



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 14, 2024 • 10:00 AM



Rembrandt van Rijn, *Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, 1633

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 in worship! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary. Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service to attend to your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. We provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

➔ 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 Chaconne in E minor, BuxWV 160 • *Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Joshua Code

One: As we gather here for worship,
let God's love move among us.

**All: In song and scripture, silence and noise,
let God's word be heard by us.**

One: Through the storms that break on the seas of life,
let God's hand remain with us.

**All: When our souls long for peace,
let God's peace restore us.**

One: When we feel God in distance,
or near as our own breath,
let God's presence be known to us.

**All: In the work of our hearts, minds and communities,
let God's justice heal us.**

One: Let us worship the Living God,
who offers us a shelter and a resting place.

* HYMN 806

I'll Praise My Maker

* 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.)

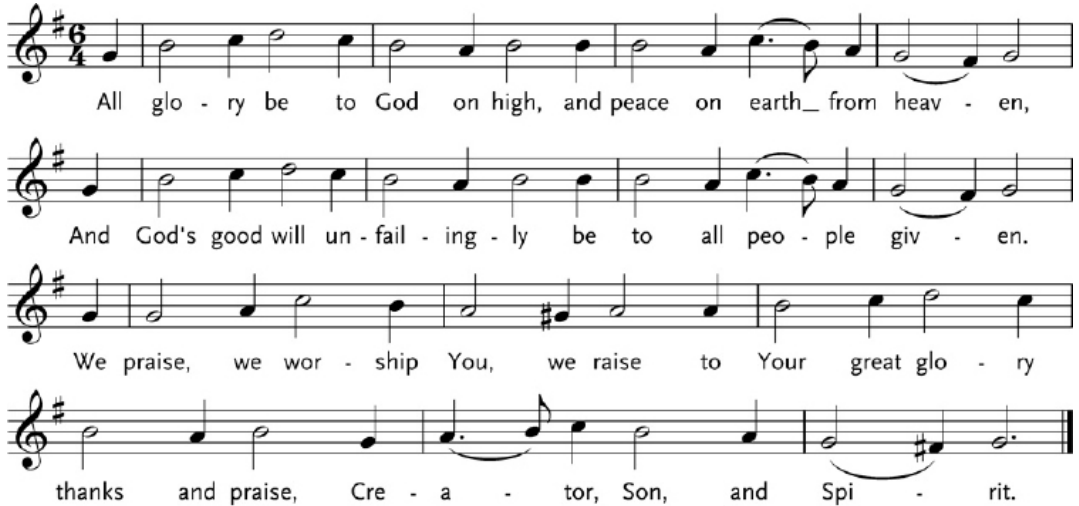


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**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom, Director of Engagement

SOLO

St. John Passion, BWV 245: *Ich folge dir gleichfalls*
("I Follow You With Happy Steps") • J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

*Ich folge dir gleichfalls mit freudigen
Schritten Und lasse dich nicht,
Mein Leben, mein Licht.
Befördre den Lauf,
Und höre nicht auf, Selbst an mir zu ziehen,
zu schieben, zu bitten.*

I follow you likewise with happy
steps and do not leave you,
my Life, my Light.
Pursue your journey,
and don't stop, continue to draw me on,
to push me, to urge me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:45-52

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw

him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

"Into the Boat"

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

from Psalm 100

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

**Know that the Lord is God.
It is she who made us, and we are hers
we are her people and the sheep of her pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

**For the Lord is good;
The Lord's steadfast love endures forever
and their faithfulness to all generations.**

* HYMN 334

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

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 SOLO

Gloria, RV 589: 6. *Domine Deus* • Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Lord God, King of Heaven,

God the Father Almighty.

Lord only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

* 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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Contemplation on *Laudate Dominum* • James Biery (b. 1956)

The ministry of music this morning is offered by:
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Britt Hewitt, *Soloist*

WORSHIP NOTES

“*Ich folge dir gleichfalls*” is a movement from Bach’s St. John Passion, BWV 245. The work was his first composition depicting the passion story after beginning work at the distinguished Saint Thomas Church in Leipzig. Though the entire passion incorporates various musical configurations such as hymns, chorales, and arias, the arias, such as “*Ich folge*” represent an observer meditating on the meaning of the passion.

This morning’s offertory features an excerpt from Antonio Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, a timeless masterpiece that to this day remains a standard in the choral repertoire. The Italian composer was a multi-talented individual who is most remembered for his compositions and violin playing. To concert goers, he is most likely remembered for his violin concertos, most notably the *Four Seasons*. He, along with his contemporaries Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frideric Handel, form a trio of musical giants that represent the finest composers in the Baroque era. Early in his career, Vivaldi became a violin teacher at the Ospedale della Pietà, an orphanage for girls; however, his pedagogical offerings soon spilled into other musical areas, and it was not long before his prominence as a composer outweighed his title as a violin instructor. The orphanage had a choir, and the *Gloria* was written for its residents around 1715. Following Vivaldi’s death, the *Gloria* was lost, buried in a pile of forgotten manuscripts. Following its rediscovery in the late 1920s, it received its first public performance in nearly two centuries in 1957 at the First Festival of Baroque Choral Music at New York’s Brooklyn College.

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, Patricia Blair, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat, Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook Eugenia Connerat, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sohn Fong, Irene P. Gilman, Anthea and Neville Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Wanda Roush Hannan, Peter S. Hawkins Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Maggie Hendrix, Emi Iwaida, Juliet Kaldanie Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje, Janet Lamberth, Richard J. Lawson Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, The McCall Family, Lynn and Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish Dexter Ramcharan, Don Rogers, Ramon Rosa, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Nancy Seelig Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Bonnie Smith, Monica Smith, Spencer Robert Smith Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler, Priscilla Young-Rodgers, Wayne Zhou

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary and livestream.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Bonnell Hall and online, sponsored by David Warren in celebration of his birthday.
- Tour the Church.** Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship. Look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a “tour starts here” sign.
- 11:45 am** **Bagels and Bible.** 7th Floor Conference Room.

This Week

- Mon July 15** **Sages.** 12 pm. Zoom. Contact membership@fapc.org to learn more.
- Sat July 20** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall.
- Sun July 21** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.
Kids Bible Adventure. 10 am – 1 pm • LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Register at fapc.org/adventure.

Coming Up

- Sat July 27** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall.
- Sun July 28** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.
- Sat Aug 3** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall.
FAYA Long Island City Brewery Tour. 3 pm • Focal Point Brewery. If you have questions, dm the FAYA Instagram account ([@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya)).
- Sun Aug 4** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.
Bagels & Bible. 11:45 am. • 7th Floor Conference Room. Calling all those 40+ to join the Rev. Dr. Jonah So for bagels & Bible study.
- Sun Aug 11** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
- Sat Aug 17** **FAYA at the Playa Beach Day.** Location TBD. To learn more about the meet-up location and timing, send a direct message to the FAYA Instagram account ([@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya)).
- Sun Aug 18** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
Women’s Ministry: White Elephant Book Swap. 11:30 am. Grab a beloved book for a women’s ministry book swap!
- Sun Aug 25** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & livestream. Chapel Church comes to 10 am!

Next Sunday • Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

“Why Join?” • Genesis 2:15-23
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Today: Welcome New Members

Today with joy and thanksgiving we welcome these new members into the church:

Manuel Sansigre	Justin Scagnelli	Sandra Williams
Elena Sansigre	Samantha (Sam) Scagnelli	Wesley Williams

Monday, July 15: Last Sages Meeting of the Summer

We're having our final Sages meeting of the summer at 12 pm over Zoom. Meetings will resume in September. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact membership@fapc.org if you would like to be added to our email list.

Sunday, July 21: Kids Summer Bible Adventure

All kids in preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us for a fun day discovering the story of Esther! There will be time for games, crafts, songs, Bible stories, and more! There will also be a pizza lunch. We will meet in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center at 10 am. Parents, plan to attend worship at 10 am and then head for brunch or a walk in the park before picking your kids up at 1 pm. The cost for the day is \$10, please register at fapc.org/adventure.

Sunday, July 21: Summer Sermon Series Kick-off!

In the ever-divisive world we live in, people ask—*Why church? Why do you go to worship? Why are you a Christian? Why do you join?* This summer we want to explore those deep questions and see what the wisdom of scripture and tradition have to offer. Come hear the perspective you might be missing. Join us as the Rev. Sarah A. Speed kicks off the series with her last sermon before her new call to Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City as we ask together—“Why church?”

Sunday, July 21: Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting at 11 am on Sunday, July 21 (next Sunday), immediately following the worship service, to vote on dismissing with gratitude the Rev. Sarah A. Speed as Associate Pastor. All members are encouraged to attend. Following this brief meeting, there will be a special reception celebrating Sarah and Ryan Speed in Bonnell Hall.

Sunday, July 28: Early Bird Registration Deadline for 2025 Scotland Trip

We are thrilled to invite you to join us on an exciting trip to Scotland! Join Jamie Staehle, Director of Christian Education, and explore the rich history and heritage of the Presbyterian Church. You'll visit historic sites, delve into our shared faith's deep-rooted traditions, and enjoy the breathtaking landscapes. Secure your spot by July 28 to receive a discount. To learn more and register visit fapc.org/scotland.

Saturday, August 3: FAYA Long Island City Brewery Tour

Calling all young adults! Come beat the heat this summer with a refreshing cold drink, as we bop around Long Island City to support local breweries. Join us at Focal Point Brewery at 3 pm, before we explore Fifth Hammer Brewing Company and Focal Point Brewing. The more the merrier! If you have questions, dm the FAYA Instagram account ([@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya)). We'd love to see you there!

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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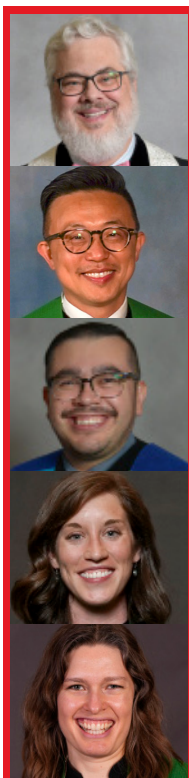
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Announce a birth or adoption

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Fund the altar flowers

Natalie Wardius

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Join the church

Ashley Gonzalez-Grissom

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Plan your wedding

Donna Ketchledge

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Prepare for baptism

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Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com

Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org

Request a bulletin announcement • Sean McAvoy, fapc@fapc.org

Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



Get an up-close look at our historic Sanctuary and Church House.

Free, docent-led tours of our historic Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and the Chesnut Gallery are offered every Sunday following the 10 am worship service. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary, just inside the Fifth Avenue entrance, and look for the docent holding the yellow “TOUR STARTS HERE” sign.

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