



FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 12, 2018 • 10:00 AM



Marc Chagall, *David gives vent to his grief*, c. 1956

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. Take a tour of the church. Have a cup of coffee with us. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy. There are tons of opportunities here 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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### If You Are New Here

Please fill out the Welcome card you will find in your pew. (The ushers can also provide one.) Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Visitors Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the Welcome card online at [fapc.org/welcome](http://fapc.org/welcome). The folks at the Visitors Table can provide you with information about our ministries and programs, volunteer opportunities, and the history of this congregation, which has served New York City since 1808. We also invite you on a guided tour of the church, starting from the rear of the Sanctuary shortly after the service.

### These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print bulletin or a hearing-enhancement device, please ask an usher. You may return the hearing-enhancement device to the rear of the Chapel or Sanctuary after the service.

### Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome! The ushers can provide a worship bag or children’s Bible to keep your child engaged. If you need to step out to attend to your child, we invite you to use our Family Room, located at the north end of the Gallery, just outside the Sanctuary (check the map on the back of the bulletin for the location). We also provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am until 11:30 am, downstairs in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at [fapc.org/grow](http://fapc.org/grow).

### 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 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/pray](http://fapc.org/pray).

### Help With Parking

We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park Monday–Friday from 5 pm –12 am, or anytime until 1 am on Saturday, Sunday and holidays (12 hours maximum). Ask for discount coupons at the 55th Street entrance.



### Worship Resources Online

You will find information about future worship services (including the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday) at [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship). Recorded sermons are available at [fapc.org/sermons](http://fapc.org/sermons) and via podcast on iTunes. This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray).

## 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 *Vater unser im Himmelreich* ("Our Father Who Art in Heaven")  
*Heinrich Scheidemann (1595–1663)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP  
*Trustee Chris Edwards*

*Isaiah 40:31*

One: Those who wait upon the Lord  
shall renew their strength.

**All: They shall mount up with wings as eagles,**

One: they shall run and not be weary,

**All: they shall walk and not faint.**

One: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN 816

**If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee**

\* CALL TO CONFESSION  
*Morgan King*

\* 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

If with all your hearts, from *Elijah • Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*  
'If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,  
Ye shall ever surely find Me.'  
Thus saith our God.  
Oh! that I knew where I might find him,  
That I might even come before his presence!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*2 Samuel 15:1-18:33 (selected verses)*

After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run ahead of him. Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the road into the gate; and when anyone brought a suit before the king for judgment, Absalom would call out and say, "From what city are you?" When the person said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," Absalom would say, "See, your claims are good and right; but there is no one deputed by the king to hear you." Absalom said moreover, "If only I were judge in the land! Then all who had a suit or cause might come to me, and I would give them justice." Whenever people came near to do obeisance to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of them, and kiss them. Thus Absalom did to every Israelite who came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole the hearts of the people of Israel.

A messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the Israelites have gone after Absalom." Then David said to all his officials who were with him at Jerusalem, "Get up! Let us flee, or there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Hurry, or he will soon overtake us, and bring disaster down upon us, and attack the city with the edge of the sword." The king's officials said to the

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king, "Your servants are ready to do whatever our lord the king decides." So the king left, followed by all his household, except ten concubines whom he left behind to look after the house.

Now Absalom and all the Israelites came to Jerusalem; Ahithophel was with him. So they pitched a tent for Absalom upon the roof; and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. Then David mustered the men who were with him, and set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds. The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. A man saw it, and told Joab, "I saw Absalom hanging in an oak." Joab said to the man who told him, "What you saw him! Why then did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have been glad to give you ten pieces of silver and a belt." But the man said to Joab, "Even if I felt in my hand the weight of a thousand pieces of silver, I would not raise my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying: For my sake protect the young man Absalom!"

Joab said, "I will not waste time like this with you." He took three spears in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the oak. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then Joab said to a Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." The Cushite bowed before Joab, and ran. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Rev. Kate Dunn*

**"O My Son Absalom"**

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\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**We trust in God,**  
     whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
**In sovereign love God created the world good**  
     and makes everyone equally in God's image  
     male and female, of every race and people,  
     to live as one community.  
**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**  
**Ignoring God's commandments,**  
     we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
     accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
     and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
**We deserve God's condemnation.**  
**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**  
**In everlasting love,**  
     the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
     to bless all families of the earth.  
**Hearing their cry,**  
**God delivered the children of Israel**  
     from the house of bondage.  
**Loving us still,**  
     God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**  
     like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
     God is faithful still.

\* HYMN 787      **God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn**  
 (Cantor sings verse 1, then the congregation joins in singing)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER      (*"...and forgive us our debts..."*)

OFFERING      *You may text your offering to 646.491.8331*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      Then shall the righteous shine forth, from *Elijah*  
     *Felix Mendelssohn*

Then shall the righteous shine forth  
 As the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.  
 Joy on their head shall be for everlasting,  
 And all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.

\* DOXOLOGY

**Hymn 606**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN 687

**Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C major, BuxWV 137  
*Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

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The ministry of music this morning is offered by:  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Wilson Nichols, *Tenor*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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Dieterich Buxtehude was one of the greatest composers of organ music prior to J.S. Bach. In fact, Bach admired Buxtehude so much that in 1705 he took a leave of absence from his church job in Arnstadt and walked nearly 250 miles to Lübeck to hear Buxtehude play! Instead of staying for the four weeks that he requested, however, Bach ended up staying in Lübeck for nearly three months. Needless to say, his employers in Arnstadt were not impressed at all upon his return. In the *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C major*, and in many of his other large organ works, Buxtehude's style of writing is episodic, alternating between stricter fugal sections and freer improvisatory flourishes. This style of writing is known as *stylus fantasticus*, or the "fantastic style," and was the precursor to the larger-scale prelude and fugue form that was to reach its zenith in the hands of the next generation—most especially, of course, in the music of J.S. Bach.

The solos this morning come from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, an English-language oratorio written in 1846 for a music festival in Birmingham, England. This piece was composed in the spirit of Mendelssohn's Baroque predecessors Bach and Handel, whose music he loved. In 1829, Mendelssohn had organized the first performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* since the composer's death and was instrumental in bringing this and other Bach works to widespread popularity. *Elijah* depicts various events in the life of the prophet, with texts drawn from the books 1 and 2 Kings. "If with all your hearts" and "Then shall the righteous shine forth" are two of the most well-known and frequently performed solos from this beloved oratorio.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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### ***Please pray for:***

Candy Asman, Phyllis Barr, Neta Beberino, Barbara Berner, Helen Betzaia, Britta Cabanos  
Ella Calderon, Sookjoong Choi, Alan Chorun, Miriam Coleman, Dr. Johanna Cook  
Edna Craddock, Margaret G. Cruikshank, William Cuffee, Nancy Dawkins, Lisa Donofrio  
Athanassia Doucas, Roy Duttweiler, Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV, Wanda Roush Hannan  
Nancy Hatch, Patricia Henry, Mary Holden, Bill Jones, Juliet Kaldanie, Susan Kempler  
Louis Sterling King, Richard J. Lawson, Stephanie Le Cornec, Jorge Martinez, Keiko Matsuzaki  
The McCall Family, Jean Meek Barker, Bernadette Micchelli, Barbara Millar, Phyllis Oblander  
Marjorie Quaife, Jeff Rowbottom, Pauline Sample, Taylor Shultz, Eric Smith  
Spencer Robert Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Rocco Tannehill, Steve Teelucksingh, Susan Tobiason  
Stevanus & Henny Waisapy, Johnnie Walker, James & Barbara Wallace, Jennifer Wallis-Eifert  
Warren White, Dolores Wheeler, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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### ***Faithful Departed:***

August 3, 2018—Bob Brennan, beloved long-term member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

To add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact  
Lance Hurst (212.247.0490 ext 3007, [lhurst@fapc.org](mailto:lhurst@fapc.org)).

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### ***Caregiving Ministries***

Fifth Avenue provides space for several community-based ministries and programs. All are open  
to members and friends of the church. Check the lobby monitor for specific room locations.

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous + AA Beginners**

Monday – Thursday, 12:30 pm • [ny-aa.org](http://ny-aa.org)

#### **Al-Anon**

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 12:30 pm • [nycalanon.org](http://nycalanon.org)

#### **The Compassionate Friends: A support group for grieving families**

Second & fourth Tuesdays, 7 pm • [compassionatefriends.org](http://compassionatefriends.org)

#### **Fifth Avenue Ecumenical Outreach: Social services for persons experiencing homelessness**

Monday – Thursday, 2–5 pm • Contact: John Sheehan, LMSW ([jsheehan@fapc.org](mailto:jsheehan@fapc.org))

#### **Health Advocates for Older People**

Strength & weight exercise class • Wednesdays, 11 am • [hafop.org](http://hafop.org)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Today

- 9:30 am**      **Coffee Cart.** Bonnell Hall. Continues until 12 pm.  
**Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am**        **Worship.** Sanctuary.
- 11:15 am**    **Meet & Greet.** The Gallery. All are invited (visitors especially!) to join the pastors, staff and fellow members for conversation and coffee after worship.  
**Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.
- 11:30 am**    **Decorating for Vacation Bible School.** Christian Education Center.
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***Sunday School and Children's Church are hiatus until September.  
Little Lambs continues through the summer.***

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### This Week

- Mon Aug 13–**    **Vacation Bible School.** 9:30 am to 12 pm – LaDane Williamson Christian  
**Fri Aug 17**    Education Center. Contact: Jaime Staehle ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).
- Sat Aug 18**    **Meals on Heels.** 9:30 am – Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Aug 19**    **Worship.** 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, preaching.
- Tue Aug 21**    **Employment Advisory.** 6:30 pm – Corning Logan Room. Program: Acing Difficult Interview Questions. Instructor: Chip Conlin.
- Wed Aug 22**    **Pizza with Pastors.** 12 pm – Romeyn Room. Everyone's invited to this summer fellowship event! RSVP to Morgan King ([mking@fapc.org](mailto:mking@fapc.org)).
- Sun Aug 26**    **Worship.** 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.  
**Evening Worship at the Bowery Mission.** 4:45 pm – 227 Bowery. Once a month our volunteers lead worship and serve dinner to residents of this historic mission. Directions available at the reception desk and at [fapc.org/bowery](http://fapc.org/bowery). Contact: Jeanne Lehman ([bowerymission@fapc.org](mailto:bowerymission@fapc.org)).
- Sun Sept 2**    **Worship.** 10 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell, preaching.  
**Historical & Architectural Tour.** 12:15 pm – Kirkland Chapel.
- Mon Sept 3**    **Labor Day holiday.** Building closed.
- Sun Sept 9**    **Worship - Homecoming.** 9:30 am – Kirkland Chapel; 11 am – Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

### ***Next Sunday • Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***"Mary: The Notorious MMG" • Isaiah 43:1-6; Proverbs 3:5-6; Luke 1, selected verses  
The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, preaching.***

**Starting Tomorrow: Vacation Bible School Is Back!**

Vacation Bible School kicks off tomorrow (Aug. 13) for five mornings of Bible lessons, fun and games. “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus” is the theme of this year’s adventure, which teaches children how Jesus helps us weather life’s storms. VBS meets Monday through Friday (Aug. 13–17), from 9:30 am until noon, in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. All children from age 3 (and potty-trained) to rising fifth graders are welcome—church membership is not required. Register at [fapc.org/vbs](http://fapc.org/vbs) or on site in the morning. We hope to see you there!

**Today: Help Us Decorate the Christian Education Center**

Got some time after worship today? We can use your help putting the final touches on the Christian Education Center as we get ready for Vacation Bible School. Join us downstairs starting at 11:30 am. And if you are free to volunteer any morning this week while VBS is in session, we can use you! Contact: Jaime Staehle ([jstaehle@fapc.org](mailto:jstaehle@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3003).

**Central Synagogue Needs Ushers for Yom Kippur**

Our neighbors at Central Synagogue (55th Street and Lexington Avenue) need ushers to assist with High Holy Day Yom Kippur services on Wednesday, Sept. 19. They are hoping for 12 volunteers from Fifth Avenue—six for the first service (10:45 am until 1:15 pm), and six for the second (3:30 pm until 6:15 pm). If you are interested, contact Jacky Radifera ([jradifera@yahoo.com](mailto:jradifera@yahoo.com)).

**Get Ready for the Gotto Lecture Series and Congregational Book-Read**

The best-selling author Jonathan Haidt, a social psychologist at New York University, will inaugurate the Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture Series on Thursday, Oct. 25. Dr. Haidt’s lecture will be based on his trilogy of recent books—*The Happiness Hypothesis* (2006), *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* (2012) and his upcoming work, *The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure* (co-authored by Greg Lukianoff), which is due on Sept. 4. *The Coddling of the American Mind* is the selection for this year’s congregational book-read. But you can get started right now with either of his current books, or by listening to his TED Talks online. Watch for details on the Oct. 25 lecture, and plan to join us!

**Fall Membership Classes to Begin Sept. 16**

If you have been thinking about becoming a full-fledged member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, your next opportunity is coming up. Our three membership classes kick off with Christianity 101 on Sunday, Sept. 16, followed by Presbyterianism 101 on Sept. 23, and Believing & Belonging (the only required class) on Sept. 30. We will welcome new members during worship on Sunday, Oct. 7. For details, see [fapc.org/members](http://fapc.org/members), or contact Morgan King, director of engagement ([mking@fapc.org](mailto:mking@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3005).

**Summer Clearance: Donate Your Goods to the Bazaar!**

It’s never too early to donate merchandise for the Women’s Association annual Holiday Bazaar! We will gratefully accept your donations all year long. If you have new or gently used clothing, handbags and accessories, jewelry and stationery, artwork and photography, crystal and table linens, please leave your donations with the 55th Street reception desk. No books, electronics or kitchenware, please! Mark your calendar: The 2018 Bazaar is happening Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2–3.

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### Adult Education

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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, with no registration required. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org/learning](http://fapc.org/learning).

### Community Life

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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church offers an array of opportunities for community fellowship. We gather for congregation-wide events (such as Homecoming and the traditional Thanksgiving luncheon) several times a year. Community groups offer an opportunity for more intimate engagement within this large congregation. Many of our groups gather neighbors from a particular part of the city; others focus on spiritual questions particular to women, 20s/30s, 30s/40s, older adults, couples, new members, parents and the LGBTQ community. Our social clubs—City Club, *CouplesPlus!* and the Fifth Avenue Fellowship Club—gather for dinners and cocktail parties, museum and theater outings, and other social events throughout the year. Learn more about all of these opportunities at [fapc.org/community](http://fapc.org/community). Contact: [communitylife@fapc.org](mailto:communitylife@fapc.org).

### Congregational Care

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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 submit prayer requests at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray). Contact: [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org).

### Family Ministries

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Family Ministries brings together people of diverse backgrounds and families of all definitions to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. We offer Sunday School, Youth Group, Children's Choir, Little Lambs (programming for infants to toddlers), community groups for parents, FAPC-U (our college ministry), Vacation Bible School and special events all year long. Learn more (and register your child) at [fapc.org/grow](http://fapc.org/grow). Contact: [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org).

### Membership

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Our new members classes provide an introduction to Christianity and the Presbyterian tradition. "Believing and Belonging," the only class required for membership, provides an orientation to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. We welcome new members into the congregation on the Sunday following the "Believing and Belonging" class. Learn more about membership, including the schedule of upcoming classes, at [fapc.org/members](http://fapc.org/members). Contact: [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org).

## Mission Partners

We support a diverse group of mission partners whose missions and ministries align closely with our own. We invite you to get to know them:

The Bowery Mission	Jan Hus Presbyterian Church	Operation Exodus
The Bridge	& Neighborhood House	Parity
Church of Gethsemane	Ministry of Hope – Lesotho	Presbyterian Senior Services
Hands Along the Nile	Mission co-workers Cobbie &	Search and Care
Development Services	Dessa Palm – Philippines	West Side Federation for Senior
Holmes Presbyterian Camp	Mission co-workers Dan &	& Supportive Housing
& Conference Center	Elizabeth Turk – Madagascar	Womankind

We offer many volunteer opportunities through our mission partners as well. Read more at [fapc.org/mission-partners](http://fapc.org/mission-partners). Contact: [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org).

## Music + Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of 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 FAPC Community Choir, an entry-level ensemble that meets on Thursday evenings for rehearsal and fellowship. Contact: [music@fapc.org](mailto:music@fapc.org). Our Theatre Fellowship offers a mainstage production every spring, and staged readings, a cabaret and other events during the year. Contact: [theatre@fapc.org](mailto:theatre@fapc.org). The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation.

## 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, host in the David B. Skinner Shelter, 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) or email [volunteer@fapc.org](mailto:volunteer@fapc.org).

## Women's Association

The Women's Association invites the women (and men!) of the congregation to our program of education, service, prayer and benevolence. Membership is \$15 annually. Our programs are currently on hiatus until September. Contact: [wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org).

## Young Adults

20s+30s 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—our Sunday afternoon discussion group, service projects, social events, retreats and more. Join us! We're online at [fapc.org/NEXT](http://fapc.org/NEXT) and on Instagram [@nextatfapc](https://www.instagram.com/nextatfapc). Contact: [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • Matt Roush, *Clerk of Session*

Greg Dow, *Assistant Clerk of Session* • The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell, *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor*

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Kirsten Aiello	Brenda Berkman	Jesse Allen
Erin Collier	Rusty Breedlove	Amanda DeMeola
Jeanne Lehman French	Marilyn Dawson	Meredith Fleck
Constance Hubbard	David DePugh	Suzan Habachy
Chaz Jackson	Greg Dow	Jane Hong
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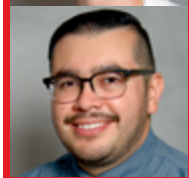
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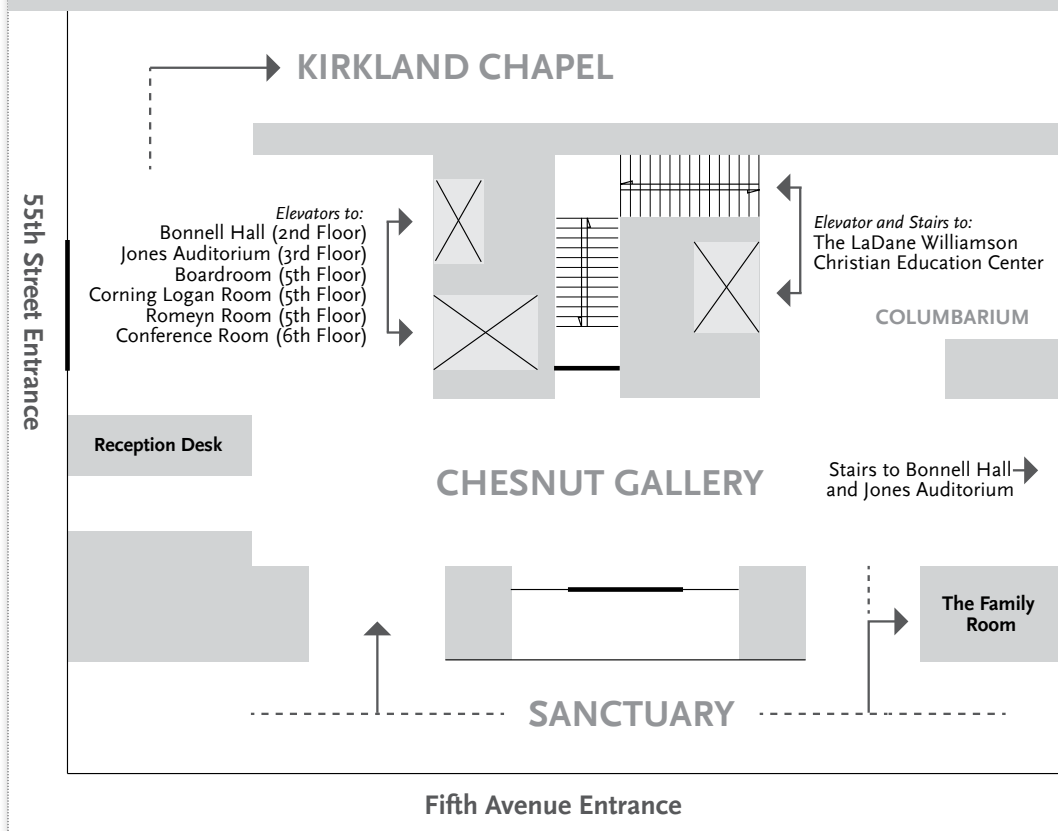
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