



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 • 11:00 AM



Anonymous, Milestone on the Meltham Turnpike

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

Sinfonia from *Nun danket alle Gott*
("Now Thank We All Our God"), BWV 79 • *J.S. Bach* (1685–1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rebecca Wild-Wesley

2025 Pledge Campaign Co-chair

Psalm 100

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness.

One: Come into God's presence with singing!

All: For the Lord is a gracious God,

One: whose mercy is everlasting;

**All: and whose faithfulness endures
to all generations.**

One: Let us worship Almighty God, tender and just.

* HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

* 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.)

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Music: John L. Bell, 1995. Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995.

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* 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.**

ANTHEM

The Combined Choirs of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

We Give Thanks to You, O Lord
Patricia Mock and Douglas Nolan

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small;
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

For the blessings of the year, we give thanks to you, O Lord.
All the times you held us near, we give thanks to you, O Lord.
For the breath of life each day, we give thanks to you, O Lord.
For the light that guides our way, we give thanks to you, O Lord.

Lord, as one we lift our praise, grateful for your wondrous ways,
Thankful for such love and grace. We give thanks to you, O Lord.
We give thanks to you, O Lord.

For our tables set with bread, we give thanks to you, O Lord.
For the ways our souls are fed, we give thanks to you, O Lord.
For the love of kindred hearts, we give thanks to you, O Lord.
For the friendships near and far, we give thanks to you, O Lord.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon,
and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For your grace, best gift divine! To our world so freely giv'n;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth,
and joy of heav'n;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
We give thanks to you, O Lord.

*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.*

LITANY OF PARTING

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM

My Eyes for Beauty Pine • *Elizabeth Coxhead (b. 1987)*

Text by Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddës grace,
No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.
One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 136:1-9 & 23-26

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O give thanks to the God of gods,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: who alone does great wonders,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: who by understanding made the heavens,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: who spread out the earth on the waters,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: who made the great lights,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: the sun to rule over the day,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: and rescued us from our foes,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: who gives food to all flesh,

All: **for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: O give thanks to the God of heaven,
All: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Milestones”

* RESPONSE OF FAITH

From Philippians 4:6-7

**Let us not be anxious about anything,
but in everything
by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving
let our requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT

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

ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

*Congregants with pledge cards are asked to come forward
using the center aisle. Please place your cards in the baskets.
If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher,
who will accept your card.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fifth Avenue Te Deum (2023) • Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

We praise thee, O God,
We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
The Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth!
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy Glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The Holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee;
The Father of an infinite majesty
Thine honorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou did'st not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou had'st overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou did'st open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee help thy servants,
Whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord save thy people and bless thine heritage,
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify thee and we worship thy name,
Ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin,
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted. Let me never be confounded.

* 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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

* HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

* 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

Nun danket alle Gott ("Now Thank We All Our God")
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

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 and Youth Choir
Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director* • Pablo Molano, *Pianist*

The Paschal Candle

Christ the King Sunday marks the end of the liturgical season that follows Pentecost. Today we focus on the victory of the crucified and risen Christ. We look back to Easter and forward to the coming of Christ.

On Easter Sunday, we lit the Paschal Candle to represent the new light of the resurrection, which banishes the death and darkness of Good Friday. Today we will remove the Paschal Candle from the Sanctuary.

With this act, we recognize that we remain imperfect people in an imperfect world. We acknowledge that God's work is not yet done. And we prepare for the season of Advent, during which we will wait once again for the coming of Christ.

Music

This morning's Offertory Anthem is Philip Stopford's *Fifth Avenue Te Deum*, a vibrant work for choir and organ commissioned by the Fifth Avenue congregation in honor of Ryan Jackson's tenth anniversary as Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries. This piece was premiered during our Homecoming service last year, and has quickly become a favorite piece in our choir's repertoire.

In the words of the composer, Philip Stopford: "It has been my great pleasure to compose a new work for Ryan Jackson and the Choir of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. As with any sacred work, the job of the composer is to express, through new music, the text being set. With the *Te Deum*, we have an ancient hymn of praise, often used at the conclusion of a great service, such as the Coronation of King Charles III at Westminster Abbey. My new *Te Deum* reflects the same text with music influenced by the sights and sounds of New York City—bright lights, rhythmic energy, Broadway-style melodies, and all the joy of the city that never sleeps. I really hope you enjoy this ancient text wrapped up in a new sound."

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, 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:

November 20, 2024: Elizabeth (Lisa) Anderson, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, beloved wife of Gerry Anderson, and beloved mother of Conner Anderson.

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. Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. 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.
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This Week

- Tue Nov 26** **Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Distribution Day.** 10 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
Weekly Word Bible Study. 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email bible-study@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.
- Thu Nov 28** **Meals on Heels.** 8 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver a Thanksgiving feast to homebound neighbors and others in need. If you are available to help, contact John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).
- Thu Nov 28–
Fri Nov 29** **Thanksgiving Holiday.** The church is closed.
- Sat Nov 30** **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).

Coming Up

- Sun Dec 1** **Family Ministries Advent Festival.** 9:30 am • Christian Education Center.
How to Pray. 7 pm • Webinar. Join Dr. Frederick J. Streets and Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike for a workshop focused on learning and prayer. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.
- Fri Dec 6
& Sat Dec 7** **Handel's Messiah.** 7 pm • Sanctuary. Join the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir for a stunning performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Get Tickets at fapc.org/concerts.

Next Sunday • First Sunday of Advent

"Flickers of Hope" • Matthew 5:13-16

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

This Month: Deacons Angel Tree

The Deacons Christmas Angel Tree Project returns for another season of gift-giving for children in need. Go to fapc.org/angel for details and a link to an online gift registry. You can purchase presents for children living in city shelters or other challenging circumstances. Please purchase your gift(s) no later than November 26 to help ensure delivery to the church by December 1.

Tuesday, November 26: Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Distribution Day

The Ecumenical Outreach Partnership (EOP) hosts its annual Warmly Wrapped: Winter Coat Day to distribute coats, winter clothing, and other essential items to the homeless and vulnerable in our care. This is a large-scale volunteer opportunity broken up into two three-hour shifts from 10 am to 1 pm and 12 pm to 3 pm. Meals along with coffee will also be served! Learn more and sign up at fapc.org/warm.

Sunday, December 1: Family Ministries Advent Festival

All families are invited to join us as we kick off the Advent season. There will be crafts, games, Christmas caroling, and a delicious breakfast. There will also be an opportunity to create an Advent Wreath for your family at home.

Sunday, December 1: How to Pray

Do you wonder about the role of prayer in your life? Have you ever been asked to pray or lead grace and felt unsure where to start? Join Dr. Frederick J. Streets and Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike for a workshop focused on learning and prayer. This webinar will provide practical strategies for enhancing your personal prayer life and offer guidance on leading effective and meaningful prayers in small groups or public settings. Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Streets is the Coordinator of the Divinity and Social Work Joint Degree Program at Yale Divinity School. Join us on Zoom at 7 pm. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Mondays, December 2 & 16: SAGES Community Group

On the first and third Monday of the month at 12 pm EST, longtime members and elders in the Fifth Avenue community gather on Zoom for a time of devotion and discussion, fellowship and prayer. Come spend your noon hour with familiar faces and meet new ones as we connect over Zoom. Co-led by Rebecca Wild-Wesley and Elinor K. Hite, email community@fapc.org to join us!

Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7: Handel's *Messiah*

Join us for our inaugural performances of Handel's *Messiah*! Revel in the glorious sounds of this timeless masterpiece, featuring renowned solos such as "Comfort Ye," "Rejoice Greatly," and the iconic "Hallelujah" chorus. Experience the drama and beauty of Handel's composition, brought to life by our exceptional musicians in Fifth Avenue's majestic and inspiring Sanctuary. Don't miss this unforgettable start to the holiday season! To purchase tickets visit fapc.org/tickets.

Sunday, December 8: Christmas at The Cloisters

Join us for a magical experience this Advent season! We'll explore the beautiful Christmas displays and permanent Nativity artwork at The Met Cloisters, delving into the rich history and profound meaning of these exhibits. The tour, led by Elder Louisa Raitt, a PhD candidate at the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, begins at 2:30 pm. These medieval masterpieces promise to inspire and uplift, perfectly embodying the Advent season. The cost is \$29 (or \$10 if you have an annual membership!). Register at fapc.org/cloisters.

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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The Session

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