



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2024 • 11:00 AM

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and secure the Blessings of Liberty to Our-
selves and our Posterity, do ordain and estab-
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America.

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This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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

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

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

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

Scott Black Johnston
Senior Pastor

➔ **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 *Hózhó* ("Balance and Beauty") • Connor Chee (b. 1987)

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 116*

Elder Patrick Obeng-Frimpong

One: What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done?

All: **We will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Chris Palmer

* 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 (Choir sings once; then the congregation sings once.)

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Choir sings once; then the congregation sings twice.)

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, — glo - ry be to God on high!
And on earth — peace to all peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.

* 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. Natalie Owens-Pike

ANTHEM

Salmo 150 ("Psalm 150") • Ernani Aguiar (b. 1950)

<i>Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius:</i>	Praise the Lord in his sacred places:
<i>Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis eius.</i>	Praise him in the firmament of his power.
<i>Laudate eum in virtutibus eius,</i>	Praise him for his mighty acts,
<i>Laudate eum secundum</i>	Praise him according to
<i>Multitudinem magnitudinis eius.</i>	His excellent greatness.
<i>Laudate eum in sono tubae,</i>	Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,
<i>Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.</i>	Praise him with the psaltery and the harp.
<i>Laudate eum in timpano et choro,</i>	Praise him with the timbrel and the dance,
<i>Laudate eum in chordis et organo.</i>	Praise him with the strings and the organ.
<i>Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus;</i>	Praise him with high-sounding cymbals,
<i>Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis.</i>	Praise him with cymbals of joy.
<i>Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.</i>	Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
<i>Laudate Dominum, Alleluia!</i>	Praise the Lord, Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 13:5-14

The Philistines mustered to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude; they came up and encamped at Michmash, to the east of Beth-aven. When the Israelites saw that they were in distress (for the troops were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns. Some Hebrews crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people began to slip away from Saul. So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me,

and the offerings of well-being." And he offered the burnt offering. As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel arrived; and Saul went out to meet him and salute him. Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul replied, "When I saw that the people were slipping away from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines were mustering at Michmash, I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down upon me at Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favor of the Lord'; so I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering." Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which he commanded you. The Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever, but now your kingdom will not continue; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart; and the Lord has appointed him to be ruler over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Shall the Christian Nationalists Win?”

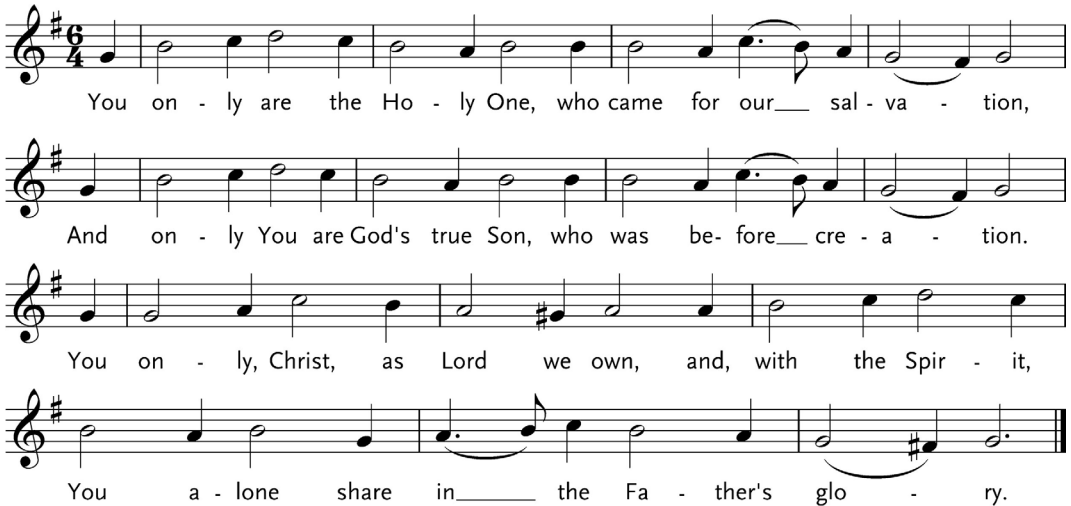
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Barmen Declaration*, 1934

The church’s commission, on which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God
to all people in Christ’s stead,
and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work
through sermon and Sacrament.

We reject the false doctrine,
as though the church in human arrogance
could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service
of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE



You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal - va - tion,
And on - ly You are God's true Son, who was be - fore cre - a - tion.
You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own, and, with the Spir - it,
You a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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CALL TO GIVE

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wana Baraka • Traditional Kenyan, arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)

<i>Wana baraka wale waombao;</i>	They have blessings, those who pray;
<i>Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluya!</i>	Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!
<i>Wana amani...</i>	They have peace...
<i>Wana furaha...</i>	They have joy...
<i>Wana uzima...</i>	They have well-being...

* 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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you.

Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ, in whom your fullness dwells.

(Choir sings once; then the congregation sings once.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and might._____

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - - ry._____ Ho -
Fine

san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!_____

Blest is the one who comes_____ in the name of the Lord._____ Ho

Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding his children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Rising from the dead, he gives new life.

Living with you, he prays for us.

Great is the mystery of faith:

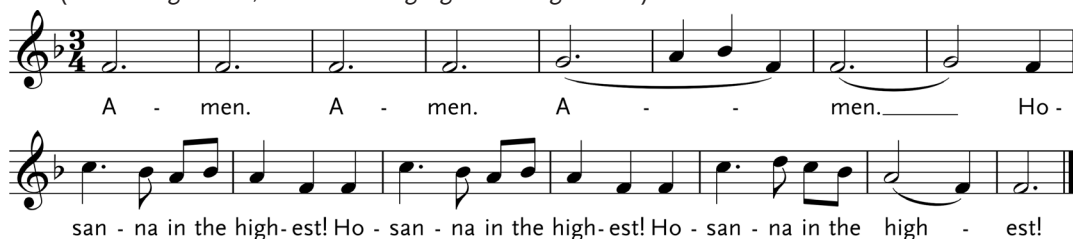
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Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.
Receive our sacrifice of praise.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion
in the body and blood of our Lord.
Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.
Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,
that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.
We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh,
in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.

(Choir sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



A - men. A - men. A - - men. Ho -
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Freedom Trilogy • *Traditional, arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)*

*Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison*

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona,
di thabile kaofela.
Ke Morena Jeso, ya re dumeletseng,
ya re dumeletseng
ho tsamaisa evangedi.*

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
give to all who thirst and hunger.

*Siya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkos.
Siya hamba, hamba,
siya hamba, hamba,
Siya hamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkos*

We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching;
we are marching, marching.
We are marching in the light of God

Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost
But now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 346

For the Healing of the Nations

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May God Who Creates You • Louise Skibsted
May God who creates you give you light;
May God who sustains you make you wise;
May God who protects you give you joy;
May God who surrounds you give you peace.

POSTLUDE

Voices of the World (2023) • *Iain Farrington (b. 1977)*

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* • Rebecca Soelberg, *Soprano* • Max Parsons, *Baritone*

WORSHIP NOTES

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, this morning's music selections highlight sacred traditions from around the globe.

The *Kyrie* is composed by Dinah Reindorf of Ghana, drawing on African musical traditions, while the *Gloria* is by Argentine composer Pablo Sosa, representing the rich musical heritage of Latin America.

Our anthem, *Salmo 150* by Ernani Aguiar, exemplifies the vibrant rhythms and dynamic articulation that define contemporary Brazilian choral music. Aguiar is one of Brazil's most celebrated living composers, and this energetic setting of Psalm 150 showcases his characteristic rhythmic drive and exhilarating style.

The Offertory Anthem, *Wana Baraka*, is a choral arrangement of a beloved Kenyan religious song. Arranged by Shawn Kirchner, this piece layers complex rhythms and harmonies, building toward a joyful, radiant conclusion in D major. Kirchner was introduced to the song by a Kenyan delegation at the 1994 Agricultural Missions International Consultation in Sogakope, Ghana, and his arrangement captures the spirit and vitality of this African tradition.

Paul Halley, a renowned Canadian church musician and former music director of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, has long been a champion of world music. His *Freedom Trilogy*, sung during communion, is an inspiring medley that combines the 16th-century European *Kyrie de Angelis*, the South African *Haleluya Pelo Tsa Rona/Siyahamba*, and the classic *Amazing Grace*. Halley's arrangement reflects his vision of unity across cultures, creating a powerful celebration of a world without boundaries.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please pray for:

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Patricia Blair, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad
Bob Butter, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiut, 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

Faithful Departed:

October 1, 2024: Andrew Larew, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Beloved husband of Chrissy Wojcik, beloved father of Allison, Ben, and Ted Larew, and beloved son of John and Cora Larew.

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 & Sunday School. Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
Parents Community Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church & Communion Class.** Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Weber Terrace. 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.
Reading the Book of Judges in These Times. Corning Logan Room.
- 2 pm** **Believing & Belonging Membership Class.** Zoom.
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This Week

- Tue Oct 8** **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.
Mission Trip Information Session: Ministry of Hope - Lesotho. 7 pm • Zoom. To learn more, visit fapc.org/hope.
- Wed Oct 9** **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.
Asian-American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • 6th Floor Conference Room & Zoom.
- Thu Oct 10** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat Oct 12** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).
Come Home to Fifth Avenue! Midtown. Join us for a special weekend of fellowship and connection. Email hybridchurch@fapc.org to learn more.

Next Sunday • Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

"The Price of Power" • 1 Samuel 14:24-36

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: Deacons Food Drive Begins

The Deacons Food Drive gets underway today, 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 or send canned tuna and plastic jars of peanut butter to: Deacons of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55th St., New York, NY 10019. Thank you!

Today: Reading the Book of Judges in These Times

Join us at 12:30 pm in the Corning Logan Room for an engaging lecture on the Book of Judges, led by Dr. Dong Sung Kim, Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Drew Theological School. We'll read Judges in its canonical order while considering what questions ancient communities might have raised about their past, leadership, identity, and future. Food will be served.

Today: Believing & Belonging Membership Class

To help you plant deeper roots here, join us for an online membership class at 2 pm. These classes focus on getting to know one another, learning about the history and mission of this church, and understanding more about the Presbyterian tradition. If you're not sure about membership, you are still welcome to come and learn more about our church! To find out more, reach out to membership@fapc.org or sign-up at fapc.org/belong.

Tuesday, October 8: Mission Trip Information Session: Ministry of Hope - Lesotho

At 7 pm, on Zoom, Outreach Ministries invites you to an information session with Ministry of Hope Lesotho to learn more about a mission trip in January 2025. This journey will engage participants in daily life as they work and play with the children and caregivers of Ministry of Hope Lesotho. To learn more and sign up, please visit fapc.org/hope.

Saturday, October 12 – Sunday October 13: Come Home to Fifth Avenue!

In this special fall weekend for online campus members, come enjoy fellowship, study, and worship in person here at Fifth Avenue. We'll share a Manhattan dinner together on Saturday night at 6pm, Sunday morning Bible study led by the Rev. Dr. Jonah So, and worship together as a group in the Sanctuary. To sign up, email hybridchurch@fapc.org.

Friday, October 18: Fall Concert: Unclouded Day – Sacred Songs of America

The Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir presents *Unclouded Day: Sacred Songs of America*. Experience the rich heritage of American sacred music through stunning choral arrangements of beloved folk hymns such as "How Can I Keep from Singing?", "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and "This Little Light of Mine." Many of these beloved songs have been revitalized with settings for vocal ensembles by some of America's finest composers. Tickets are available at fapc.org/tickets.

Friday, October 25: Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards

Join us for one of our biggest nights of the year! The Jones Awards honor lay leaders for their outstanding service to the church. The awards are named for the Rev. Dr. Kenneth O. Jones, who served as associate minister of Fifth Avenue for 33 years. The event begins at 6:30 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a three-course dinner and the awards presentation. Get your tickets today at fapc.org/jones.

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. 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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