



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
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Rebekah Krevens, *Galaxy over Bethlehem*, 2020

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**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, 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 to follow the service.

### Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are free 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, 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 to 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

### Worship Resources Online

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

### Parking

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

We recommend that all who worship with us in person be vaccinated (and boosted) against Covid-19. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, please stay home and worship with us via livestream. You will find the livestream service every week at [fapc.org/live](http://fapc.org/live).



**We provide mask-required and mask-optional seating areas in the Sanctuary.  
Please ask an usher if you have questions.**

## 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

*Reges Tharsis (Meditation sur l'offertoire de l'Epiphanie)  
Gaston Litaize (1909–1991)*

*Chorale Fantasia on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*  
("How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"), BuxWV 223  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder David DePugh*

One: What are you looking for?

**All: Faith the size of a mustard seed.**

One: What are you looking for?

**All: A reason to hope.**

One: What are you looking for?

**All: Joy after grief.**

One: What are you looking for?

**All: A place to belong.**

One: What are you looking for?

**All: The child born Emmanuel.**

One: Good news! Christ is here.  
Come on in. Love has come.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \* HYMN 150

**As with Gladness Men of Old**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

### \* 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.)



\* 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.

Music: Nikolaus Decius, 1539 - ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH'. Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1522, trans. F. Bland Tucker.  
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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

ANTHEM

The Wise Men and the Star • *Oliver Tarney (b. 1984)*  
*Text by Lucia Quinault (b. 1969)*

Sovereign scholars, weary of waiting,  
Startled by starlight that kindles the sky.  
Eager for answers, destiny drives them,  
Watching with wonder, watching with wonder,  
Watching with wonder, they follow the star.

Passing by palaces, greedy and golden,  
Threading the byways of winter and cold,  
Come to a doorway, low-built and lamplit,  
Eagerly enter, eagerly enter,  
Eagerly enter under the star.

Source of all starlight, simply they see him,  
Laid in a manger and haloed with hay.  
Bright in his beauty, shrouded with shadows.  
Steady the star shines, steady the star shines,  
Steady the star shines. Follow the star.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

**"Search Diligently"**

TESTIMONIES

*Roseanne Lind, Matt Roush and Anna Bruns*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God as big as the sky  
and as tender as a baby in a manger.**

**We believe that this God speaks to us in countless ways—  
through music, through laughter,  
through stars in the sky and moments of silence.**

**Therefore, we lean closer to this day.**

**We look for God's fingerprints.**

**We listen for God's footsteps.**

**We say to each other—**

***Arise, shine! Your light has come***

***and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.***

**God is here.**

**Christ is born.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**Amen.**

\* HYMN 152

**What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright**



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

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 AND RECEIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Star-Song • *Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)*  
*Text by Robert Herrick (1591–1634)*

Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue,  
Where is the Babe but lately sprung?  
Lies he the lily-banks among?  
Or say, if this new Birth of ours,  
Sleeps, laid within some ark of flowers,  
Spangled with dew-light; thou canst clear  
All doubts, and manifest the where.  
Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek  
Him in the morning's blushing cheek,  
Or search the beds of spices through,  
To find him out?

Star: No, this ye need not do;  
But only come and see him rest  
A Princely Babe in's mother's breast.

Choir: He's seen! he's seen! Why then around  
Let's kiss the sweet and holy ground;  
And all rejoice that we have found  
A King before conception crown'd.

Come then, come then, and let us bring  
Unto our pretty Twelfth-tide King,  
Each one his several offering;  
And when night comes, we'll give him wassailing;  
And that his treble honors may be seen,  
We'll choose him King, and make his mother Queen!

\* 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

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\* HYMN 744

**Arise, Your Light Is Come!**

\* 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

*In dir ist freude* ("In Thee is Gladness"), BWV 615  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

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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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### **Music**

The choral and organ music this morning was chosen to mark of the feast of Epiphany, officially celebrated on Friday, Jan. 6, following the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (sometimes called the Three Kings) who visited Jesus in his childhood.

The Prelude features one of the oldest and most famous Epiphany hymns, *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”), composed by Philipp Nicolai in 1597. Buxtehude’s variations on the tune are playful and colorful, allowing the organist to show off many lighter colors of the organ.

### **Star Words**

The use of star words, also called “star gifts,” is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the New Year that has been growing in popularity among Protestant churches for nearly a decade. Star words, written on small slips of paper, are intended to be used as a tool—a prayer, a reminder or an intention for the year. Individuals are encouraged to place their star words somewhere they will see them often to encourage this act of reflection year-round.

This tradition makes several theological statements:

1. The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we also use all the resources available to us—including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year—to move closer to Jesus.
2. We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide and speak to us. Star words are one such lens, offering us a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight.
3. For many, the most common way of connecting with God is through spoken prayer, as opposed to silence or contemplation. Star words invite a new prayer rhythm of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God.
4. Rather than sorting through or selecting our star words, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. We are not in control of this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control.



## 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, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell, Phoebe Chiu Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV, Wanda Roush Hannan, Christopher Henderson Maggie Hendrix, Juliet Kaldanie, Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King Ceciwa Khonje, Janet Lamberth, Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, Keiko Matsuzaki The McCall Family, Frank Owarish, Dexter Ramcharan, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Spencer Robert Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Betty Ty, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek Phil Wesley, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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

December 22, 2022: Janet E. Cassebaum—beloved mother of JoAnn Weisel, mother-in-law of John Weisel and grandmother of Peter and Thomas Weisel.

December 24, 2022: John Howard Sanden—beloved husband of Elizabeth Sanden and father of Pamela Brooke Sanden and Jonathan Bryant Sanden.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Today

- 9 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 9:30 am** **Sunday School, Children's Choir and Youth Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** Kirkland Chapel and Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- 12:30 pm** **Epiphany Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall.
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### This Week

- Wed Jan 11** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices welcome!  
**FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • Corning Logan Room. Our Wednesday evening young adult gatherings return. Contact: The Rev. Sarah Speed ([youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)).
- Sat Jan 14** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Jan 15** **Adult Education: Black Theology: James Cone & Biblical Revelation.** 9:30 am Jones Auditorium. The Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White, associate professor, Union Theology Seminary, is our guest instructor.  
**Worship.** 11 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Keri Day, associate professor of constructive theology and African American religion at Princeton Theological Seminary, is our guest preacher as we honor the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Mon Jan 16** **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday.** Building closed.
- Sun Jan 22** **Worship.** 9:30 am • Kirkland Chapel; 11 am • Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston begins a new, five-week sermon series, *Fight Like Jesus: How Faith Can Inform Conflict*.  
**The Word Is Out: LGBTQ+ Community Group.** 9:30 am • Board Room.
- Fri Jan 27** **Youth Group: Last Friday Meetup.** 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Join us for games, supper and Bible study. Contact: The Rev. Werner Ramirez ([familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org)).
- Sun Jan 29** **Webinar: Apartheid and Anti-Semitism: A Conversation Between Two Words.** 7 pm • Zoom. The second in a three-part series about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Details and registration at [fapc.org/adult-ed](http://fapc.org/adult-ed).

### ***Next Sunday • Second Sunday after Epiphany***

*"When Prayer Meets Protest" • Luke 18:1-8*

*The Rev. Dr. Keri Day, guest preacher.*

**Welcome to the World**

Oliver Daniel Chen, child of Gee Won Cha and Sam Chen, born Sept. 2, 2022.

**Let's Talk about the Epiphany Over King Cake**

Adult Education invites you to Bonnell Hall following worship today to learn about Epiphany traditions around the world and sample a variety of King Cakes during Coffee Hour. This will be our first chance to talk about our new star words for the coming year!

**Next Sunday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday**

We have a big Sunday planned next week (Jan. 15). Join us at 9:30 am in Jones Auditorium for an Adult Education forum, "Black Theology: James Cone and Biblical Revelation." Our instructor is the Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White, associate professor of theology and culture at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Refreshments will be served. Worship begins at 11 am in the Sanctuary and on livestream. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Keri Day, associate professor of constructive theology and African American religion at Princeton Theological Seminary.

**In Two Weeks: Chapel Church Returns**

Chapel Church, the 9:30 am worship service that we launched in September, returns on Sunday, Jan. 22, and continues through May 14. If you didn't experience Chapel Church in the fall, make plans to join us on an upcoming Sunday!

**Coming Up: Fight Like Jesus, a New Sermon Series**

On Sunday, Jan. 22, Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston begins a five-week sermon series, *Fight Like Jesus: How Faith Can Inform Conflict*. Jesus tells story after story about people who are at odds. He acknowledges that forgiveness is hard, but also reminds us that anger can eat holes in our hearts. This series challenges us to love our enemies by working toward reconciliation. *Fight Like Jesus* will continue through Sunday, Feb. 19.

**Are You Officer Material?**

The Nominating Committee is seeking your input as it prepares a slate of officer candidates for new, three-year terms. If you, or another member you know, would be a good candidate for the Session, the Board of Deacons or the Board of Trustees, please send us your recommendation. More information on the election process, and the officer recommendation form, are available at [fapc.org/officer-elections](http://fapc.org/officer-elections). Please submit your recommendations no later than Sunday, Jan. 22.

**Beyond the Walls: An Invitation to Our Remote Audience**

If you are part of our remote audience, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is planning a special weekend just for you. Come be part of our first-ever Beyond the Walls weekend, set for Friday, May 19, through Sunday, May 21. Tour the church, meet the pastors and staff, worship and serve with us, and enjoy a little time in New York. Learn more at [fapc.org/beyond](http://fapc.org/beyond), and please complete the interest form to assist us in our planning. We hope to see you in the spring!

**Canceled: Today's Film Screening**

The screening of the documentary film *My Name Is Pauli Murray* will not take place this afternoon as planned. Watch for a future announcement from the Word Is Out, our LGBTQ+ community group, when this event is rescheduled.

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### **Adult Education**

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. 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/adult-ed](https://fapc.org/adult-ed).

### **Community Groups**

After two years of lockdown, our community group ministry is back, with many of our longstanding groups returning and a number of new groups just getting started. Groups meet in person and online, joining members locally and from other parts of the country. The diversity of our community groups ensures that you will find the spot that's right for you. Learn more at [fapc.org/community-groups](https://fapc.org/community-groups), or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

### **Congregational Care**

If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also visit [fapc.org/care](https://fapc.org/care) to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program. Or contact Lisauri Marizan (212.247.0490 ext 3007, [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org)).

### **Family Ministries**

Family Ministries brings together families from diverse backgrounds to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs Nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am until 12:30 pm. Sunday School and Youth Group take place at 9:30 am during the program year (September through May). Children depart the 11 am worship service to attend Children's Church every Sunday. We also sponsor special events for families and kids throughout the year. Learn more (and register your child) at [fapc.org/family](https://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, led by the Rev. Sarah Speed. 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](https://fapc.org/faya) or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya). Or contact Sarah (212.247.0490 ext 4037, [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)). We'd love to get to know you!

### **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](https://fapc.org/membership) to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org)).

## 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 entry-level vocalists. 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. Theatre Fellowship offers staged readings for the community and other events throughout the year.

## 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 David B. Skinner Shelter, a 12-bed men's shelter (currently closed due to Covid concerns); 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:

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

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).

## Women's Association

The roots of the Women's Association date to 1810, shortly after the church was founded. Today we offer a year-round program of education, service, prayer and benevolence. The Women's Association Holiday Bazaar in early November supports the ministries of the church and other benevolences. We also host a Christmas Tea for the congregation each December. We welcome you to take part! Contact: Rita Arlen (212.247.0490 ext 3041, [wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org)).

## 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*  
Porter Binks, *Clerk of Session* • John Wyatt, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

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

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Porter Binks	Jill Borrero	Eric Daniels
Bryn Hartzell	Mae Cheng-PaVon	Ann Marie Koehler
Jake Myers	Bruni Fernandez	Sara Rodgers
Patrick Obeng-Frimpong	Paul Griggs	Chris Rogers
Spencer Roberson	Claire Kedeshian	Janeen A. Sarlin
Emily Sytsma	John Kern	Meg Sheehan
Jama Toung	William Stone	Sylvia Winrich
	John Wyatt	

### The Board of Deacons

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Matt Roush, *Moderator* • Emi Iwaida, *Vice Moderator* • Carolyn Ferguson, *Secretary*

Shane Markstrum, *Treasurer*

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Ed Fagan	Jennica Carmona	Kirsten Aiello
Carolyn Ferguson	Greg Dow	Kelly Baer
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### Fund the altar flowers

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