

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 26, 2025 • 11:00 AM



Paul T. White, *King, Where are your people now?*

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 and Fugue in C major, BWV 545
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Elder Rachel Brenner*

Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God,
All: And the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.
One: Day to day pours forth speech,
All: And night to night declares knowledge.
One: Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
All: Come, let us join creation in praising the Lord!

* HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

* CALL TO CONFESSION *Seminarian Kari Swanson*

* 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 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Cantor Chri - ste e - lei - son. *All* Chri - ste e - lei - son.
Cantor Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Music: John L. Bell, 1998.

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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, - jah!

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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

*The Fifth Avenue Choir
& Community Choir*

O Be Joyful • *Philip Stopford (b. 1977)*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us,
And not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Glory be to the Father;
Glory be to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end, Amen.

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*Beati quorum via* • C.V. Stanford (1852–1924)*Text: Psalm 119:1**Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.*Blessed are those who live with integrity,
who walk in the law of the Lord.**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE LESSON***Daniel 1:1-21*

In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. The Lord let King Jehoiakim of Judah fall into his power, as well as some of the vessels of the house of God. These he brought to the land of Shinar, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his gods. Then the king commanded his palace master Ashpenaz to bring some of the Israelites of the royal family and of the nobility, young men without physical defect and handsome, versed in every branch of wisdom, endowed with knowledge and insight, and competent to serve in the king's palace; they were to be taught the literature and language of the Chaldeans. The king assigned them a daily portion of the royal rations of food and wine. They were to be educated for three years, so that at the end of that time they could be stationed in the king's court. Among them were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, from the tribe of Judah. The palace master gave them other names: Daniel he called Beltshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the royal rations of food and wine; so he asked the palace master to allow him not to defile himself. Now God allowed Daniel to receive favor and compassion from the palace master. The palace master said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king; he has appointed your food and your drink. If he should see you in poorer condition than the other young men of your own age, you would endanger my head with the king." Then Daniel asked the guard whom the palace master had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: "Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. You can then compare our appearance with the appearance of the young men who eat the royal rations, and deal with your servants according to what you observe." So he agreed to this proposal and tested them for ten days. At the end of ten days it was observed that they appeared better and fatter than all the young men who had been eating the royal rations. So the guard continued to withdraw their royal rations and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

To these four young men God gave knowledge and skill in every aspect of literature and wisdom; Daniel also had insight into all visions and dreams. At the end of the time that the king had set for them to be brought in, the palace master brought them into the presence of Nebuchadnezzar, and the king spoke with them. And among them all, no one was found to compare with Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they were stationed in the king's court. In every matter of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. And Daniel continued there until the first year of King Cyrus.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

“They’re Only Chasing Safety”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
Presbyterian Church (USA)

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
all people, of every race and every place,
to live as one community. Amen.**

* HYMN 63

The Lord Is God

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

“Blessed Are All They That Fear Him,” from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)
Text: Psalm 128:1 and Psalm 112:4

Blessed are all they that fear him,
They ever walk in the ways of peace.
Through darkness riseth light,
Light to the upright.
He is gracious, compassionate;
He is righteous.

* 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 772

Live into Hope

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
Text by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Fuga "alla Handel" • *Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)*

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Community Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*

WORSHIP NOTES

The Anthem is a very famous setting by one of the great-grandfathers of English choral music, Charles Villiers Stanford. *Beati quorum via* (“Blessed are those”), is the second in a set of three motets for unaccompanied choir, composed around 1892 and published in 1905. The motets are dedicated to Alan Gray and the choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, and are widely considered to be amongst Stanford’s finest choral compositions. In particular, the elegant six-voice part writing in *Beati quorum via* ensure its place as one of Stanford’s most exquisite compositions for unaccompanied choir.

The Offertory Anthem comes from Felix Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*, an English-language oratorio written in 1846 for a music festival in Birmingham, England. This piece was composed in the spirit of Mendelssohn’s Baroque predecessors Bach and Handel, whose music he loved. In 1829, Mendelssohn had organized the first performance of Bach’s St. Matthew Passion since the composer’s death and was instrumental in bringing this and other Bach works to widespread popularity. *Elijah* depicts various events in the life of the Biblical prophet, and many of the texts are drawn from the first and second book of Kings, as well as the Psalms. “Blessed are all they that fear Him” (originally “Blessed Are All They That Fear Him”) is one of the most well-known and frequently performed choruses from this beloved oratorio.

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 Cajjuat, 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, Carol Healy Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Holly Hendrix, Maggie Hendrix, Emi Iwaida Juliet Kaldanie, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Janet Lamberth Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry, Violet Lorenzen, Lauren Ma, Epifania Mercado, 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, Lorraine Sukhu, 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.
Little Lambs Nursery. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am** **Children's Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to meet Austin Applebach, our new director of engagement.
Tour of the Church. After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a "tour starts here" sign.
- 12:30 pm** **Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- 2 pm** **Believing and Belonging.** Zoom. Sign up at fapc.org/belong.
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This Week

- Tue Jan 28** **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 29** **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 30** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community-groups to learn more and to sign up.
- Fri Jan 31** **Youth Group Last Friday Hangouts.** 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Let's end the month together! Sign up at fapc.org/youth.
- Sat Feb 1** **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 Feb 2** **Bagels & Bible.** 12:30 pm • 7th Floor Conference Room.
Re-entry: A Ministry of Hope Past Incarceration. 7 pm • Zoom. Join us as we host our mission partner Church of Gethsemane to discuss re-entry support to the newly released. Register at fapc.org/mission.
- Fri Feb 7** **Of Heaven and Earth Concert.** 7 pm • Sanctuary. Secure your in-person and livestream tickets at fapc.org/concerts.

Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

"The Long View" • Daniel 2:1-23

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: 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.

Today: Deadline for Officer Nominations

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 nomination today. More information on the officer election process, and the officer nomination form, is available at fapc.org/officers.

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/fridays.

Friday, February 7: Of Heaven and Earth Concert

The Fifth Avenue Choir presents a captivating program of a cappella music evoking heaven and earth. The program begins at 7 pm and 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. In-person and livestream tickets are available at fapc.org/concerts.

Sunday, February 9: The Chili Cook-Off

This year's cook-off will take place on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Your \$10 admission goes directly to the Souper Bowl of Caring, which works to alleviate hunger in local communities. Your admission also allows you to judge all of the chilis. Want to compete for the crown? Visit fapc.org/chili for entry rules and to register.

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.

Thursday, March 6: The Gotto Lecture

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, poet, and author Eliza T. Griswold will deliver the Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture on Thursday, March 6, at 7 pm. Griswold is celebrated for her compassionate storytelling and deep exploration of social and cultural issues. Her work, often featured in *The New Yorker*, sheds light on marginalized communities and the resilience of the human spirit. Griswold's latest book, *Circle of Hope*, offers a powerful narrative about a congregation working towards change and justice amid adversity. Register for the lecture and the pre-event book discussion at fapc.org/gotto. This event is free and open to all.

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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The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
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The Rev. Chris Palmer, *Associate Pastor* • Meg Sheehan, *Clerk of Session*
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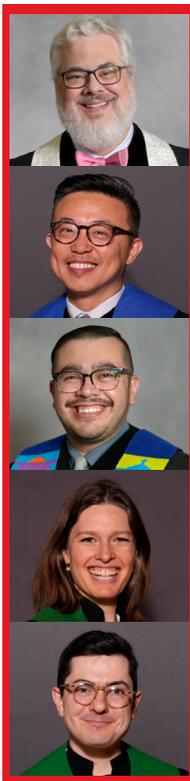
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