (b. 1948)*

Dalby's Fancy • *Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

Rhosymedre • *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Dennis Bushé

From Psalm 96 (The Message)

One: God Rules!

**All: God put the world on a firm foundation;
God treats everyone fair and square.**

One: Let's hear from the sky,
with the earth joining in,
and a huge round of applause from the sea.

**All: Let the wilderness turn cartwheels,
and the animals dance.**

One: Put every tree of the forest in the choir.

All: It will be an extravaganza when God comes,

One: When God sets everything right.

All: Sets everything right and treats everyone fair.

One: Let us worship God, tender and just.

* HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of 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

* SUNG RESPONSE

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Cantor Chri - ste e - lei - son. *All* Chri - ste e - lei - son.

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, - jah!

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

LITANY OF PARTING

All: May God be with you there.
Children: May God be with you here.

*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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM

King of Glory • Chant, arr. Elmer Iseler (1927–1998)
 Text by George Herbert (1593–1632)

King of glory, king of peace, I will love thee;
 And that love may never cease, I will move thee.
 Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
 Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee;
And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee;
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
And alone when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;
E'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 8:1-22

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the

voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Bend the Knee”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Precious Lord,
Loving Creator,
hear our heartfelt prayer.
We live in a world of jump scares
and terrifying possibilities.
When we are afraid, we are tempted
to embrace impossible promises
and oppressive safeguards.
Gift us with courage and wisdom
for the living of these days.
Turn our hearts toward you,
our Rock and our Redeemer.
Amen.

* HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

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

O, Clap Your Hands • *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

Text: Psalm 47

O, clap your hands, all ye people;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible:
He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises;
For God is King of all the earth;
Sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

* 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 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Grace of Christ • *William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)*
Text by John Newton (1725–1807)

May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And our Maker's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
Held together by the Word,
And possess in rich communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur Triomphale, op. 47, no. 2
Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

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

This morning's Anthem is an arrangement of the ancient plainsong hymn, "*Ubi caritas*" by the famous Canadian choral conductor Elmer Iseler. The melody of "*Ubi caritas*", one of the oldest hymns in the Christian tradition, is a perfect fit for the beautiful poem by George Herbert, "King of Glory." 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 Offertory Anthem was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a leading figure in twentieth-century music who wrote extensively in all genres. Vaughan Williams, an English composer, conductor, and organist, made an especially important contribution to sacred music as the editor of *The English Hymnal*, which was published in 1906 and is still in use today. "O Clap Your Hands," a festive setting of Psalm 47, was composed in 1920, shortly after Vaughan Williams returned to England from serving in the Royal Medical Corp in France during World War I. The piece was first sung at Westminster Abbey where it was received with great enthusiasm by the audience. Through countless performances, recordings, and broadcasts since that time, "O Clap Your Hands" has become one of the most popular and famous pieces of English church music from the early 20th century.

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
Bob Butter, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiua, 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, 212.247.0490).

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
Little Lambs Nursery. Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir.** 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.** 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.
- 12:30 pm** **Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
Bagels & Bible. 7th Floor Conference Room. Calling all those 40+ to join the Rev. Dr. Jonah So for bagels & Bible study.
- 7 pm** **Faith in Action: Exploring Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus.** Webinar. Register at fapc.org/bon.
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This Week

- Tue Oct 1** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please reach out to Emily Harris (bible-study@fapc.org). To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.
- Wed Oct 2** **Volunteering for A Place at the Table.** 1 pm • Outside the church on 55th Street. To learn more, visit fapc.org/table.
Community Choir. 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org.
- Thu Oct 3** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Fri Oct 4** **Youth Fall Retreat.** 5 pm • Upstate New York. Register at fapc.org/family-events.
- Sat Oct 5** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).

Coming Up

- Sun Oct 6** **Deacons Food Drive Begins.** 9 am • Curry Church House. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods beginning today.

Next Sunday • Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

"Shall the Religious Nationalists Win?" • 1 Samuel 13:2-15

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: Exploring Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus

Explore the intersection of faith and social justice through the lens of German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer's experiences of church in 1930s Harlem. His time there deepened his understanding of racial injustice and shaped his courageous leadership upon returning to Nazi Germany. We'll examine how Bonhoeffer's journey highlights the transformative power of faith in ethical leadership and offers invaluable lessons for navigating contemporary challenges. Our guide will be Rev. Dr. Reggie Williams, a respected theologian and author renowned for his expertise in theology, race, and ethics. To learn more and register, please visit fapc.org/bon.

Tuesday, October 1: Weekly Word Bible Study

Join us each Tuesday at 12 pm beginning October 1 for a series of engaging online Bible studies via Zoom. Led by our pastors and senior staff, these studies will explore new topics each month. Feel free to join as your schedule allows and participate in the discussions that resonate with you. All are welcome! In October, our Director of Christian Education, Jaime Staehle, will kick us off with an exploration of some of the courageous women in a land of kings. For more information, please reach out to Emily Harris (bible-study@fapc.org). To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.

Wednesday, October 2: Volunteering for A Place at the Table

Working in Midtown? Visiting from Beyond the Walls? Make your midday meal meaningful! Please join us from 1 to 2 pm on the first Wednesday of each month to serve lunch for our guests at A Place at the Table. To learn more and register, please visit fapc.org/table.

Friday, October 4: Youth Fall Retreat

The semester is going full steam ahead, so maybe you need some time away from the screens, the books, and the homework. Youth in grades 6-12, join us for a weekend of hanging out, fall foliage, fun and games in the barn, cooking together, and lots of laughter! The retreat costs \$200 for the weekend, with scholarships available. We depart on Friday evening and return to the church by noon on Sunday. To learn more and register, please visit fapc.org/retreat.

Sunday, October 6: Deacons Food Drive Begins

The annual Deacons Food Drive gets underway on Sunday, Oct. 6, and concludes on Sunday, Oct. 13. After worship, the Deacons will accept your donations of non-perishable foods for our mission partner, the Urban Outreach Center NYC. This year we need canned tuna and plastic jars of peanut butter. You may also drop your contributions at the 55th Street reception desk during the week. Hybrid members can send canned tuna or plastic jars of peanut butter to: Deacons of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55th St., New York, NY 10019. Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday, October 6: Believing & Belonging Membership Class

To help you plant deeper roots here, join us for an online Believing & Belonging New Member Class at 2 pm. Led by the Rev. Dr. Jonah So and the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, this class focuses on getting to know one another, learning about the history and mission of this church, and understanding more about the Presbyterian tradition. Even if you are not sure about membership, you are welcome to come and learn more about the church. To find out more, reach out to membership@fapc.org or sign-up at fapc.org/belong.

GETTING CONNECTED

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.

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, or email (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 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. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, 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 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 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 or email membership@fapc.org to register.

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 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, 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 womensministry@fapc.org or visit fapc.org/women.

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The Session

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The Rev. Chris Palmer, *Associate Pastor* • Meg Sheehan, *Clerk of Session*
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