



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
JANUARY 5, 2025 • 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

*Reges Tharsis (Meditation sur l'offertoire de l'Epiphanie)
Gaston Litaize (1909–1991)*

*Chorale Fantasia on *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*
("How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"), BuxWV 223
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Jeanne Lehman-French

One: In the beginning, God spoke to say,
let there be light!

**All: We turn our gaze to the path you light,
oh Holy God.**

One: Star by heavenly star, show us your wisdom.

**All: Let us come into God's presence
with our joy and celebration,
with our doubt or longing,
with all we hold this day.**

One: Come, let us worship God,
whose light shines forth in the darkness.

* HYMN 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

* 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.)



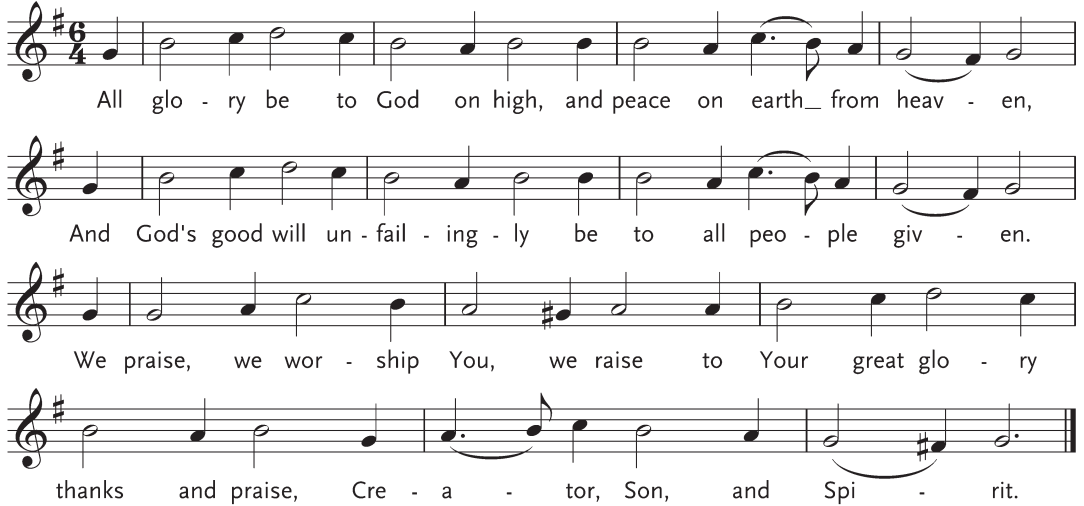
To you, O God, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.____

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth_ from heav - en,
 And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple giv - en.
 We praise, we wor - ship You, we raise to Your great glo - ry
 thanks and praise, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Spi - rit.

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LITANY OF PARTING

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

The Wise Men and the Star • *Oliver Tarney (b. 1984)*
 Text by *Lucia Quinault (b. 1969)*

Sovereign scholars, weary of waiting,
 Startled by starlight that kindles the sky.
 Eager for answers, destiny drives them,
 Watching with wonder, watching with wonder,
 Watching with wonder, they follow the star.

Passing by palaces, greedy and golden,
 Threading the byways of winter and cold,
 Come to a doorway, low-built and lamplit,
 Eagerly enter, eagerly enter,
 Eagerly enter under the star.

Source of all starlight, simply they see him,
 Laid in a manger and haloed with hay.
 Bright in his beauty, shrouded with shadows.
 Steady the star shines, steady the star shines,
 Steady the star shines. Follow the star.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

“Look Up!”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God who is the light of the world,
Grant us the courage and clarity
to see ourselves and each other
By the light of our Star Words.
May they inspire us to act justly,
to love mercy, and to walk humbly in your way. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE

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

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

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CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Star-Song • Jonathan Dove
Text by Robert Herrick (1591–1634)

Tell us, thou clear and heavenly tongue,
Where is the Babe but lately sprung?
Lies he the lily-banks among?

Or say, if this new Birth of ours,
Sleeps, laid within some ark of flowers,
Spangled with dew-light; thou canst clear
All doubts, and manifest the where.

Declare to us, bright star, if we shall seek
Him in the morning's blushing cheek,
Or search the beds of spices through,
To find him out?

Star: No, this ye need not do;
But only come and see him rest
A Princely Babe in's mother's breast.

Choir: He's seen! he's seen! Why then around
Let's kiss the sweet and holy ground;
And all rejoice that we have found
A King before conception crown'd.

Come then, come then, and let us bring
Unto our pretty Twelfth-tide King,
Each one his several offering;
And when night comes, we'll give him wassailing;
And that his treble honours may be seen,
We'll choose him King, and make his mother Queen!

* DOXOLOGY

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Holy God, we praise you.

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
 Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us.
 Dying on the cross, he saves us. Rising from the dead, he gives new life.
 Living with you, he prays for us. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.
 Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
 Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob, from *Christus Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

Text: Matthew 2:1-2 and Numbers 24:17

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem,
in the land of Judea;
Behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem
there came wise men, and said:
“Say, where is he born, the King of Judea?
For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.”
There shall a star come out of Jacob,
And a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
With might destroying princes and cities.
As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.
Thy Word O Lord, radiance darting,
Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright

* 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

In dir ist freude (“In Thee is Gladness”), BWV 615
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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* • Rachel Mikol, *soprano*
Mendelssohn Trio: Wilson Nichols, Alex McCoy, and Max Parsons

WORSHIP NOTES

The choral and organ music this morning was chosen to mark of the feast of Epiphany, officially celebrated this past Friday, January 6, following the twelve days of Christmas. Epiphany is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Three Kings) who visited Jesus in his childhood.

Both the Organ Prelude and the Communion Anthem feature one of the oldest and most famous Epiphany hymns, *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* ("How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"), composed by Philipp Nicolai in 1597. Buxtehude's variations on the tune are playful and colorful, allowing the organist to show off many lighter colors of the organ. Mendelssohn includes the entire first verse of the hymn toward the end of the Communion Anthem, *There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob*, which is the opening chorus of his unfinished oratorio on the life of Jesus, *Christus*.

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 Craddoc 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:

November 19, 2024: Sandra L. Lamb, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

December 13, 2024: Jane Margaret Griffin, beloved mother to Bill Carmody, mother-in-law to Catherine Carmody and grandmother to Ben Curley.

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.** 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 the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
Holy Heat—Theology on Fire. Bonnell Hall & Livestream.
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This Week

- Mon Jan 6** **Sages.** 12 pm • Zoom. We welcome elders and long-time members of Fifth Avenue to join us for a time of devotion and discussion. Contact Rev. Natalie at hybridchurch@fapc.org to sign up.
- Tue Jan 7** **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 Jan 8** **FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org.
- Thu Jan 9** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat Jan 11** **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).
African Burial Ground National Monument Tour. 10:30 am • Lower Manhattan. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.
- Sun Jan 12** **Women’s Ministry New York Historical Society Tour.** 2 pm • New York Historical Society. Register at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Coming Up

- Sun Jan 19** **Adult Education: What Kind of Christianity.** 9:30 am • Jones Auditorium.

Next Sunday • Baptism of the Lord

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: Holy Heat—Theology on Fire

Join us at 12:30 in Bonnell Hall and on livestream for a sizzling event inspired by the popular show *Hot Ones*! Watch as the clergy of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church take on the ultimate spicy challenge, munching on increasingly fiery hot wings while answering burning questions about faith and theology. Come for the heat and stay for the enlightening and entertaining discussion. Whether you're a hot sauce aficionado or simply curious about the intersection of spice and spirituality, this event promises an afternoon of fun, flavor, and fiery faith conversations! Hot wings will be served!

Saturday, January 11: African Burial Ground National Monument Tour

Join us at 10:30 am in Lower Manhattan for a reflective journey to the African Burial Ground National Monument, where we'll honor the lives and legacies of enslaved and free Africans who contributed to the construction and culture of colonial New York. Rediscovered in 1991 during construction on Broadway, this sacred 6-acre site revealed over 15,000 skeletal remains dating back to the 1630s, transforming our understanding of New York's history. Learn more and register at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Sunday, January 12: Women's Ministry New York Historical Society Tour

Join us for an inspiring tour of the New York Historical Society's new exhibit, *Real Clothes, Real Lives: 200 Years of What Women Wore*, led by our own Jeanne Pape! This fascinating exhibit from the Smith College Historic Clothing Collection reveals how women's everyday clothing reflects changes in roles, race, and class across generations. We will meet at 2 pm. Learn more and register at fapc.org/clothes.

Sunday, January 19: What Kind of Christianity

Join Dr. William Yoo, Associate Professor at Columbia Theological Seminary, for a powerful and thought-provoking class on the history of slavery and anti-Black racism in the Presbyterian Church. Drawing from his book, *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*, Dr. Yoo will explore how Presbyterians in both the North and South were often complicit in supporting or ignoring slavery and racial injustice. This class will challenge us to confront this painful history and consider how it shapes our ongoing responsibility to pursue racial justice today. A discussion of Dr. Yoo's book will take place prior to the event. The event will be held in person at 9:30 am and recorded for later viewing. Register for the book discussion, breakfast during the event in Jones Auditorium, or both at fapc.org/adult-ed.

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.

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.

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*
Dennis Bushe, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

Class of 2025

Eric Daniels
Carol Kenney
Ann Marie Koehler
Chris Rogers
Janeen A. Sarlin
Meg Sheehan
Sienna Toung
Sylvia Winrich

Class of 2026

Rachel Brenner
Dennis Bushe
Roseanne Lind
Nate Mahrer
Brian McLendon
Louisa Raitt
Martha Van Hise

Class of 2027

Chloe Hawker
Josie Lawrence
Persis Luke
Patrick Obeng-Frimpong
Thomas Pak
David Roberson
Beth Rumore Stanley
Jama Toung

The Board of Deacons

Kirsten Aiello, *Moderator* • Chad Schepp, *Vice Moderator* • Sarah McKoy, *Secretary*
Susan Roberson, *Treasurer*

Class of 2025

Kirsten Aiello
Kelly Baer
Jessica Carmona
Hope Griggs
Jane Henn
Sarah McKoy
Jeannine Rodgers
Chad Schepp
Dicky Tuwaidan
Arthur Wong

Class of 2026

Chrissy Badger
Brendan Birth
Joshua Code
Rumel Francois
Jeanne Lehman French
Bruce Ramsden
Susan Roberson
Betsy Ross
Amelia Vogler Topping
Julia Ward

Class of 2027

Jesse Allen
Andy Craven
Myra Ford
Mary Sue Highmore
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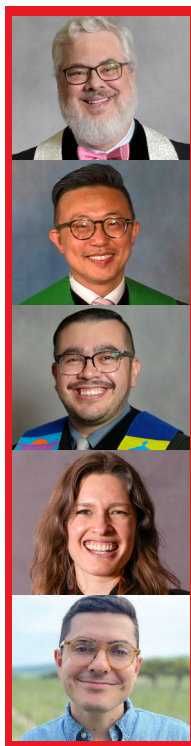
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