



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 23, 2025 • 11:00 AM



Casper David Friedrich, *Wanderer above the Sea of Fog*, 1818

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

*Three Chorale Preludes on Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier
("Blessed Jesus, at Your Word")
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier • George Walker (1922–2018)
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, op. 135a • Max Reger (1873–1916)
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Arthur Wong

One: We gather with hopeful spirits.
All: We walk the path of Lent.
One: We hear the call to repentance.
All: We walk the path of Lent.
One: We are met by grace.
All: We walk the path of Lent.
One: We turn from destructive ways.
All: We yearn to learn, to grow, to change.
One: Then, you are in the right place, because here...
All: We walk the path of Lent.
One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Chris Palmer

* 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

O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,
 And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;
 Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for - sak - en:

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 What won - drous love is this, O my soul,
 What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

*The Fifth Avenue Choir
 & Community Choir*

Kyrie from Mass in G • Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

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

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

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

TESTIMONY

Benjamin De Winkle

ANTHEM

The Deer's Cry (2007) • *Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)*

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ in me,
Christ on my right,
Christ above me,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me,
Christ with me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

“Say Amen to Transformation”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Reinhold Niebuhr, 1951

**God, give me grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other. Amen.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

Say Amen • *Can Olgun, Lyrics by Scott Black Johnston*

I know what I don't like.
I know what stirs my fears
and feels so very wrong.

I can spend my days,
posting thumbs down,
sending little frowns,
wagging my finger at the world.

And then I look to you.
I watch and see,
one whose open face
shines on me.

Pre-Chorus

You, O Christ,
set my compass true.
You paint a holy vision—
place the good in view.
You tug at our souls
and bid us say...
“Amen, Amen, Amen”

Chorus

Say “Amen.” Say it again.
To the swallow in the nest.
To the stranger and the guest.
Say “Amen.”

Say “Amen.” Say it again.
To mercy for the least.
To seats at the feast.
Say “Amen, Amen, Amen.”

Through the meanness, darkness, and the mess,
we seek your holy way.
Tattoo your vision
on our hearts we pray.

You approach the world
with hope and with grace,
feeding hungry folk,
sharing God's embrace.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus (Repeat)

Chorus

Say “Amen.” Say it again.
To hearts that can change,
Say “Amen.” Say it again.

To love's wild range.
Say "Amen." Say it again.
To shelter in the storm,
Say "Amen." Say it again.
To life on Easter morn. (Repeat)
Say "Amen, Amen, Amen."
Say "Amen, Amen, Amen."

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Austin Applebach, Director of Engagement

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

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

Cantique de Jean Racine • *Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)*
Text by Jean Racine (1639–1699)

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!*

*Ô Christ! sois favorable
à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour te bénir maintenant assemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il
offre à ta gloire immortelle,
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

Word of God over all,
in whom alone we have our hope,
Eternal Day of earth and heaven,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!
Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!
O Christ, look favorably upon
your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns
offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.

* 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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* BENEDICTION

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

A Celtic Prayer • Barry Peters, Text: Traditional

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open up your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,

And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Chaconne in E minor, BuxWV 160

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

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*

Jennifer Reed, *Vocals* • Wayne Wilson, *Vocals*

Dr. Can Olgun, *Director of Chapel Church Music and Pianist*

WORSHIP NOTES

Arvo Pärt is an Estonian composer renowned for his deeply spiritual choral compositions which are written in a distinctly minimalist style. *The Deer's Cry* draws on the final verses of an ancient Irish prayer called St. Patrick's Breastplate. The earliest complete version of the prayer is contained in the 11th-century *Liber Hymnorum*, but it is likely that the prayer originated with Irish monks as early as the 6th century, or possibly even in St. Patrick's own time, the 5th century. Legend has it that this prayer was inscribed on the shields of knights, and that it was recited before going into battle. In the case of St. Patrick, the story goes that he and his followers avoided being attacked in the forest after reciting this prayer, passing by their would-be assailants appearing as a doe and twenty fawns. It is from this story that the prayer received its nickname, "The Deer's Cry." Pärt's setting of this ancient text juxtaposes liberal use of silence with a dramatic crescendo, powerfully capturing in music the mystical assertion of Christ in and through all.

The Offertory Anthem is by the great French composer, Gabriel Fauré. Written by the nineteen-year-old composer in 1864–65, the piece won Fauré the first prize when he graduated from the *École Niedermeyer de Paris* and was first performed the following year on August 4, 1866. The text, "*Verbe égal au Très-Haut*," is a paraphrase of a hymn text by Jean Racine, one of the three great playwrights of 17th-century France (along with Molière and Corneille), and an important literary figure in the Western tradition.

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 Sarah Boyce, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiua, 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, 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:

March 16, 2025: Gerald L. Gorham, beloved father of Dora DePugh and father-in-law of David DePugh, beloved father of Rebecca Huxel and Elizabeth Bingman, beloved husband of Jeanne Gorham, and beloved grandfather and great-grandfather.

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. Christian Education Center.
The Word Is Out. 6th Floor Conference Room.
- 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.** 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** **Blessed Are the Peacebuilders: How to Heal Conflicts Between LGBT and Faith Communities.** Jones Auditorium.
Sermon Springboard. Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
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This Week

- Tue March 25** **Weekly Word Bible Study.** 12 pm • Zoom. For more information, please email bible-study@fapc.org. To register, visit fapc.org/bible.
- Wed March 26** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. All voices are welcome!
Asian American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • Sixth-floor Conference Room.
FAYA Midweek. 6:30 pm • The Living Room. To learn more, contact youngadults@fapc.org
- Thu March 27** **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/groups to learn more and sign up.
Good Soil: The Education of an Accidental Farmhand. 7 pm • Sanctuary.
- Fri March 28** **Parents Night Out.** 7 pm. Register at fapc.org/parents.
Youth Group: Last Friday Hangouts. 7 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- Sat March 29** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver weekend meals to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt (moh@fapc.org).
- Sun March 30** **Lent Unfolded: A Journey through Its History & Meaning.** 12:30 pm • Jones Auditorium.
- Sun April 6** **Lenten Prayer Stations.** 12:30 pm • The Rita Arlen Room.

Next Sunday • Fourth Sunday in Lent

“Say Amen to the Stranger” • Matthew 25: 31-40
The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome, New Members!

With joy and thanksgiving, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes the following new members into the congregation:

Benjamin De Winkle	Dessylia Giovani	Hunter Liggett	Fernandom Suherlim
Nathan Farquhar	Zane Hodgen	Hillary Puckett	Ailih Weeldreyer
Emily Fishman	Ethan LaFrance	Meredith Rivas	

Today: Blessed Are the Peacebuilders: How to Heal Conflicts Between LGBT and Faith Communities

This fun workshop, co-sponsored by The Word Is Out, will empower you to build loving communities at home, work, and in the larger world. The Rev. Dr. Marian Edmonds-Allen, Executive Director of PARITY (a Fifth Avenue Mission Partner), will lead. We will meet at 12:30 pm in Jones Auditorium. To learn more, contact Austin Applebach at community@fapc.org.

Thursday, March 27: Good Soil: The Education of an Accidental Farmhand

Join us at 7:00 pm for this inspiring event in the Sanctuary to explore the sacred connection between nature and faith. In his new book, *Good Soil*, Rev. Jeff Chu shares his transformative journey to Princeton Theological Seminary's Farminary, where the rhythms of farming inspire reflections on growth, decay, and faith. A mission partner of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Farminary integrates theological education with care for creation. Books will be available for purchase. Learn more and register at fapc.org/goodsoil.

Friday, March 28: Youth Last Friday Hangout & Parents Night Out

Youth are invited to 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. Bring your friends! Learn more and register at fapc.org/friday. Parents of Fifth Avenue, we will gather for dinner during this time. Register at fapc.org/parents.

Sunday, March 30: Lent Unfolded: A Journey through Its History and Meaning

Come to Jones Auditorium at 12:30 pm to learn how practices such as fasting, prayer, and repentance came to define the Lenten season. This class will explore Lent's evolution from its early Christian roots to its spiritual significance in the church today. Dr. Amelia Kennedy is Assistant Professor of the History of Medieval Christianity at Princeton Theological Seminary. Food will be served in Jones Auditorium. There is no need to sign up.

Thursday, April 3: Dads' Night Out

Dads of children of all ages are invited to join the Rev. Werner Ramirez for Dads' Night Out! Come have a fun evening with other fathers. Register at fapc.org/dad.

Friday, April 11: The Brahms *Requiem*

Experience the majestic scope of Brahms's German *Requiem* with the intimacy of chamber music. In the composer's own reduction of the orchestral accompaniment into a piano duet, the work's biblical texts come to life. Stunning choral textures take center stage. Critically acclaimed concert pianists Anna and Dmitri Shelest join the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir to create the rich, Romantic sound of this year's Lenten concert. Purchase your tickets at fapc.org/tickets and join us in the Sanctuary or on livestream at 7 pm.

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.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Chris Palmer, *Associate Pastor* • Meg Sheehan, *Clerk of Session*
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Susan Roberson
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Amelia Vogler Topping
Julia Ward

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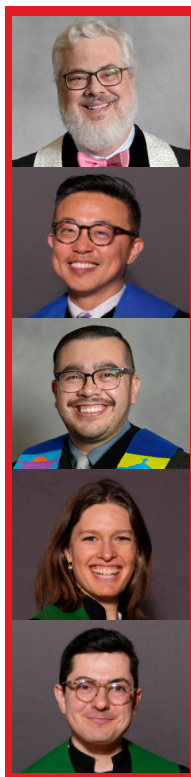
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CLERGY & STAFF



The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston *Senior Pastor*

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The Rev. Werner Ramirez *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Family Ministries*

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