

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2024 • 11:00 AM



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

Variations on *In dulci júbilo* ("Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!")
Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Persis Luke

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy!

All: The Lord is near.

One: God rejoices over us with gladness.

All: God renews us in God's love.

One: Rejoice in the Lord always.

All: Again, I will say, "Rejoice!"

* HYMN 140

Once in Royal David's City

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Thomas & Annie Mann

* SUNG RESPONSE



A can - dle is burn - ing, a can - dle of joy,
a can - dle to wel - come brave Ma - ry's new boy.
Our hearts filled with won - der, and eyes light and glow
as joy bright-ens win - ter like sun - shine on snow.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

* 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 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.

Music: French folk melody - BESANÇON. Text: Eleanor Farjeon © 1928 David Higham Associates.
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* PASSING OF THE PEACE One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

CAROL

Shepherd's Pipe Carol • *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

Going through the hills on a night all starry
On the way to Bethlehem,
Far away I heard a shepherd boy piping
On the way to Bethlehem.

Refrain

*Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:
"Dance and sing for joy that Christ the new-born King
Is come to bring us peace on earth,
And he's lying cradled there at Bethlehem."*

"Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily
On the way to Bethlehem,
Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely
On the way to Bethlehem?" *Refrain*

“None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely
On the way to Bethlehem;
But a King will hear me play sweet lullabies
When I get to Bethlehem.”

Angels in the sky came down from on high,
Hovered o’er the manger where the babe was lying
Cradled in the arms of his mother Mary,
Sleeping now at Bethlehem.

“Where is this new King, shepherd boy piping merrily,
Is he there at Bethlehem?”

“I will find him soon by the star shining brightly
In the sky o’er Bethlehem.” Refrain

“May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily,
Come with you to Bethlehem?
Pay my homage too at the new King’s cradle,
Is it far to Bethlehem?”

Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:
“Dance and sing for joy that Christ the infant King
Is born this night in lowly stable yonder,
Born for you at Bethlehem.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (SEE INSERT)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

The Rev. Chris Palmer

OFFERTORY CAROL

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Traditional, arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
Text by G.R. Woodward (1848–1934)

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel-singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

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E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!" by priest and people sungen!

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

* 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 147

The First Nowell (vss. 1, 2, 3, & 6)

* 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

Toccatà on *Il est né, le divin Enfant*
("He is born, the divine child") • *Denis Bédard*

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*

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, Ryan Moloughney, Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish Dexter Ramcharan, Arthur Richmond, 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:

December 5, 2024: Pamela Harris, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Beloved mother of Gable and Ed Shaikh, Dusty Chase, Cord Chase, and Candice Chase.

December 8, 2024: Robert Kelly, beloved uncle of Donna and Derek Maddalena, and great uncle of Nick and Jenna Maddalena.

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).

Carriers of the Light

*Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman
with a minor dramatic twist by Eugenia Yau*

Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, director
Shanade Hernandez and Pablo Molano, assistant directors

Carriers of the Light is inspired by scriptural passages focusing on Jesus as the Light of Salvation. Through traditional carols and original music, it celebrates the passing of God's light from Mary to Joseph to the animals in the manger, from the shepherds in the countryside to the Wise Men in the East.

Scene I: The Prophecy — Isaiah 59:9 - 60:3

Song 1

Come, Light of the World

O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and bring God's light to Israel.

Refrain

*Come, come, Emmanuel, Come, ransom Israel,
stumblin' in darkness, cryin' in sadness.*

Turn on the lights!
Come, come, Emmanuel,
Come, ransom Israel.
Turn nighttime to daytime, moonlight to sunlight,
Come, Light of the World!
Arise, shine! Shine, shine like the sun!
Arise, shine! Come, Holy One. Refrain
Come, Light of the World!

Scene II: The Annunciation — Luke 1:26 - 38

Song 2

Ave Maria

Ave Maria, most favored one.
You have been chosen to bear God's Son.
He'll be the Light, ruler divine.
His reign will last till the end of all time.

My spirit sings of my glorious Lord.
I am His servant, I hear His word.
Let all this happen just as you say.
I will give thanks for God's wonderful way.

Praise to the Father, His will be done.
God in His wisdom sending His Son.
He'll be the Savior, ruler divine.
His reign will last till the end of all time.

Scene III: Joseph, Descendant of David — Matthew 1:18 - 24

Song 3

Whatcha Gonna Call That Baby?

Refrain

*Whatcha gonna call,
Whatcha gonna call that baby?
Whatcha gonna call,
Whatcha gonna call that boy?*

All the animals gather 'round, whatcha gonna call that baby boy?
In the straw a baby found, whatcha gonna call that baby boy?
See the babe in swaddlin' clothes? whatcha gonna call that baby boy?
Mary smiles 'casus Mary knows! whatcha gonna call that baby boy?

Refrain.

"Glory! Glory, Hallelujah!" angels sing from on high.
"Glory! Glory, Hallelujah!" Refrain.
Whatcha gonna call that boy?

SCENE IV: BETHLEHEM'S MANGER — Luke 2:1-7

Song 4

The Friendly Beasts

Jesus, our brother, strong and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts around him stood;
Jesus, our brother, strong and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried his mother up hill and down;
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red
"I gave him my manger for his bed;
I gave him my hay to pillow his head."
"I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn;"
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.

"I," said the dove from the rafters high,
"I cooed him to sleep so that he would not cry;
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I."
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.

Thus every beast, by some good spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.

SCENE V: THE SHEPHERDS — Luke 2:8 - 12

Song 5

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere,
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

Go, tell it, over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go, tell it, Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain.*

Now the shepherds trembled when above the earth,
The angels sang about the Savior's birth. *Refrain.*

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Go, tell it, Christ the Savior is born!

Scene VI: The Wise Men — Matthew 2:1-12

Song 6

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Scene VII: Carriers of the Light — Matthew 2:13-23 and 4:12-17

Song 7

Carriers of the Light

Refrain

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (x3)
Ev'rywhere I go.*

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere,

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

The Light of God has come! Refrain

O come, let us adore Him. (x3)

We are Carriers of the Light.

*****End*****

Cast

Music Director
Eugenia Oi Yan Yau

Assistant Directors

Shanade Hernandez and Pablo Molano

Musicians

Bob Goetz, violin; Willie Goetz, percussion
Joseph Vaz, bass; Pablo Molano, keyboard

Volunteers

Debbie Goetz, Yenny Lee, Laura McIntire, seamstress
Barbara Kerin, back-stage
Jose R. Santos, stage and production crew member

Speaking Roles

Angels
Kili Mphepo, Susannah Guippone, Chloe Ann Moffett
Eloise Kenton, Poppy Kenton, Marlo McIntire

Shepherds
Caroline O'Brien, Lizzy O'Brien

Holy Family
Emory Kenton, *Mary*
Benjamin Arandia, *Joseph*

Animals
Matteo Castro, *Donkey*
Jon Kashani, *Cow*
Frederick Guippone, *Sheep*
Ailish Cranstoun, *Dove*

Wise Men
Foster Koehler, Saam Kashani, Colton Rogers

King Herod
Quentin McIntire

Narrators
Max McIntire, Fulton Koehler, Lincoln Borrero

Non-Speaking Roles

Angel
James Snyder

Animals
Fin Koehler, charizard & Carter Rogers, spider.

Lambs
Gloria Guippone, Sophie Katharina Hennighausen
Arthur Mann, August Ramirez, Pierce Wagner

Lamb Leads
Carmen Garnier, Osanna Urbay

On behalf of the music program of Family Ministries, we extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the families, volunteers, and friends who helped make this pageant possible!

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship featuring our Christmas Pageant.** Sanctuary and livestream.
- 12 pm** **Tour the Church.** After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "tour starts here" sign.
- 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.
- Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
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Coming Up

- Tue Dec 17** **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 18** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
- FAYA Crafts & Carols.** 5:30 pm • The Living Room.
- Thu Dec 19** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Moms Night Out.** 6 pm • Panorama Room. Visit fapc.org/moms to register.
- Sat Dec 21** **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).
- Sun Dec.22** **Women's Ministry Festive Noel Luncheon.** 12:30 pm • Rita Arlen Room. All women are invited for a festive meal, Christmas caroling, and a book swap. Please register at fapc.org/women by Sunday, December 15.
- Wed Dec 25** **Meals on Heels Christmas.** 8 am • Bonnell Hall. Meals on Heels will be preparing and delivering a special Christmas Day meal to homebound seniors. Sign up is required. Please contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org for more details.

Christmas Eve Worship Services Tuesday, December 24

Family Ministries Christmas Eve

A recorded service for families will be available on demand on our YouTube channel, *FAPCinNYC*.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

7:30 pm • Sanctuary and Livestream. Music begins at 7 pm.

11 pm • Sanctuary. Music begins at 10:30 pm.

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Thank You from the Deacons

The Deacons thank everyone who participated in this year's Angel Tree Project. We were able to collect 150 gifts and fill sixty stockings for four different organizations in New York City. Thank you for your Christmas spirit!

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!

Tuesday, December 17: Weekly Word Bible Study

This is the perfect opportunity for you to strengthen your relationship with Scripture and deepen your faith. Throughout the year, Fifth Avenue's senior staff will guide you through some of the Bible's most thought-provoking passages. Participants will learn how these sacred words can help us navigate our modern dilemmas. To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.

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

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.

Wednesday, December 25: Meals on Heels Christmas

In this joyful season, Meals on Heels will prepare and bring a special Christmas Day meal to homebound seniors. Volunteers are needed to help cook and deliver the meals. Please contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org to for more details and to volunteer. On this special day, let's come together for our elderly neighbors.

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 retreat offers Bible study, worship, and meaningful conversation, alongside quiet reflection and meditation. The cost is \$250. Please register at fapc.org/women. Limited scholarships are available. Please email womensministry@fapc.org to learn more.

Give the Gift of Church Officers

The Nominating Committee is seeking your input as it prepares a slate of officer candidates for new, three-year terms. If you, or a member you know, would be a good candidate for the Board of Deacons, the Session, or the Board of Trustees, please send us your recommendation. Information on the officer election process and the officer recommendation form are available at fapc.org/officer-elections.

Wednesday, December 18: FAYA Crafts & Carols

Come deck the halls with the Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA). We'll gather for a festive Midweek on December 18, where we'll sing some of our favorite Christmas carols and pair each carol with a delicious craft beer. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the festivities start at 6:30 pm in the Living Room.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Chris Palmer, *Associate Pastor* • Meg Sheehan, *Clerk of Session*
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Thomas Pak
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Beth Rumore Stanley
Jama Toung

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Rumel Francois
Jeanne Lehman French
Bruce Ramsden
Susan Roberson
Betsy Ross
Amelia Vogler Topping
Julia Ward

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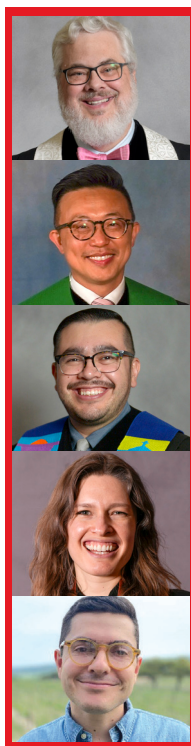
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CLERGY & STAFF



The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston *Senior Pastor*

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The Rev. Werner Ramirez *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Family Ministries*

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike *Associate Pastor for Ministry to the Online Campus*

The Rev. Chris Palmer *Transitional Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, *Parish Associate*

The Rev. Dr. Michelle Lim, *Parish Visitor*

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Announce a birth or adoption

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Join the online campus

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Join the church

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Plan your wedding

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Prepare for baptism

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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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

Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

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

Request a bulletin announcement • Sean McAvoy, fapc@fapc.org

Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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GIVEN

THE 2025 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Together this congregation has pledged \$2,982,301 putting us 82% towards our goal. Thank you!

Your pledge supports our worship services, music ministries, groundbreaking hybrid church initiative, outreach to our homeless neighbors, educational offerings, and so much more.

Pledge your support and help us meet our \$3.65 million goal!

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Building Hours

Monday,
Wednesday – Friday
9 am – 6 pm

Tuesday
9 am – 9 pm

Saturday
8 am – 1 pm

Sunday
8 am – 2:30 pm



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