



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2024 • 11:00 AM



Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov, *Gabriel Silencing Zechariah*, c. 1850

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

Prelude in G major, BWV 541 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Andy Craven

from Isaiah 35

One: In the midst of the barren land,

All: flowers burst into bloom.

One: In the midst of the dry desert,

All: streams of water gush forth.

One: It is Advent. Hope perfumes the air.

All: Peace is taking root.

One: Prepare your hearts.

All: Our hearts long to see the glory of God!

One: Let us worship God, tender and just.

* HYMN 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Fifth Avenue Young Adults: Emily Fishman, Daniel Stockton, and Ailih Weeldreyer

* SUNG RESPONSE



A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of peace,
a can - dle to sig - nal that con - flict must cease:
for Je - sus is com - ing to show us the way;
a mes - sage of peace hum - bly laid in the hay.

Music: James R. Murray, 1887 - AWAY IN A MANGER. Text: Sandra Dean © 1986 Sandra Dean.
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* 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 joins, singing once.)

Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son,
Chri - ste e - le - - - i - son.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Peo-ple look east. The time is near of the crown-ing of_ the year.
Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set_ the ta - ble.
Peo-ple look east and sing to - day: Love the guest is on_ the way.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism

* CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church;
for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage and support you,
to share the good news of the gospel with you,
and to help you know and follow Christ.

Choir and Congregation

* SUNG RESPONSE

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

*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. Natalie Owens-Pike

ANTHEM

O Radiant Dawn • *James MacMillan (b. 1959)*
Text from the Great 'O' Advent Antiphons (circa 6th century)

O Radiant Dawn,
Splendor of eternal Light,
Sun of Justice:
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied,
'The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
A light has shone.'

Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:67-79

Then John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for God has looked favorably on the people and redeemed them.

The Lord has raised up a mighty savior for us

in the house of God's servant David,

as promised through the mouth of holy prophets from of old,

that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus the Lord has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

and has remembered God's holy covenant,

the oath that the Lord swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to God's people

by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Votives of Peace”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

from St. Francis of Assisi

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**

* HYMN 666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

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

O Thou the Central Orb • *Charles Wood (1866–1926)*
Text: H. R. Bramley (1833–1917)

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High,
Eternal Light of this our wintry world,

Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
Hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne,
 set in the height of God's ordaining counsel,
As thy sight gives measured grace to each,
Thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee,
Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
Now pure within, pure within. Amen.

* 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 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes • Mark G. Sirett (b. 1952)
Text: Anonymous

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major, BWV 541 • J.S. Bach

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

James MacMillan's *O Radiant Dawn* is a captivating choral work that resonates with a profound sense of hope and anticipation. Commissioned by St. John's College, Cambridge, for their Advent Carol Service in 2004, the composition draws inspiration from the rich tradition of the Great 'O' Antiphons. These are a set of seven liturgical antiphons whose roots can be traced all the way back to the 6th century. Traditionally sung during Vespers services from December 17 to December 23, these Antiphons are a venerable part of the Christian liturgical tradition. Each antiphon addresses the Messiah with a different title derived from the prophecies of Isaiah, expressing the hopes and longings of the people for the coming of the Christ. MacMillan's haunting music reflects the dual nature of Advent, balancing the solemnity of waiting with the joyful anticipation of Christ's arrival. MacMillan's use of soaring melodies and luminous harmonies captures the essence of the text, which celebrates the coming of Christ as the radiant dawn dispelling the darkness.

The Offertory Anthem is by Charles Wood, a great Victorian composer of Irish descent. In 1883, Wood was a student in the inaugural class of the newly instituted Royal College of Music in London. He studied composition with Charles Villiers Stanford and Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, widely considered to be the great-grandfathers of the modern English choral tradition. Wood went on to teach composition himself at the RCM as well as at Cambridge University, and he counted Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells among his pupils. Although Wood served as the director of music at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, he spent much of his early career writing larger-scale works for stage and orchestra. It was not until later in life that Wood turned to the composition of church music. *O Thou the Central Orb* is a wonderful example of Wood's work in this style, featuring masterful choral writing above a stirring and expressive organ accompaniment. The final "Amen," following a brief organ interlude, is enormously powerful in its simplicity, a testament to Wood's outstanding sensitivity to text and musical form.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Flowers are given to The Glory of God and in loving memory of Mee Yung Wong Ng, beloved mother of Mary Ng.

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

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.
Sunday School & Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson 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.** Sanctuary & Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **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** **Bagels and Bible.** 7th Floor Conference Room.
Sermon Springboard. Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- 1:45 pm** **Fifth Avenue Caroling.** Fifth Avenue Main Stage (between 53rd & 54th Streets).
- 2 pm** **Joe Vedella Holiday Dinner.** Bonnell Hall.
- 2:30 pm** **Christmas at the Cloisters.** The Cloisters Museum.
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This Week

- Mon Dec 9** **Shelter Family Christmas Party.** 5:30 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center
- Tue Dec 10** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please reach out to bible-study@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.
- Wed Dec 11** **Blue Christmas.** 6:30 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, presiding.
- Thu Dec 12** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
Dads Night Out! 6:30 pm • Finback (29-37 41st Ave., Queens, NY 11101). Dads of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of fun. Register at fapc.org/dads.
- Sat Dec 14** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).
FAYA Christmas Party! 6:30 pm • Bonnell Hall. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org.

Next Sunday • Third Sunday of Advent

Chapel Church, 9:30 am: "Flashes of Joy" • Luke 3:7-18

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.

Sanctuary, 11 am: Children's Christmas Pageant

NEWS & EVENTS

Baptized Today

John Willard Young IV, child of Rachael and John Young.

TODAY: Fifth Avenue Caroling

Join the Fifth Avenue Community Choir today on the main stage between 53rd and 54th Streets on Fifth Avenue at 1:45 pm! Support our wonderful singers as they serenade neighbors, friends, and visitors during today's festivities, part of the Fifth Avenue Association's holiday celebrations.

Monday, December 9: Shelter Family Christmas Party

Join us as we welcome children and families living in the city shelter system to a family holiday party. Volunteers are needed to welcome our guests, attend to more than forty children and help create an evening of merriment. The event takes place from 5:30 until 8 pm. Volunteers are needed as early as 4:30 pm. Learn more and volunteer at fapc.org/shelter.

Wednesday, December 11: Blue Christmas Worship Service

As the rest of the world rushes toward the Christmas holiday, our Blue Christmas service reminds us that Advent is a time of quiet contemplation and preparation. This service can also be healing for those who find the holidays difficult. Many describe Blue Christmas as one of the most beautiful and restorative services of the year. It begins at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary & on Livestream.

Saturday, December 14: FAYA Christmas Party

Fa-la-la-la-FAYA! Join the Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) for the most wonderful celebration of the year- the FAYA Christmas Party! Friends are invited! For more information, please contact the Rev. Chris Palmer (youngadults@fapc.org).

Monday, December 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!

Sunday, December 22: Women's Ministry Festive Noel Lunch

All women are invited to join us on Sunday, December 22 at 12:30 pm in the Rita Arlen Room for a festive meal, Christmas caroling, and a book swap. Bring your holiday spirit and a wrapped new or lightly used book and enjoy a warm afternoon of fellowship and cheer! The cost for lunch is \$35. Please register at fapc.org/women by Sunday, December 15.

Friday, February 21 – Sunday, February 23: Women's Winter Sabbath Retreat

Come away with us for a sabbath weekend at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, New Jersey! This weekend is a true retreat for your soul, offering Bible study, worship, and meaningful group conversation, alongside moments of quiet reflection and meditation. We will deepen our bonds and enjoy laughter and connection with each other. The cost for the weekend is \$250. Please register at fapc.org/women. Limited scholarships are available for those who need financial help. Please email womensministry@fapc.org to inquire.

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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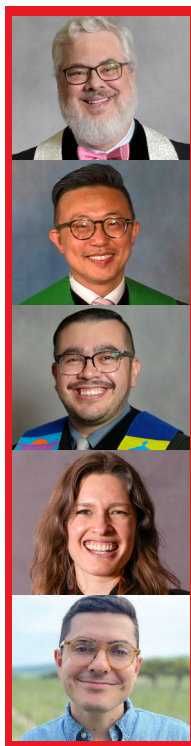
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Fund the altar flowers • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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