



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 9, 2025 • 11:00 AM



The Archangel protecting Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, 18th-century Ethiopian psalter

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

Adoration • *Florence Price (1887–1953)*
A Pleasant Thought • *Florence Price*
Allegretto • *Florence Price*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Betsy Ross

One: People of faith, trust in the Lord!

All: We do. God is our refuge.

One: God is our rock and our salvation;

All: we shall not be shaken.

One: In God we can find strength. God is good.

All: We are here to sing of God's wonderful works!

One: Let us worship our Redeemer, trustworthy and true.

* HYMN 342

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

* 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

* SUNG RESPONSE

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

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Music: John L. Bell, 1995. Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1995.
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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* 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.**

ANTHEM
*The Childrens Choir
 & Youth*

Let All God's Children Sing • *Mark Patterson (b. 1969)*

Refrain

*Let all the mountains ring,
 Let all God's children sing,
 Let all the valleys rejoice.
 People, come and lift your voice!
 Sing it from ev'ry land,
 Let all God's children sing for the glory of the Lord!*

Praise him from ev'ry shore.
 God who reigns in majesty,
 God who made the earth and sea,
 Let our voices now be raised as we worship you with joyful praise.

Refrain

For the glory of the Lord!
 Come, children, rejoice!

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. Werner Ramirez

ANTHEM

and the swallow • *Caroline Shaw (b. 1982)*
 Text: Psalm 84:1-3; 6

how beloved is your dwelling place,
 o lord of hosts,
 my soul yearns, faints,
 my heart and my flesh cry out,
 the sparrow found a house,

and the swallow her nest,
where she may raise her young
they pass through the valley of bakka
they make it a place of springs
the autumn rains also cover it with pools

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 3:1-30

Voice One: King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

All: So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Voice Two: When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.”

All: Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Voice One: Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O King. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

Voice Two: Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up?”

All: “Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?”

Voice One: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

Voice Two: Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the three were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire.

Voice One: Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the soldiers who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three that we threw bound into the fire?"

Voice Two: They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four figures unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire.

All: And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those three; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them.

Voice Two: Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered those servants who trusted in their God. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

Voice One: "Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

"Seven Times Hotter"

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

from *Psalms 23*

**Good Shepherd, Holy Protector,
when we walk through valleys shadowed by death,
when malicious forces threaten us with flames,
bolster our hearts with uncommon courage.
Safeguard our bodies and our spirits from evil.
Remind us that you are always with us.
Amen.**

* HYMN 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?
Traditional, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?
He delivered Daniel from the lion's den,
Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace,
And why not every man?
The wind blows east and the wind blows west,
It blows like the judgment day.
And every poor soul that never did pray
Will be glad to pray that day.
I set my foot on the Gospel ship,
And the ship, it began to sail.
It landed me over on Canaan's shore,
And I'll never come back anymore.

* 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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

* 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: 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

Alleluyas • *Simon Preston (1938–2022)*

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*

Hannah Penzner and Rachel Mikol, *Sopranos* • Hilary Gardner, *Alto*

Children's choir and youth

Eugenia Oi Yan Yau, *Director* • Pablo Molano, *Pianist*

WORSHIP NOTES

Caroline Shaw's *and the swallow* was composed in 2017 and premiered by the Netherlands Chamber Choir as part of Lincoln Center's White Light Festival. Inspired by Psalm 84, this luminous work contemplates faith, exile, and the deep human longing for home. Shaw's harmonic language, blending ancient and modern influences, creates a poignant meditation on refuge and shelter. Near the end, a simple extended vocal technique evokes the sound of gentle autumn rain.

Shaw wrote *and the swallow* with the Syrian refugee crisis in mind. She explains, "The second verse is, 'the sparrow found a house, and the swallow her nest where she may raise her young'—a beautiful image of a bird trying to keep her children safe—people trying to keep their family safe." How resonant these words remain, seven years later, and even closer to home.

The Offertory Anthem, *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?*, is one of the most celebrated arrangements by Moses Hogan, a towering figure in American choral music. Hogan's spiritual settings are beloved worldwide for their brilliance and stylistic mastery. Though he passed away at just 45 in 2003, his legacy endures through his extraordinary contributions to twentieth-century 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 Craddock William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Irene P. Gilman, Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall Torian Hall, Peter S. Hawkins, Carol Healy, Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson Maggie Hendrix, Emi Iwaida, Tara Kay Johnson, Juliet Kaldanie, Ceciwa Khonje, Louis Sterling King Janet Lamberth, Richard J. Lawson, Frederick Loomis, Mary Lowry, Violet Lorenzen, Lauren Ma The McCall Family, Epifania Mercado, Ryan Moloughney, Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish, Emmett Raitt Dexter Ramcharan, Arthur Richmond, Ramon Rosa, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, 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

Faithful Departed:

December 5, 2024: Priscilla Young Rodgers, beloved friend of David Rogers.

February 2, 2025: Wanda Roush Hannan, beloved mother of Matt Roush, Donna Jung, and Clint Roush, and mother-in-law of Porter Binks.

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 & Sunday School. 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 Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
Chili Cook-Off. Bonnell Hall. Taste and see the goodness of our congregation's finest chilis!
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This Week

- Tue Feb 11** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, and to register, visit fapc.org/study.
- Wed Feb 12** **FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm. The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org
- Thu Feb 13** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/groups to learn more and to sign up.
Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: The God Who Sees. 7 pm • Zoom. To learn more and register, visit fapc.org/god.
- Sat Feb 15** **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 16** **Welcoming the Stranger: A Courageous Conversation on Immigration.** 12:30 pm • Jones Auditorium & Zoom. Register at fapc.org/stranger.
Bagels & Bible. 12:30 pm • 7th Floor Conference Room.

Next Sunday • Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

"Hungry Lions" • Daniel 6:6-23

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: The Chili Cook-Off

Sponsored by our Youth Group, this year's cook-off will take place today 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, prepared by individuals, families, and teams.

Thursday, February 13: Fifth Avenue Reading Circle —The God Who Sees

The Anti-Racism Response Team invites all community groups to a study of *The God Who Sees* by Karen González. Through her family's story and biblical narratives, González challenges biases on immigration and explores faith's call to welcome immigrants. Learn more and register at fapc.org/god.

Sunday, February 16: Welcoming the Stranger — A Courageous Conversation on Immigration

The Anti-Racism Response Team invites you to an Adult Education event on immigration. Part of the Courageous Conversations series, this session features personal stories, insights into Fifth Avenue's response, and a theological perspective on welcoming immigrants. Join us for thoughtful dialogue on how faith calls us to approach immigration with understanding and care. Food will be served in Jones Auditorium. Learn more and register at fapc.org/stranger.

Thursday, February 20: Dads Night Out

Join the dads of Fifth Avenue at 6 pm for a time to relax, unwind, and have fun! Learn more and register at fapc.org/dad.

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/sabbath. Limited scholarships are available. Questions? Email womensministry@fapc.org to learn more.

Tuesday, March 4: Fifth Avenue Reading Circle — Circle of Hope

Join us for a thought-provoking discussion of *Circle of Hope* by Eliza Griswold, this year's Gotto Lecturer, on at 7 pm via Zoom. Griswold's book explores stories of resilience, faith, and justice, offering a lens on how communities respond to crisis with courage and hope. Come ready to engage in meaningful conversation as we prepare to welcome her to our community. Please register at fapc.org/read.

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/groups, or email (community@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.

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

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