



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
APRIL 6, 2025 • 11:00 AM

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William Blake, *The Woman Taken in Adultery*, 1805

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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

*Vater unser im Himmelreich ("Our Father Who Art in Heaven")  
Heinrich Scheidemann (1595–1663)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Sarah McKoy*

One: God is kind.

All: **God is merciful.**

One: God is just.

All: **God is true.**

One: Let us worship God,

All: **Kind, merciful, just and true!**

### \* HYMN 445

**God, How Can We Forgive**

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

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

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

### \* SUNG RESPONSE



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:  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!

Music: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541 - O LAMM GOTTES. Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541, trans. Arthur Tozer Russell, (1806-1874).



down again, he wrote some more in the dirt. Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her. “Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?” “No one.” “Neither do I,” said Jesus. “Go on your way. From now on, don’t sin.”

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 Mercy”**

\* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God,  
Judge who watches,  
this world needs your mercy.  
Start with me.  
Soak my sins in your laundry tub.  
Scrub me clean.  
And then, cultivate forgiveness in my heart.  
Help me to seed this world  
not with angry brambles,  
and plans for vengeance,  
But with vines of grace—  
vines that wrap around cold hearts  
and turn them toward the light.  
Amen.

\* SUNG RESPONSE

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

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

CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sanctus from Mass for Four Voices • William Byrd*

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,*

Holy, Holy, Holy,

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

Lord God of hosts.

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Hosanna in the highest.

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

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

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Hosanna in the highest.

\* 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

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.

A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

Music: American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx, 1984 - LAND OF REST. Text: Traditional liturgical text.  
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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

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COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei* from *Mass for Four Voices* • William Byrd

*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 435

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

\* 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

*Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott*

("Have Mercy On Me, O Lord God"), BWV 721

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

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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*

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## The 2025 Easter Flower Fund

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The Easter Flower Fund is an opportunity for you to honor loved ones who have passed away. Memorial donations help to cover the cost of the flowers that fill the Sanctuary on Easter morning. The names of those you honor will appear in the Easter bulletin. The flowers will be delivered to homebound members following the service. A donation of \$25 per honoree is suggested. **Names must be submitted by Thursday, April 10, to appear in the Easter bulletin.** Submit your honoree name(s) and payment at [fapc.org/flowers](http://fapc.org/flowers). You can also contact Natalie Wardius ([congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3007).



## WORSHIP NOTES

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The choral music this morning comes from William Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices*, one of the most beloved and celebrated pieces of Renaissance choral music. Composed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I around 1592, the *Mass for Four Voices* is one of three Mass settings Byrd wrote in London in the early 1590s (the others are for three and five voices, respectively). Byrd was Roman Catholic in post-Reformation England at a time when performing the Roman Catholic Latin Mass was illegal. As such, Byrd's masses were originally published without any information to identify the publisher, and without protective covers, which made them easier to carry around and conceal. As these pieces needed to be sung in secret, they were not grandly composed with the intention of being performed in large cathedrals, but as intimate chamber works meant to be sung in small private chapels of the aristocracy by only one or two people on each part. Because they could not be widely heard during his lifetime, Byrd's Masses were largely forgotten for many years. Happily, over the last century or so they have returned to their rightful place as often-performed pinnacles of the choral tradition.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Flowers are given to The Glory of God and in loving memory of Mee Yung Wong Ng, beloved mother of Mary Ng.***

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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).

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### **Please pray for:**

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Eliseo Batuan, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad Patricia Blair, Teresita Block, 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, 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, Norma Santos, 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

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.  
**Sunday School & Little Lambs Nursery.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10:15 am**      **Children’s Choir.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.  
**Parents Community Group.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am**          **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
- 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**      **Bagels & Bible.** 7th Floor Conference Room.  
**Lenten Prayer Stations.** Jones Auditorium.  
**Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Natalie and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
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Coming Up

- Tue April 8**      **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).
- Wed April 9**      **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](mailto:youngadults@fapc.org)
- Thu April 10**      **Career Directions.** 10 am • Zoom. Visit [fapc.org/groups](http://fapc.org/groups) to learn more and to sign up.
- Fri April 11**      **Brahms Requiem.** 7 pm. Sanctuary & Livestream. Purchase tickets at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).
- Sat April 12**      **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](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).  
**Family Easter Egg Hunt & Party.** 11 am • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. To learn more, visit [fapc.org/egg](http://fapc.org/egg).
- Sun April 13**      **Women’s Lunch Around Town.** 1 pm • All around town.  
**Virtual Stations of the Cross.** 7 pm • Zoom Webinar. Join us online for a meaningful time of prayer and reflection. Register at [fapc.org/adulted](http://fapc.org/adulted).

### Next Sunday • Palm Sunday

“Say Amen to Suffering?” • John 12:12-16; Matthew 17:22-23  
*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.*

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Today: Lenten Prayer Stations**

When was the last time you spent some quiet moments with God? Our lives are so busy—especially here in New York City! You are invited to join our director of Christian education, Jaime Staehle, at 12:30 pm in Jones Auditorium for an afternoon of praying in new ways—including a labyrinth! Food will be served. No registration is required.

### **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](http://fapc.org/tickets) and join us in the Sanctuary or on livestream at 7 pm.

### **Saturday, April 12: Family Easter Egg Hunt & Party**

Join the egg-citement! Family Ministries and Outreach Ministries co-host this event, bringing together Fifth Avenue families with families living in city shelters. All families with children are invited for a fun morning of games, crafts, snacks, face-painting and (of course) an egg hunt! A \$10 donation per person is requested for lunch. We also need volunteers to welcome families, stuff and hide eggs, organize crafts and games, serve lunch, and more! Learn more and register to attend or volunteer at [fapc.org/egg](http://fapc.org/egg). Questions? Reach out to Christine Boyle at [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org).

### **Sunday, April 13: Women's Lunch Around Town**

Join us as women from the church connect over good food and great conversation! Sign up, and we'll pair you with a small group at a local restaurant, giving you the chance to explore a new spot and meet new friends. This is a perfect way to build community and enjoy a delicious meal together! Learn more and register at [fapc.org/town](http://fapc.org/town).

### **Sunday, April 13: Virtual Stations of the Cross**

Join us online for a meaningful time of prayer and reflection as we prepare to enter Holy Week. We will explore fifteen stations of the cross through visual art, music, scripture, and prayer. This program begins at 7 pm and will be led by Jaime Staehle. Please register at [fapc.org/adulted](http://fapc.org/adulted).

### **Sunday, April 20: FAYA Easter Tex Mex Lunch**

Calling all Young Adults! When it comes to Easter, we've learned- chips and salsa are even better than Easter ham! Join us for a rooftop terrace feast as we celebrate Easter together in style! No one should have to spend the Easter holiday alone, so join us as we celebrate this holy day together. To learn more and sign up, please visit [fapc.org/tex](http://fapc.org/tex).

### **Saturday, May 3: Fifth Avenue Serves**

Outreach Ministries is pleased to invite you to our annual day of volunteer service, Fifth Avenue Serves! We hope you and your family, significant other, and friends will join us to volunteer at one of our volunteer service sites: Meals on Heals, First Spanish Presbyterian Church, and Green City Force. For additional information or to register, please visit [fapc.org/serves](http://fapc.org/serves).

## 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). Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, [adulsted@fapc.org](mailto:adulsted@fapc.org)).

### Community Groups

We have over 20 community groups to help you form closer bonds within the Fifth Avenue family. Groups meet both in person and online, and cover a range of topics and interests. To learn more visit [fapc.org/groups](http://fapc.org/groups), or contact Austin Applebach at [community@fapc.org](mailto: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](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

Fifth Avenue 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 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 Austin Applebach at [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) to learn more.

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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).

## 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).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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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*  
Dennis Bushe, *Assistant Clerk of Session*

#### Class of 2025

Eric Daniels  
Carol Kenney  
Ann Marie Koehler  
Chris Rogers  
Janeen A. Sarlin  
Meg Sheehan  
Sienna Toung  
Sylvia Winrich

#### Class of 2026

Rachel Brenner  
Dennis Bushe  
Roseanne Lind  
Nate Mahrer  
Brian McLendon  
Louisa Raitt  
Martha Van Hise

#### Class of 2027

Chloe Hawker  
Josie Lawrence  
Persis Luke  
Patrick Obeng-Frimpong  
Thomas Pak  
David Roberson  
Beth Rumore Stanley  
Jama Toung

### The Board of Deacons

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Kirsten Aiello, *Moderator* • Chad Schepp, *Vice Moderator* • Sarah McKoy, *Secretary*  
Susan Roberson, *Treasurer*

#### Class of 2025

Kirsten Aiello  
Kelly Baer  
Jessica Carmona  
Hope Griggs  
Jane Henn  
Sarah McKoy  
Jeannine Rodgers  
Chad Schepp  
Dicky Tuwaidan  
Arthur Wong

#### Class of 2026

Chrissy Badger  
Brendan Birth  
Joshua Code  
Rumel Francois  
Jeanne Lehman French  
Bruce Ramsden  
Susan Roberson  
Betsy Ross  
Amelia Vogler Topping  
Julia Ward

#### Class of 2027

Jesse Allen  
Andy Craven  
Myra Ford  
Mary Sue Highmore  
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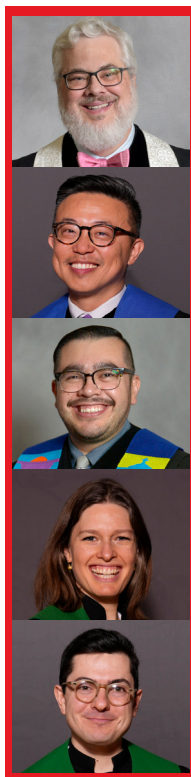
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