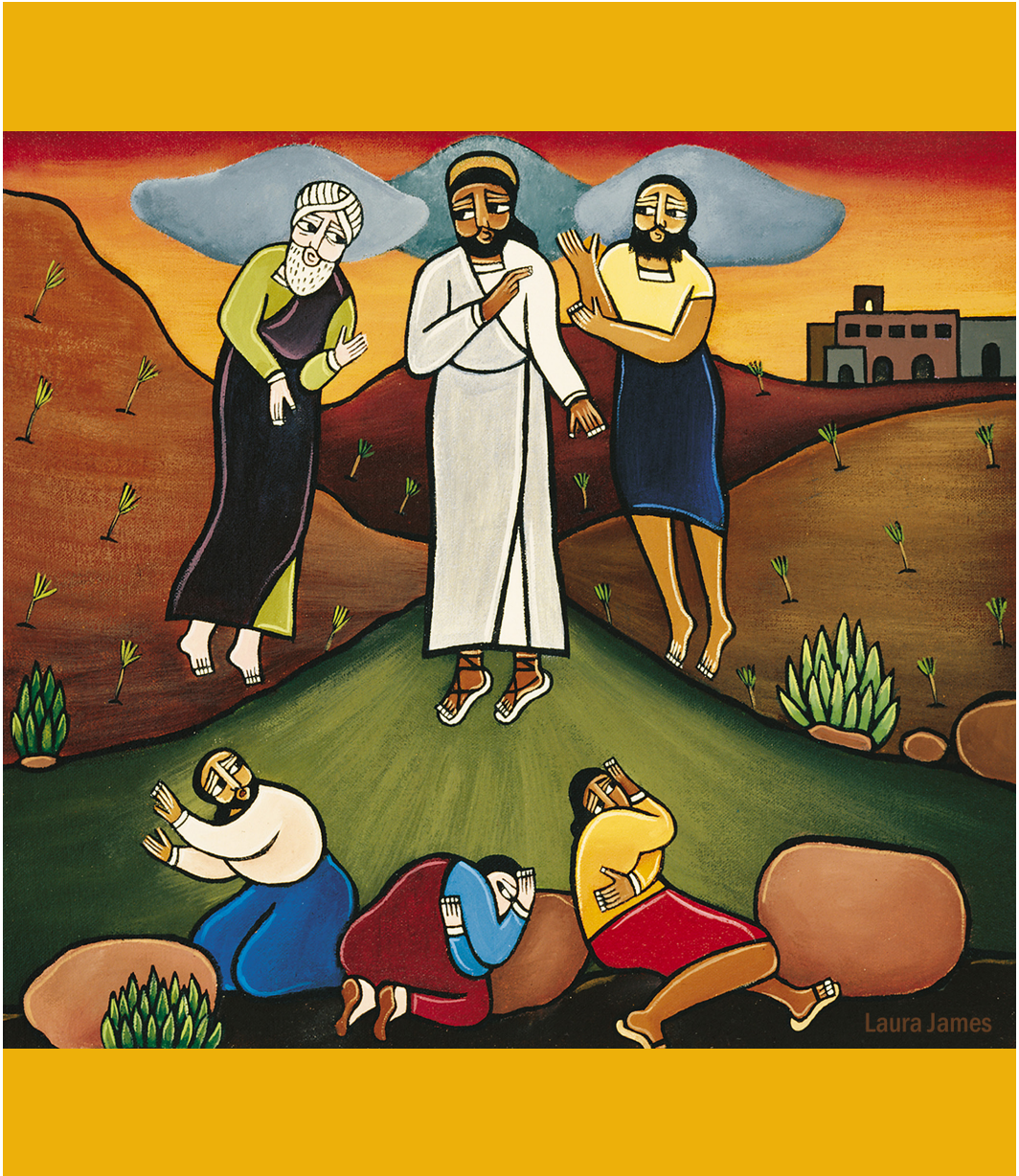




# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD  
MARCH 2, 2025 • 11:00 AM



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**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

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## ➔ **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](http://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](http://fapc.org/playback). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray). Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at [fapc.org/this-sunday](http://fapc.org/this-sunday). For information about future worship services, visit [fapc.org/worship](http://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 Fantasy in G minor, BWV 542 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
- \* CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 99*  
*Adrian Rusk, Confirmand*
- One: God reigns, let the people tremble!  
God reigns, let the earth shake
- All: For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!**
- One: God reigns, let the people tremble!  
God reigns, let the earth shake!
- All: For the Lord our God loves justice  
and works for righteousness!**
- One: So come and proclaim  
at the holy mountain of the Lord:
- All: God reigns, let the people tremble!  
God reigns, let the earth shake!**
- \* HYMN 193 **Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**

- \* CALL TO CONFESSION  
*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

- \* 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.)

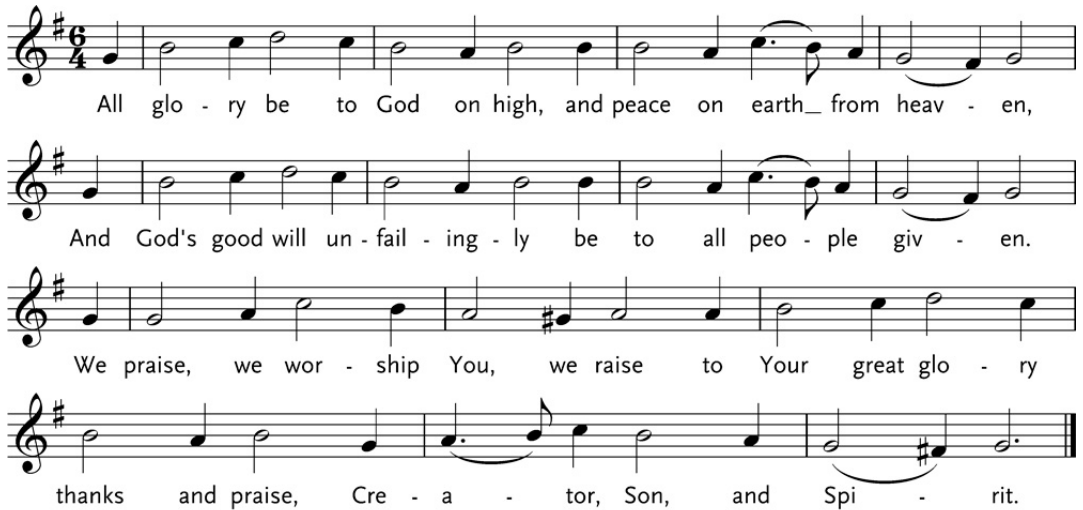
I wait-ed, I wait-ed on the Lord; I wait-ed, I wait-ed on the  
Lord; who bent down low and re-mem-bered me and who heard my prayer.

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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.**

*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.*

LITANY OF PARTING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT *Lucas Koehler & Rebecca Wild-Wesley  
 2025 Pledge Campaign Co-Chairs*

TESTIMONY *2025 Confirmands: Lincoln Borrero, Julianne Carey, Anton Henning  
 Max McIntire, Iranja Randriamahafehy, Adrian Rusk, Avery So  
 Joanna Sytsma*

ANTHEM

*Kyrie from Missa Brevis in D, op. 63  
 Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)*

*Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 17:1-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I

will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

## SERMON

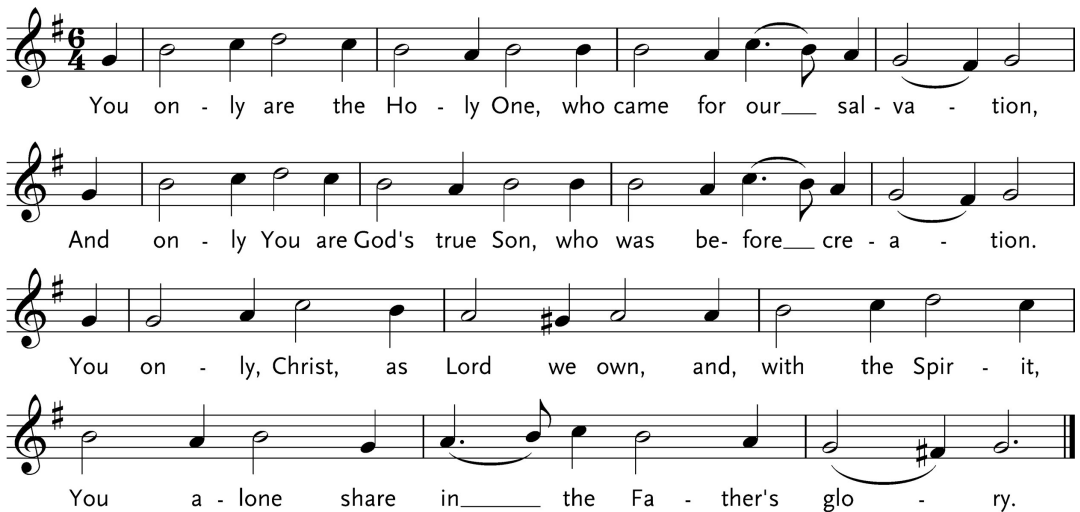
*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

## “For Pete’s Sake”

### \* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Radiant God,  
You revealed Christ’s glory on the mountaintop,  
a light that shines beyond all fear and shadow.  
Transfigure our hearts,  
that we may see Christ in our midst,  
follow where love leads,  
and bear witness to your transforming grace.  
Amen.**

### \* SUNG RESPONSE



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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## BAPTISM

### CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Confirmands  
Laying on of Hands and Anointing Prayer  
Charge to the Confirmands

## CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Gloria from Missa Brevis • Benjamin Britten*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te,  
benedicimus te,  
adoramus te,  
glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

\* 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

*Iranja Randriamahafehy, Confirmand*

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.



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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 ANTHEMS**

*Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei from Missa Brevis  
 Benjamin Britten*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
 Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
 Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, Holy, Holy,  
 Lord God of hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
 Hosanna in excelsis.*

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.

*Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
 grant us thy peace.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

\* **HYMN 666** **O Splendor of God's Glory Bright**

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

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE** God be in my head • *John Rutter (b. 1945)*  
 God be in my head and in my understanding.  
 God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
 God be in mine heart and in my thinking.  
 God be at mine end and in my departing.

**POSTLUDE** Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 • *J.S. Bach*

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



## WORSHIP NOTES

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Benjamin Britten's *Missa Brevis in D*, Op. 63, is a striking and inventive setting of the Mass, composed in 1959 for the treble choristers of Westminster Cathedral Choir and their director, George Malcolm. Scored for three vocal parts with a highly varied and colorful organ accompaniment, the work highlights the brilliance and versatility of upper voices. This morning, the spotlight is on the sopranos and altos of the Fifth Avenue Choir as they perform without the usual foundation of tenors and basses.

The *Missa Brevis* follows the traditional five-movement structure, with each section marked by distinctive musical character and rhythmic vitality. The *Kyrie* unfolds in ethereal, overlapping phrases, evoking mystery and introspection. The *Gloria* bursts forth with rhythmic energy, alternating between jubilant exclamations and moments of hushed reverence. In the Sanctus, bell-like organ chords support soaring vocal lines, leading to a triumphant *Hosanna*. The *Benedictus* is more intimate, with a lyrical, flowing melody. The *Agnus Dei* is perhaps the most haunting movement, its sighing phrases and unresolved harmonies leaving a sense of lingering tension. Some have even likened the insistent dissonances of the organ part to the sound of car horns in a bustling city. We hope you enjoy this kaleidoscopic masterpiece!

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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### **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](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests).

### **Please pray for:**

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Patricia Blair Sarah Boyce, 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 Violet Lorenzen, Mary Lowry, 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:**

February 24, 2025: Rev. Dr. Michelle Lim, beloved parish visitor for Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490).

## CALENDAR

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Today

- 9:30 am** **Chapel Church.** Jones Auditorium.  
**Family Pancake Day.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.  
**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.
- 11:15 am** **Children's Church.** LaDane Williamson 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.
- 12:30 pm** **Bagels & Bible.** The Living Room. Join Austin Applebach, director of engagement, for Bible study and fellowship.
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*This Week*

- Tue March 4** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email [bible-study@fapc.org](mailto:bible-study@fapc.org). To register, visit [fapc.org/bible](http://fapc.org/bible).  
**Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: Circle of Hope.** 7 pm • Zoom. To learn more and register, please visit [fapc.org/hope](http://fapc.org/hope).
- Wed March 5** **Ash Wednesday.** 12 pm, Sanctuary & Livestream; 6:30 pm, Sanctuary. Service and imposition of ashes. The Rev. Chris Palmer, preaching.  
**Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!  
**FAYA Midweek.** 7:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)
- Thu March 6** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/community-groups](http://fapc.org/community-groups) to learn more and to sign up.  
**Seventh Annual Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture.** 7 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream. Learn more at [fapc.org/gotto](http://fapc.org/gotto).
- Sat March 8** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).
- Sun, March 9** **Memorial Service for Eugenia Connerat.** 2 pm • Sanctuary & Livestream.

### Next Sunday • First Sunday in Lent

"Say Amen to Trust" • Luke 4:1-13

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Tuesday, March 4: Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: *Circle of Hope***

Join us for a discussion of *Circle of Hope* by Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecturer Eliza Griswold. This book examines a Philadelphia church's struggles with faith, service, and justice amidst racial tensions, a pandemic, and identity crises. *Circle of Hope* offers powerful insights into commitment, power, and belonging in a fractured world. To learn more, visit [fapc.org/hope](http://fapc.org/hope).

### **Tuesday, March 4: Weekly Word Bible Study**

This Tuesday at 12:30 pm on Zoom, we're kicking off a new unit of the Weekly Word Bible Study. For Lent, we'll be exploring *Confessions* by the 4th-century African theologian Saint Augustine. Widely considered the first memoir in Western history, this profound work touches on a wide range of themes. Each week, we'll read a short excerpt and discuss key topics such as imitation, praise, failure, friendship, and loss. Register at [fapc.org/bible](http://fapc.org/bible) to join us!

### **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](http://fapc.org/gotto).

### **Thursday, March 9: Deacons Annual Clothing Drive Begins**

This year the drive will benefit the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership and the Samaritan's Closet, a collaborative ministry of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and St. James Episcopal Church. Bring your new or lightly used clothing with you to church on Sunday, March 9 or March 16. You may also drop them off at the 55th Street reception desk during the week. In demand: casual spring and summer clothing; packages of new underwear and socks, especially men's. If you are unable to come by in person, you are welcome to order socks and underwear and ship them directly to the church, to the attention of Natalie Wardius. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Saturday, March 15: Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) Believing & Belonging Membership Class**

There are few things more meaningful than rooting yourself in community, and there is always more room for people to be rooted in ours! If you are thinking about joining the church, come to our FAYA membership class, called Believing and Belonging. It's a fun afternoon, complete with confetti cannons, a church tour, interviews with older members, meaningful conversation and statements of faith. Whether you've gone to church your whole life or been skeptical, we'd love for you to join the conversation. Want to join? Email [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org).

### **Sunday, March 16: International Women's Day Lunch and Learn**

Celebrate International Women's Day with us on Sunday, March 16, at 12:30 pm in Jones Auditorium! Chrissy Badger, a current Presbyterian Delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), will share insights from this year's gathering. We'll discuss the CSW's key conversations and how they connect to our faith and advocacy. Lunch is \$10. Registration is required. To learn more and register, visit [fapc.org/lunch](http://fapc.org/lunch).

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### 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](http://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](http://fapc.org/community-groups), or email ([membership@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://fapc.org/family). Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://fapc.org/membership) or email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) to register.

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## 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](http://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](http://fapc.org/outreach), or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, [outreach@fapc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:womensministry@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/women](http://fapc.org/women).

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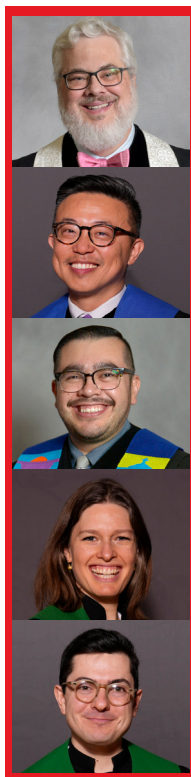
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**The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike** *Associate Pastor for Ministry to the Online Campus*

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

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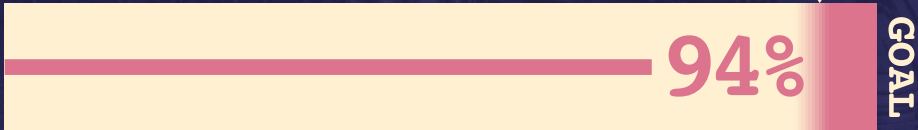
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Wednesday – Friday  
9 am – 6 pm

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