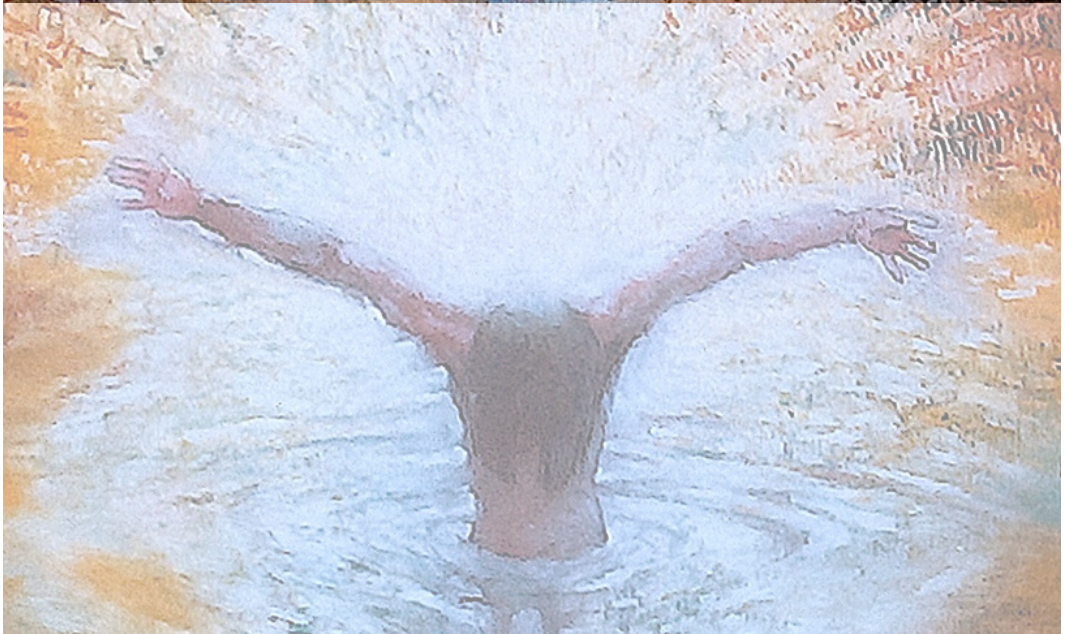
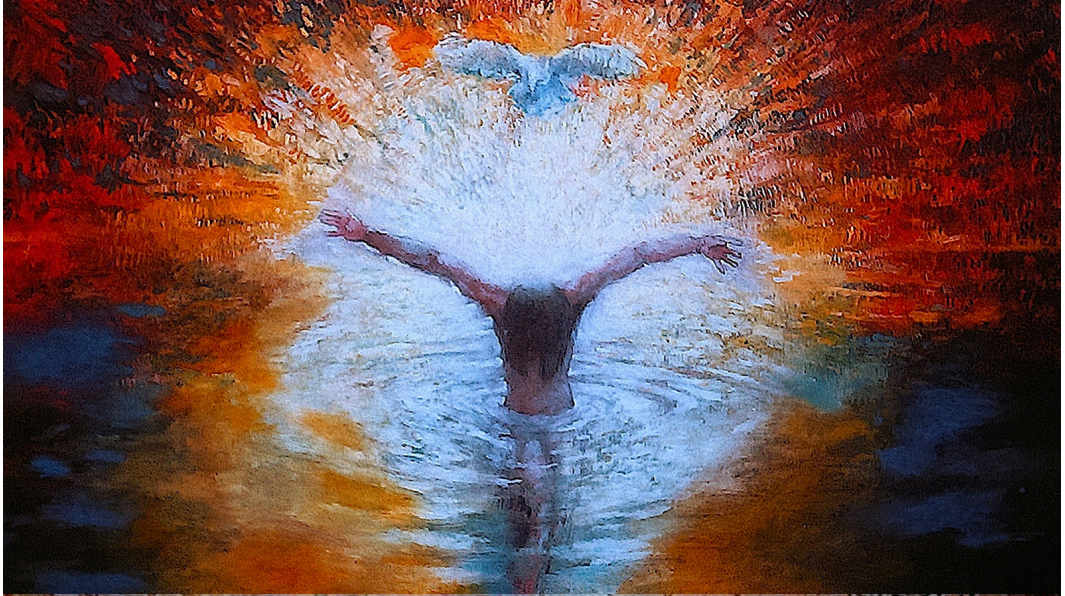




Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2025 • 11:00 AM



Daniel Bonnell, *The Baptism of the Christ with Dove*, 2018

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, Fugue and Chaconne in C major, BuxWV 137
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Jesse Allen

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord
the glory that is due the holy name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

One: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**All: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

One: And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**All: The Lord shall give strength to the chosen people;
the Lord shall give the people
the blessing of peace.**

* HYMN 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

* 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.**

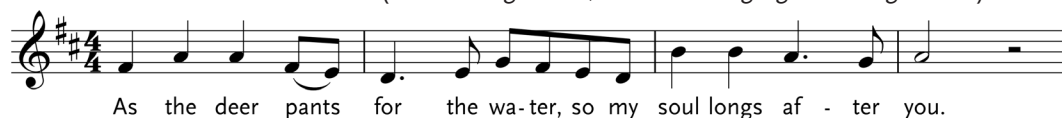
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**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.)



* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Praise our Ma - ker, peo - ples of one fam - 'ly:
God is love! God is love! Praise our Ma - ker
peo - ples of one fam - 'ly: God is love! God is love!

Music: E. Rawdon Bailey (1859–1938). Text: Church and School Hymnal, 1926; adapt. RGH.

* 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

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal • René Clausen (b. 1953)
Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love;
Neither can the floods drown it.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 43:1-7*

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

"Rough Waters of Baptism"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

**By humble submission to John's baptism,
Christ joined himself to people in their need
and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation
in the power of the spirit.
Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit
by all his people.
Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin
but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life.
It commits all Christians to die each day to sin
and to live for righteousness. Amen.**

* HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Chris Palmer

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

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

In the Lord, in the Lord,
My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Before I'd stay in hell one day,
I'd sing and pray myself away.
Gonna shout and pray and never stop,
Until I reach the mountaintop.

Do you love him? Oh yes!
Do you love him? Hallelujah!
Do you love him? Oh yes!
God almighty!
Are you anchored? Oh yes!
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you serve him? Oh yes!
Will you serve him? Hallelujah!
Will you serve him? Oh yes!
God almighty!
Are you anchored? Oh yes!
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Will you praise him? Oh yes!
Will you praise him? Hallelujah!
Will you praise him? Oh yes!
God almighty!
Are you anchored? Oh yes!
Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

* 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 295

Go to the World

* 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

Sonata no. 2 in C minor: *Allegro maestoso e vivace*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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*

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Anthem, *Set Me As a Seal*, was composed by René Clausen, an esteemed American composer, conductor of The Concordia Choir, and professor of music at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Clausen's works are widely performed and recorded, and his exceptional contributions to choral music have earned numerous accolades, including three Grammy Awards for the album *Life & Breath: Choral Works by René Clausen* at the 55th Grammy Awards in 2013. *Set Me As a Seal* was written during a deeply painful time in Clausen's life. Reflecting on its genesis, Clausen shared:

"Some time ago my wife suffered four consecutive miscarriages. She finally carried a child into the fifth month, all was well, and the doctor suggested she undergo an amniocentesis, as she was past 35. During the procedure the doctor inserted the needle accidentally into the umbilical cord, and killed the baby in her womb. As she was so far along, she had to deliver the dead baby normally. For some reason I will never understand, the hospital placed her in a birthing room on the maternity floor, directly next to the nursery. As she underwent the labor through the night, we heard the crying babies next door in the nursery.

"I wrote *Set Me As a Seal* the next evening. Normally, when I am asked about the 'inspiration' process, I laugh and deny inspiration in favor of work and effort. In this case, however, I just sat down and wrote the piece. I don't know what is wrapped up inside these few, simple notes. I can say actually very little about the piece. Whenever I return to it, however, I am struck by the phrase 'for love is strong as death,' because when I wrote it my actual feeling was 'for love is stronger than death;' abiding, all-encompassing love absorbs even the pain of death. If the piece is about anything, it is about the simple but powerful conviction of permanent love that seeks to overflow the boundary between life and death."

For the Offertory Anthem, we turn to *My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord*, one of the most celebrated spiritual arrangements by Moses Hogan, one of America's foremost composers and arrangers of choral music. Known for his distinctive and masterful settings, Hogan's works are beloved worldwide for their expressive beauty and stylistic sophistication. Although his life was tragically cut short at the age of 45 due to a brain tumor in 2003, Hogan's enduring legacy continues to inspire through his remarkable contributions to 20th-century American choral music.

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, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Patricia Blair Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddockk 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 Emmett Raitt, 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

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.** 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** **Bagels and Bible.** 7th Floor Conference Room.
Sermon Springboard. Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- 2 pm** **Women's Ministry Tour.** New York Historical Society.
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This Week

- Tue Jan 14** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email (bible-study@fapc.org). To register, visit fapc.org/bible-study.
- Wed Jan 15** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm. The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org.
- Thu Jan 16** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: What Kind of Christianity. 7 pm • Zoom. Register at fapc.org/read.
- Sat Jan 18** **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 Jan 19** **Adult Education: What Kind of Christianity.** 9:30 am • Jones Auditorium.

Next Sunday • Second Sunday After Epiphany

"The Hope for Our Time" • Luke 15:11-32

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Streets

NEWS & EVENTS

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. The event will be held in person at 9:30 am and recorded for later viewing. Register for the book discussion, the event in Jones Auditorium, or both at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Sunday, January 26: Believing and Belonging

Looking to make a commitment to membership at Fifth Avenue? Join Rev Chris Palmer for the next installment of *Believing and Belonging*—a Zoom class that dives into the history and theology of membership at the church. Prospective members will meet from 2 – 4 pm and members of our Session will be present at 4 pm to welcome new members into the life of our community. Register for this class at fapc.org/belong.

Friday, January 31: Youth Group Last Friday Hangout

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

Friday, February 7: Of Heaven and Earth Concert

The Fifth Avenue Choir presents a captivating program of a cappella music that evokes the themes of heaven and earth. The program features Aaron Copland's vivid setting of the creation story, *In the Beginning*, alongside Frank Martin's ethereal *Mass for Double Choir*. Also included are stunning contemporary works by American composer Caroline Shaw and Canadian composer Timothy Corlis. Tickets will be available soon at fapc.org/concerts.

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.

Are You Officer Material?

The Nominating Committee seeks your input as it prepares a slate of officer candidates for new, three-year terms. If you, or another 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. More information on the officer election process, and the officer recommendation form, are available at fapc.org/officer-elections. Please submit your recommendations by Sunday, January 26.

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	Hands Along the Nile Development Services
Church of Gethsemane	Holmes Camp and Retreat Center
The Farminary Project	Ministry of Hope Lesotho
Garden of Hope	Mission co-workers in Madagascar, the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border
Good Samaritan Project	Parity
First Spanish Presbyterian Church	Urban Outreach Center NY
Green City Force	

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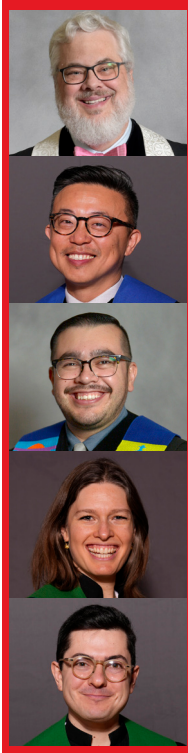
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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

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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9 am – 9 pm

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