



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 20, 2024 • 11:00 AM



John Singleton Copley, *Saul Reproved by Samuel*, 1798

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

*Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty") • Helmut Walcha (1907–1991)*

*Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
Johannes Matthias Michel (b. 1962)*

*Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
Max Reger (1873–1916)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Elder Jama Toung*

from "A Wee Worship Book," Iona Abbey, Scotland

One: In the beginning:
before time, before people, before the world began.

All: God was.

One: Here and now:
among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven.

All: God is.

One: In the future:
when our work is done
and all we know has found its fulfillment.

All: God will be.

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it.
Not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: God is. God was. God will be.

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

* CALL TO CONFESSION *Seminarian Anne Nelson*

* 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

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* SUNG RESPONSE

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

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;
 light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.
 Vic-tory is ours; vic-tory is ours through God who loves us. us.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

The Children's Choir & Youth

This is the Day • *Cindy Berry (b.1949)*

Refrain

*This is the day that the Lord has made.
 I will rejoice, and be glad in it.*

Ev'ry good and perfect gift comes from the Lord above.
 I will sing my praise to him and tell him of my love. *Refrain.*

Ev'ry day God blesses me with mercies that are new.
 I can trust his Word because his promises are true. *Refrain.*

LITANY OF PARTING

All: **May God be with you there.**

Children: **May God be with you here.**

*Children (pre-K through second grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Church.
 If this is your child's first time at Fifth Avenue, please accompany them downstairs.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT *Lucas Koehler & Rebecca Wild-Wesley*
2025 Pledge Campaign Co-Chairs

ANTHEM *Discipline • Benjamin Stein (b. 1966)*
Text by George Herbert (1593–1633)

Throw away thy rod,
Throw away thy wrath:
O my God, take the gentle path.
For my heart's desire
Unto thine is bent:
I aspire to a full consent.

Not a word or look
I affect to own,
But by book, and thy book alone.
Though I fail, I weep:
Though I halt in pace,
Yet I creep to the throne of grace.

Then let wrath remove;
Love will do the deed:
For with love, Stonie hearts will bleed.
Love is swift of foot;
Love's a man of warre,
And can shoot, and can hit from farre.

Who can 'scape his bow?
That which wrought on thee,
Brought thee low, needs must work on me.

Throw away thy rod;
Though man frailties hath,
Thou art God: throw away thy wrath.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON *1 Samuel 15:10-31*

The word of the Lord came to Samuel: "I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me, and has not carried out my commands." Samuel was angry; and he cried out to the Lord all night. Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, and Samuel was told, "Saul went to Carmel, where he set up a monument for himself, and on returning he passed on down to Gilgal." When Samuel came to Saul, Saul said to him, "May you be blessed by the Lord; I have carried out the command of the Lord." But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears, and the lowing of cattle that I hear?" Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the cattle, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed." Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stop! I will tell you what the Lord said to me last night." He replied, "Speak." Samuel said, "Though you are little

in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. And the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?" Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me, I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But from the spoil the people took sheep and cattle, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal." And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is no less a sin than divination, and stubbornness is like iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king."

Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray, pardon my sin, and return with me, so that I may worship the Lord." Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel." As Samuel turned to go away, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. And Samuel said to him, "The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this very day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. Moreover the Glory of Israel will not recant or change his mind; for he is not a mortal, that he should change his mind." Then Saul said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, so that I may worship the Lord your God." So Samuel turned back after Saul; and Saul worshiped the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

"A Goat's Song"

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Holy God, Gracious Creator,
we do not always do as we should.
Do not shake your head and turn your back on us.
Show us mercy. Forgive us. Restore us.
And along the way, instill this same mercy in us.
Give us compassion for other broken souls.
Help us to hold onto each other
with generous and loving spirits.
This we pray in Christ's good name. Amen.**

* HYMN 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Kyrie from Solemn Mass in C-sharp minor
Louis Veirne (1870–1937)*

*Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ have mercy,
Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.*

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

* 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

Fifteen Pieces, op. 18: Gloria • *Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)*

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*
Children's Choir and youth
Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director* • Pablo Molano, *Pianist*

WORSHIP NOTES

The composer of this morning's Anthem, Benjamin Stein, is a freelance musician who sings, composes, plays, and conducts throughout the greater Toronto area in Canada. Stein serves as a tenor section leader in the chancel choir at Toronto's Metropolitan United Church. He composed his touching setting of George Herbert's *Discipline* following the unexpected death of a fellow choir member in 1999. It is dedicated to his memory.

The composer of this morning's Offertory Anthem was one of the greatest in the 20th-century French organist/composer tradition: Louis Vierne. Nearly blind from birth, Vierne showed unusual musical talent as a child, and his parents enrolled him in the Paris Conservatory as soon as possible. At the conservatory, Vierne primarily studied with and served as assistant to Charles-Marie Widor, organist at the church of Saint-Sulpice (and composer of the famed Toccata, our traditional Easter postlude). In 1900, Vierne was appointed to one of the most prestigious musical posts in Paris: organist at the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris, a position he held until his death in 1937.

Much of Vierne's music is characterized by an underlying sense of melancholy, a characteristic that is often attributed to a lifetime of various physical and emotional trials and traumas. Much of the *Solemn Mass* certainly supports this assertion, with its brooding minor modality and dense, expressive chromaticism. In spite of the overall moodiness of his music however, there are also moments of peace and perspective, moments perhaps more reflective of the kind and generous nature described by so many of Vierne's students and colleagues.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Deacons (wearing white stoles) are available to pray with you after the service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request that they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. You may submit prayer requests online at fapc.org/prayer-requests.

Please pray for:

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Patricia Blair, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook Eugenia ConneratEdna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sohn Fong, Irene P. Gilman Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Wanda Roush Hannan, Peter S. Hawkins Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Maggie Hendrix, Emi Iwaida, Juliet Kaldanie Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Janet Lamberth, Richard J. Lawson Mary Lowry, Violet Lorenzen, Lauren Ma, The McCall Family, Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish Dexter Ramcharan, Don Rogers, Ramon Rosa, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Nancy Seelig Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Bonnie Smith, Monica Smith, Spencer Robert Smith Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler, Priscilla Young-Rodgers, Wayne Zhou

If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Natalie Wardius (congregationalcare@fapc.org, 212.247.0490).

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
Little Lambs Nursery & 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.** 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.
Family Ministries: Fall Festival. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 2 pm** **Memorial Service for Jim Adams.** Sanctuary. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, presiding.
- 7 pm** **A Presbyterian Approach to Asylum.** Zoom. Learn more at fapc.org/asylum.
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This Week

- Tue Oct 22** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please reach out to Emily Harris (bible-study@fapc.org). To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.
- Wed Oct 23** **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 24** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Fri Oct 25** **Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards.** 6:30 pm • Jones Auditorium + Bonnell Hall. Get your tickets at fapc.org/jones.
- Sat Oct 26** **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).

Next Sunday • Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Here There Be Giants" • 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-49

The Rev. Chris Palmer, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: A Presbyterian Approach to Asylum

Join Outreach Ministries for a webinar on how Rutgers Presbyterian Church responded to the needs of asylum seekers by establishing the Asylum Support Clinic (ASC). This volunteer-driven initiative grew from a community idea into a thriving reality, providing crucial support to newly arrived asylum seekers on their journey to citizenship. Learn more and register at fapc.org/asylum.

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

It's one of our biggest nights of the year as Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church celebrates the Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards! The Jones Awards honor dedicated 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 Presbyterian Church for thirty-three years until his death in 1996. The event begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a three-course dinner and the awards presentation. Today is the last day you can get tickets so head over to fapc.org/jones.

Friday, October 25: Youth Group - Last Friday Hangouts

All youth are invited to join us for pizza, games, and a meaningful devotional time to deepen our faith and connect with each other. These evenings are all about fun, friendship, and growing closer to God in a supportive community. Bring your friends and join us for unforgettable nights of laughter, games, and spiritual growth. Learn more and register at fapc.org/friday.

Sunday, October 27: Christmas Pageant Auditions

Bring your child to the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center at 10:30 am to audition for our Christmas Pageant! There are parts for everyone! Rehearsals will take place during Children's Choir each Sunday from 10:15 – 10:55 am. If your toddlers are interested in being cast as lambs, no auditions or rehearsals are needed. We will dress them on the day of the performance and send them out! This year's pageant plays on Sunday, Dec. 15, during the 11 am service. *The Last Noel* is the delightful story of Jesus's birth told from the animals' point of view, providing refreshing and thought-provoking insight into aspects of the Christmas story. Don't miss it!

Sunday, October 27: Women's Ministry Trip to Suffs!

All women are invited to join us for an exciting outing to see *Suffs* on Broadway, a powerful musical that tells the story of the fierce women who fought for the right to vote in the early 20th century. After the show, we'll gather for dinner at church to dive into a discussion about how these courageous women shaped politics and explore the ongoing impact women have in making a difference today. Tickets are \$119. If you'd like to join us just for dinner after you may also register for that. Please register at fapc.org/suffs.

Sunday, October 27: From the Pews to Policy

Discover the important work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in this insightful webinar, led by Rev. Christina Cosby, Representative for Domestic Issues and Environmental Justice. We'll delve into how our denomination advocates for justice and compassion, and explore ways you can engage in this vital mission. Learn how your voice and actions can contribute to meaningful change. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed and join us at 7 pm.

GETTING CONNECTED

Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Community Groups

We have over 20 community groups to help you form closer bonds within the Fifth Avenue family. Options available online and in-person. Learn more at fapc.org/community-groups, or email (membership@fapc.org).

Congregational Care

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. Please visit fapc.org/care to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program.

Family Ministries

Family Ministries nurtures diverse, strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am to 12:30 pm during the program year (September–May). Sunday School (PreK – 5th Grade) is at 9:30 am and Children’s Church (PreK – 2nd Grade) is following the Litany of Parting during the 11 am worship service during the program year. Youth Group worships at Chapel Church at 9:30 am and meets at 11 am. On the first Sunday of the month, Youth Group worships at both services. Learn more at fapc.org/family. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, familyministries@fapc.org).

FAYA | Fifth Avenue Young Adults

FAYA is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s. During the program year, we meet every Wednesday night for small groups, supper, Bible study and fellowship. Find out more about our weekly gatherings, monthly fellowship events and weekend retreats at fapc.org/faya or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya).

Hybrid Church

Did you know that this church has a vibrant online community? Whether you’re a New Yorker worshipping from home, a longtime member who moved, or a visitor new to our livestream, you are a part of our online campus! There are many ways you can get involved. Don’t miss our virtual small groups, online office hours for pastoral care, retreat programming and seasonal gatherings here at Fifth Avenue. Contact Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike at hybridchurch@fapc.org for more information.

Membership

When we say “All are welcome,” we mean it. Whether you live in the neighborhood, or across the country, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you’re sure membership is right for you, or you’re just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we’d love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit fapc.org/membership or email membership@fapc.org to register.

Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for anyone who loves to sing. Visit fapc.org/choirs to learn more. The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artisans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater.

Outreach Ministries

Through our Outreach Ministries, hundreds of members and friends of the church are engaged in volunteering, advocacy and service. Our programs include our Befriending Ministry on behalf of our neighbors experiencing homelessness; the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, a collaborative ministry with Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral that serves the homeless population of Midtown; A Place at the Table, a twice-weekly sidewalk lunch for our homeless and hungry neighbors; and Meals on Heels, Saturday-morning meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. We also maintain mission partner relationships with local, national and international organizations. Our current mission partners are:

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

To learn more, visit fapc.org/outreach, or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, outreach@fapc.org).

Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit fapc.org/volunteer.

Fifth Avenue Women's Ministry

For generations, the women of Fifth Avenue have gathered for service, fellowship, and deeper faith. Standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before, we continue to connect and would love to include you in our community. The women's ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is trans affirming and welcoming to women of any age and stage. We meet for annual retreats, fellowship events, Bible study, and small groups. To learn more and get involved, email womensministry@fapc.org or visit fapc.org/women.

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