



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 9, 2022 • 11:00 AM



He Qi, *The Baptism of Jesus*, 2005

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

## WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

**Scott Black Johnston**  
Senior Pastor

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### Welcome

We’d love to connect! Please scan the QR code or fill out a Connect Card that you will find in your pew. You can fill it out online, or place the card into an offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance.) The folks at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries and programs. Our Sanctuary Doors open at 10 am every Sunday.

### These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print bulletin please ask an usher.

### Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, but you may want to take advantage of the first 10 rows on the far north side, which we have equipped for families with young children. You will find children’s Bibles and children’s worship bulletins in the pews, as well as easy access to our Family Room, located just outside the Sanctuary. We also provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am until 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org).

### Worship Resources Online

Head to [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) for information about future worship services. Our weekly video service, Light, Leaven & Salt, is available throughout the week at [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray).



In response to the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church requires that **all worshippers (five years old and up) be fully vaccinated and present proof of vaccination (at least two shots and at least fourteen days away from the second shot) and properly wear a mask at all times.**

**We encourage you to follow Christ’s command: “Love Your Neighbor!” Manifest your love by: Wearing a mask, distancing, and getting your jab or booster (as directed by your doctor)!**

## 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.*

***We ask that you properly wear a mask at all times.***

### PRELUDE

*Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*  
(“Christ our Lord came to the Jordan”), BWV 684  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Trustee Carol Kenney*

One: Be still, remember, who you are.

All: **We are beloved.**  
**We are heirs.**  
**We are children of God.**

One: Standing alongside the water,  
remember, who you are.

All: **We are claimed.**  
**We are marked.**  
**We are named by God alone.**

One: As we step deeper into this new year,  
remember who you are.

All: **We are chosen and blessed.**  
**We witness to Christ’s love in word and deed.**

One: This is all true! Thanks be to God.  
Let us worship.

### \* HYMN 484

**Out of Deep, Unordered Water**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

### \* 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*

\* SONG RESPONSE

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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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!

Music: George Mxadana.  
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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 fifth grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Church.  
If this is your child's first time at Fifth Avenue, please come downstairs with them.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

SOLO

Shall We Gather by the River  
*Traditional, arr. Aaron Copland (1900–1990)*

Shall we gather by the river,  
Where bright angels feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God.

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Yes we'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.  
Yes we'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Mark 1:4-11*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

#### SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

#### **"God Pod"**

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Presbyterian Study Catechism*

Question: What does our creation in God's image reflect about God's reality?

All: **Our being created in and for relationship  
is a reflection of the Holy Trinity.  
In the mystery of the one God,  
the three divine persons—  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit—  
live in, with and for one another  
eternally in perfect love and freedom. Amen.**

#### \* HYMN 293

**Loving Spirit**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Kate Dunn*

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

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord  
*Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

In the Lord, in the Lord,  
My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Before I'd stay in hell one day,  
I'd sing and pray myself away.  
Gonna shout and pray and never stop,  
Until I reach the mountaintop.

Do you love him? Oh yes!  
Do you love him? Hallelujah!  
Do you love Him? Oh yes!  
God almighty!  
Are you anchored? Oh yes!  
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you serve Him? Oh yes!  
Will you serve Him? Hallelujah!  
Will you serve Him? Oh yes!  
God almighty!  
Are you anchored? Oh yes!  
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you praise Him? Oh yes!  
Will you praise Him? Hallelujah!  
Will you praise Him? Oh yes!  
God almighty!  
Are you anchored? Oh yes!  
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

\* 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.**

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\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN 295

**Go to the World!**

\* 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

Aspects of the Sea: Toccata · *Barrie Cabena (b. 1933)*

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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* · *Ezekiel Andrew, Baritone*



## WORSHIP NOTES

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### **Music**

The Prelude this morning is a wonderfully colorful setting of the great Lutheran baptismal hymn (chorale), *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam* (“Christ our Lord came to the Jordan”) by J.S. Bach. In it, Bach creates a churning River Jordan through continuous 16th notes in the bass (which are played by the left hand). The chorale tune is played by the pedals in the tenor range, while the right hand plays a distinctive staccato figure. The exact symbolism behind this particular figure has caused a great deal of speculation among organists and scholars over the years—it has been seen to represent everything from Christ descending into the Jordan (the staccato figure is submerged in the rolling 16th notes nine times over the course of this setting!); to “the Spirit descending like a dove” described in Mark’s gospel; to simply drops of water flying around as John the Baptist does his thing. Perhaps there’s truth to all three! Read through the text of the chorale for yourself and see what Bach’s music says to you:

*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam,  
Nach seines Vaters willen,  
Von Sankt Johann's die Taufe nahm,  
Sein Werk und Amt zu 'rfüllen.  
Da wollt' er stiften uns ein Bad,  
Zu waschen uns von Sünden,  
Ersäufen auch den bitterm Tod  
Durch sein selbst Blut und Wunden;  
Es galt ein neues Leben.*

Christ our Lord came to the Jordan,  
In accordance with his father’s will,  
He received baptism from Saint John,  
To fulfill his work and ministry.  
By this he wanted to establish for us a bath  
To wash us from our sins,  
To drown also bitter death  
Through his own blood and wounds;  
This meant a new life.

The Offertory Anthem, *My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord*, is one of the most famous arrangements by the great Moses Hogan, one of America’s foremost composers and arrangers of choral music. Hogan’s inimitable spiritual settings are sung and beloved throughout the world, and are widely admired for their masterful and stylish use of the choral instrument. Although Hogan was only 45 when he passed away from a brain tumor in 2003, his legacy lives on through his many compositions and arrangements as one of the most creative and influential figures in 20th-century American choral music.



## 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:***

Candy Asman, Phyllis Barr, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi  
Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen  
David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV  
Patricia L. (DeLue) Glimpse, Wanda Roush Hannan, Maggie Hendrix, Juliet Kaldanie  
Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Richard J. Lawson, Lauren Ma  
Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Phyllis Oblander, Dexter Ramcharan, Pauline Sample  
Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Spencer Robert Smith, Mark and Chrissy Snyder  
Frieda Sompotan, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Betty Ty, Henny Waisapy  
Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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

Dec. 23, 2021: Thomas W. Packard—beloved father of Elise, Timothy and Amanda Packard.

If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Kristia Tolode ([congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Today

**11 am**                    **Worship.** Sanctuary.

**11:15 am**                **Children's Church.** Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.

***There will be no Coffee Hour this week out of an abundance of caution for the health of our members due to Covid-19.***

### This Week

**Sat Jan 15**            **Meals on Heels Volunteers Needed!** 8:30 am · Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Guidelines on sanitation and social distancing have been implemented for volunteers and recipients. Advance sign up is required by contacting John Wyatt at [moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org).

### Coming Up

**Sun Jan 16**            **Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations.** 9:30 am · Bonnell Hall. An introduction to the focus of Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations for 2022. Proof of vaccination is required for this event. Please register at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events).

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday.** 11 am · Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, preaching.

**Confirmation Classes Begin.** 12:30 pm · Zoom. Register at [fapc.org/confirmation](http://fapc.org/confirmation).

**Believing and Belonging: Digital New Member Class (Session 1).** 2 pm EST · Zoom. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed. Register at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events). Email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) for more information.

**Sun Jan 23**            **The Word is Out.** 9:30 am · 5th floor Board Room. All are welcome to this community group for LGBTQ+ people of faith.

**Worship.** 11 am · Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

**Believing and Belonging: Digital New Member Class (Session 2).** 2 pm EST · Zoom. Led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed. Register at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events). Email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) for more information.

**An Introduction to Reformed Theology.** 6 pm EST · Webinar. Instructor: Dr. Cynthia Rigby, W.C. Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Theological Seminary. Register at [fapc.org/events](http://fapc.org/events).

**Fri Jan 28**            **Women's Winter Sabbath Retreat.** 6 pm · Community of St. John Baptist  
Visit [fapc.org/sabbath](http://fapc.org/sabbath) for more information or to register. Space is limited.

**Next Sunday · Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday**  
"Why Do We Remember?" · 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 & Revelation 5:6a  
*The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, preaching.*

### **2022 Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations**

This January, Fifth Avenue's Anti-Racism Response Team (ARRT) will continue the conversation around racial justice in our community, kicking off with a collaborative Adult Education workshop, **Working for Justice: Conversation around Race & Equity in Church Community**. Hear from church leaders across the country about how they are working toward justice in their own communities. You can also dream with us about how this may look at our church. Covid protocols and proof of vaccination are required. We hope to see you January 16 at 9:30 am in Bonnell Hall. Look for more ARRT events in weeks to come, including a gallery exhibit, a podcast with Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Oscar McCloud and a series of 2022 Fifth Avenue Courageous Conversations videos for your Community Groups.

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday**

Join Fifth Avenue next Sunday (Jan. 16) for a Sunday devoted to the work of social action and how you can make a difference in 2022. Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, leads worship with our Fifth Avenue clergy team. Dr. Brian K. Blount is a Presbyterian minister and current President of Union Presbyterian Seminary. He is a New Testament scholar with a particular focus on the Book of Revelation.

### **Confirmation Class 2022**

Families of youth in 7th grade and above, sign up now for the 2022 Confirmation Class beginning Sunday, Jan. 16 until March 6. Each week at 12:30 pm confirmands will learn the basics of Christian belief, explore and ask questions about their faith. Classes will be held on Zoom during the month of January. A weekend retreat is included in the Confirmation experience. Sign up at [fapc.org/confirmation](https://fapc.org/confirmation).

### **Believing and Belonging: Digital New Member Class**

If you are interested in planting deeper roots at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, we hope you'll join us in this winter's Digital Believing & Belonging New Member Class on Sunday Jan. 16 and Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2 pm. These classes, led by the Rev. Sarah A. Speed, will focus on building relationships, sharing our faith journeys, and learning more about Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. If you are seeking an in person membership experience, we will have an in person class in March! Register at [fapc.org/events](https://fapc.org/events) or email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) for more information.

### **Employment Advisory**

Much has been speculated about the difficulty of finding employees, about people leaving their jobs and the motivations and factors involved. What does it all mean to those in the job market? Join us on Jan. 16 at 6:15 pm on Zoom for this compelling discussion. Sign up at [fapc.org/events](https://fapc.org/events).

### **An Introduction to Reformed Theology (Webinar)**

Ever wonder what it means, really, to be part of the "Reformed Christian tradition"? In this webinar we will explore central theological emphases of the Reformed tradition. Join us on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 6 pm as we ask the pressing question: "So what?" What are the basics of Reformed theology, and why do they matter to us and this world? Dr. Cynthia Rigby is the W.C. Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Theological Seminary. Please register at [fapc.org/events](https://fapc.org/events).

## 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. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). All of our class offerings are following our Covid-19 protocols and are available online.

### 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/prayer-requests](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests). 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 (currently using instruments), Little Lambs (programming for infants to toddlers), community groups for parents, Vacation Bible School and special events all year long. Learn more (and register your child) at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). Contact: [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org).

### Fifth Avenue Ecumenical Outreach Partnership

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The Ecumenical Outreach Partnership is a collaboration among three midtown congregations – Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Working together, we are able to increase the level of support we provide to men and women experiencing homelessness and others in need of essential services. The program director, John Sheehan, LMSW provides street outreach and welcomes walk-in clients referred by Saint Thomas and St. Patrick's Cathedral to his office at Fifth Avenue. For more information, contact [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org).

### Membership

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When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. From the moment you walk through our doors, we invite you to be a part of our community. We want to learn your name, listen to your questions, and hear your story. Every step of the way, we choose you. In membership, you choose us. Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition, and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this may be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming online class. Email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/membership](http://fapc.org/membership) to learn more.

## Mission Partners

Fifth Avenue's mission partners are companions in making the world a better place—a place more in tune with God's vision of who we might be. Our partners' missions run parallel to our church's own mission and vision.

The Church of Gethsemane	Holmes Camp & Retreat Center
Search and Care	Parity
Urban Outreach Center NYC	Hands Along the Nile Development Services
WANA Community Resource Center/ RDJ Refugee Shelter	Ministry of Hope Lesotho
West Side Federation for Senior & Supportive Housing	Mission co-workers Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar – US-Mexico Border
Womankind	Mission co-workers Cobbie & Dessa Palm – Philippines
The Farminary Project	Mission co-workers Dan & Elizabeth Turk – Madagascar

## 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 Fifth Avenue Community Choir, an entry-level ensemble that is currently on hiatus. Contact: [music@fapc.org](mailto:music@fapc.org) to learn more. Our Theatre Fellowship offers a mainstage production every spring, staged readings, a cabaret and other events during the year—this ministry is currently on hiatus. 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.

## 20s+30s

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 Wednesday evening discussion group, service projects, social events, retreats and more. Join us! We're online at [fapc.org/20s-30s](http://fapc.org/20s-30s) and on Instagram [@FAPC20s30s](https://www.instagram.com/FAPC20s30s). Contact: [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@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, email [volunteer@fapc.org](mailto:volunteer@fapc.org).

## Women's Association

All Women's Association programs are currently on hiatus.

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • Erica Moffett, *Clerk of Session*

Porter Binks, *Assistant Clerk of Session* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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## CLERGY & STAFF

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**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. Sarah A. Speed** *Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*

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The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*

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