



# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

HOME COMING SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 • 11:00 AM

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Joel Schoon-Tanis, *Baring Fruit*, 2017

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**This is God's House. All Are Welcome.**

## WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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, 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. Enjoy the festivities. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy. There are tons of opportunities here 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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### **If You Are New Here**

We’d love to Connect! Please scan the QR code or fill out a Connect Card that you will find in your pew. You can fill it out online, or place the card into an offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance.) The folks at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries and programs.

### **These May Help During the Service**

If you would like a large-print bulletin or a hearing-enhancement device, please ask an usher. You may return the hearing-enhancement device to the rear of the Chapel or Sanctuary after the service.

### **Welcoming Children**

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, but you may want to take advantage of the first 10 rows on the far north side, which we have equipped for families with young children. You will find children’s Bibles and children’s worship bulletins in the pews, as well as easy access to our Family Room, located just outside the Sanctuary. We also provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am until 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org).

### **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).

### **Help With 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. Ask for discount coupons at the 55th Street reception desk.



### **Worship Resources Online**

Head to [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) for information about future worship services. Our weekly video service, Light, Leaven & Salt, is available throughout the week at [fapc.org/worship](http://fapc.org/worship). This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray).

## 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 Toccata and Fugue in F major, BWV 540  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

INTROIT O Be Joyful in the Lord  
*John Rutter (b. 1945), Text: Psalm 100*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
It is He that hath made us,  
And not we ourselves;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:  
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.  
Glory be to the Father;  
Glory be to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end, Amen.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Erica Moffett, Clerk of Session*

One: Rejoice in the Lord always.  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice.**  
One: Again, I say “rejoice!”  
**All: We come to worship and rejoice!**  
One: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
**All: We are ready to share kindness and love.**  
One: This is good! For the Lord is near!  
**All: Let us worship God, tender and just!**

### \* HYMN 35

**Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

WE ARE HERE

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

One: We are here.  
**All: Thanks be to God.  
We are here.**

### \* 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

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

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

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

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, - jah!

Music: George Mxadana.  
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\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LITANY OF PARTING

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

*Children (pre-K through second grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Church.  
If this is your child's first time at Fifth Avenue, please come downstairs with them.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

### ANTHEM

Peace Like a River

*American Folk Hymn, arr. Ronald Staheli (b. 1947)*

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got pain like an arrow, I've got pain like an arrow,  
I've got pain like an arrow in my soul.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you...

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Ezekiel 47:1-12*

Then the Lord brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?" Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

**“The River”**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)*

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. Amen.**

\* HYMN 32

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*(“...and forgive us our debts...”)*

CALL TO GIVE

*The Rev. Dr. Jonah So*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let the People Praise Thee, O God

*William Mathias (1934–1992), Text from Psalm 67*

Let the people praise thee, O God;

Yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,

For thou shalt judge the folk righteously,

And govern the nations upon earth.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,

And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us:

And show us the light of his countenance,

And be merciful unto us.

That thy way may be known upon earth,

Thy saving health among all nations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

\* DOXOLOGY

**Hymn 606**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Erica Moffett, Clerk of Session*

\* HYMN 475

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

\* BENEDICTION

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

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

*Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828–1904)*

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Symphony no. 1 in D minor: Final • *Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

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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*

## WORSHIP NOTES

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The Anthem this morning is an expressive setting of the old American hymn, *Peace Like a River*. The arranger, Ronald Staheli, was the long-time chair of the choral department at Brigham Young University in Utah, and founder of the BYU Singers, one of the finest collegiate vocal ensembles in the country. Staheli composed this moving arrangement in response to the tragic loss of his son in a car accident at the age of 19. In his beautiful setting, Staheli perfectly captures the essence of the gentle river through rich harmonies and expressive use of the choral ensemble which, at times, divides into nine parts.

The Offertory Anthem, *Let the people praise thee, O God*, is a joyful anthem composed by William Mathias for the wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1981. Mathias's strikingly individual choral style is characterized by an instinctive rhythmic fluency, which has been compared often to his famous compatriot, Benjamin Britten. This exciting piece also perfectly illustrates the colorful organ parts that buttress many of Mathias's choral compositions. The contrasting soft, tender passage for sustained voices (with a gently rocking accompaniment) midway through the anthem is a wonderful example of Mathias's melodic gift for fashioning sustained passages from almost plainsong-like fragments.

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Our Fall 2021 banner, "Rise, Refresh, Restore At The Well," is created by artist Karen Brodie. She was inspired by Fifth Avenue's journey to return to in-person worship.

Karen shares, "The banner design reminds us we have the deep well of living water before us always to drink of, and find new and restored life in. The well, infused with the Holy Spirit and richly overflowing with abundance reminds us of our participation in building the bricks and mortar of a container. God's abundance is ever-present and ever refreshing. The well structure reminds us we are a part of this relationship of love too. It, and the water, may remind us of our baptism when we promised to live with God's help. We are trusting that, like a seed, God offers us all we need to find this healing new life. In this way, we can rise to new life, hearing God's call and purposefully choosing God's kingdom. Thanks be to God."



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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***Please pray for:***

Candy Asman, Phyllis Barr, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley  
Madeline Bunce, Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Pastor Toribio Cajiua, Phoebe Chiu  
Sookjoong Choi, Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas  
Zakaria El Fatihi, Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa  
Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV, Patricia L. (DeLue) Glimpse, Wanda Roush Hannan  
Nancy Hatch, Juliet Kaldanie, Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King  
Richard J. Lawson, Lauren Ma, Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Phyllis Oblander  
France Owarish, Marjorie Quaife, Dexter Ramcharan, David Roring, Jeff Rowbottom  
Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Taylor Shultz, Spencer Robert Smith, Mark and Chrissy Snyder  
Frieda Sompotan, Jean Stewart, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Betty Ty  
Henny Waisapy, Jennifer Wallis-Eifert, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich  
Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler

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If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed,  
please contact Kristia Tolode ([congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org), 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### Today

- 9:30 am**      **Little Lambs, Sunday School and Youth Group.** All in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 11 am**        **Worship.** Sanctuary.
- 11:15 am**    **Children's Church.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 12:15 pm**    **Homecoming Celebration.** Fifth Avenue & 55th Street.
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### This Week

- Sat Sept 18**    **Meals on Heels.** 9:30 am – Bonnell Hall. Weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Contact: John Wyatt ([moh@fapc.org](mailto:moh@fapc.org)).

### Coming Up

- Sun Sept 19**    **Rebuilding Joy in Our Lives & Our Relationship To God.** 7 pm · Register for this Webinar at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). Examine Jesus' sayings about joy with Dr. Angella Son, who is an associate professor of Psychology and Religion at Drew University.
- Tue Sept 21**    **Employment Advisory.** Tuesday, 6:30 pm · Zoom Meeting. Presentation: The Art and Science of the Interview. Do the right work, before you get the job. Register at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org).
- Fri Sept 24**    **Youth: Last Friday Meetups.** 7 pm · LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Let's end the week together! Youth in grades 6-12, join us for games and Bible Study. No sign up needed.
- Sun Sept 26**    **Rebuilding Jerusalem: A look at Biblical Archeology.** 7 pm · Register for this Webinar at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). Biblical Archeologist Dr. Ron Tappy invites us to journey through Jerusalem.
- Wed Sept 29**    **Bereavement Group.** 7 pm · Zoom Meeting. This fall Fifth Avenue sponsors a 10-week bereavement support group for persons struggling with grief and the aftermath of loss. To register, email Kristia Tolode at [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org).
- Wed Sept 29**    **Fall Book Club.** 7 pm · Zoom Meeting. Join us for a four-week book discussion on *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez*. Register online at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org) or email [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org) for questions.

**Next Sunday • Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

“God's Lumber Yard” • Psalm 118

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

### **Happy Homecoming!**

While we've been apart, new colleagues have joined the Fifth Avenue Team and they can't wait to meet you. You'll see the Rev. Dr. Jonah So and the Rev. Sarah A. Speed following the service on the Weber Terrace to share a hello. Volunteers will be stationed at both the Lobby and on the 7th Floor to safely manage the flow of people and elevator capacity to the Weber Terrace.

Also following the service, enjoy fellowship outside the church and head to Fifth Avenue to the Welcome Table and Welcome Team.

### **Arts & Our Faith**

Join us in the Chesnut Gallery for *Keeping the Faith: Sustaining Our Ministries During the Pandemic*, an exhibit that celebrates the resilience of Fifth Avenue during our 18 months apart.

### **Save the Date: The Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture**

The Rev. Canon Esau McCaulley, PhD, will deliver our fourth-annual Gotto lecture in the Sanctuary of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Join us Friday, Nov. 3, 2021 in the Sanctuary at 7 pm and on [fapc.org/live](https://fapc.org/live). Experience the power of his latest book in today's Homecoming gift bag!

### **The Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards**

The 10th Anniversary of the Jones Award Dinner, currently scheduled for Oct. 15, will be rescheduled to an evening in 2022.

### **Welcome Katherine Miller and sending off Stephanie Kelley**

We are excited to announce that on September 1, Katie Miller began her new position as Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor & Director of Special Projects. Look for future announcements as we celebrate and say goodbye to Stephanie Kelley as she makes a permanent move to Sweden to join her husband.

### **New Way of Collecting Offering**

We will not be passing the plates in worship at this time. A QR code to [fapc.org/give](https://fapc.org/give) is available in each pew and on screen during the Livestream offering. Paper offering envelopes are in each pew and offering plates will be available at the exits to worship. Thank you for your continued generosity to this church and its critical ministries.

### **Coffee Hour**

When weather permits, Sunday Coffee Hour will be held on the 7th floor Weber Terrace. Volunteers will be stationed at elevators in the Lobby and on the 7th floor to keep the flow of people safe and manage elevator capacity.

### **Tours**

We have paused our Tours during this phase of our reopening.

## GETTING CONNECTED

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### Adult Education

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Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. The Employment Advisory program offers monthly seminars on career-related issues. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). All of our class offerings are following our Covid-19 protocols and are available online.

### Congregational Care

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If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also submit prayer requests at [fapc.org/prayer-requests](http://fapc.org/prayer-requests). Contact: [congregationalcare@fapc.org](mailto:congregationalcare@fapc.org).

### Family Ministries

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Family Ministries brings together people of diverse backgrounds and families of all definitions to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. We offer Sunday School, Youth Group, Children's Choir (currently using instruments), Little Lambs (programming for infants to toddlers), community groups for parents, Vacation Bible School and special events all year long. Learn more (and register your child) at [fapc.org](http://fapc.org). Contact: [familyministries@fapc.org](mailto:familyministries@fapc.org).

### Fifth Avenue Ecumenical Outreach Partnership

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The Ecumenical Outreach Partnership is a collaboration among three midtown congregations – Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Working together, we are able to increase the level of support we provide to men and women experiencing homelessness and others in need of essential services. The executive director, John Sheehan, LMSW provides street outreach and welcomes walk-in clients referred by Saint Thomas and St. Patrick's Cathedral to his office at Fifth Avenue. We welcome your donations of bottled water, socks, toiletries and other essentials that our clients need. For more information, contact [outreach@fapc.org](mailto:outreach@fapc.org).

### Membership

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When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. From the moment you walk through our doors, we invite you to be a part of our community. We want to learn your name, listen to your questions, and hear your story. Every step of the way, we choose you. In membership, you choose us. 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 may be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming online class. Email [membership@fapc.org](mailto:membership@fapc.org) or visit [fapc.org/membership](http://fapc.org/membership) to learn more.

## Mission Partners

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church supports a diverse group of mission partners whose missions and ministries align closely with our own. Read more at [fapc.org/mission-partners](http://fapc.org/mission-partners).

The Church of Gethsemane	Holmes Camp & Retreat Center
Search and Care	Parity
Urban Outreach Center NYC	Hands Along the Nile Development Services
WANA Community Resource Center/ RDJ Refugee Shelter	Ministry of Hope Lesotho
West Side Federation for Senior & Supportive Housing	Mission co-workers Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar – US-Mexico Border
Womankind	Mission co-workers Cobbie & Dessa Palm – Philippines
The Farminary Project	Mission co-workers Dan & Elizabeth Turk – Madagascar

## Music + Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of 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, an entry-level ensemble that is currently on hold until our reopen Phase 3B. Contact: [music@fapc.org](mailto:music@fapc.org) to learn more. Our Theatre Fellowship offers a mainstage production every spring, staged readings, a cabaret and other events during the year—this ministry is currently on hold. Contact: [theatre@fapc.org](mailto:theatre@fapc.org). The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation.

## 20s+30s

20s+30s is a diverse group of curious, adventurous people who are centered in our faith. We offer a number of programs to make you feel at home—our Wednesday evening discussion group, service projects, social events, retreats and more. Join us! We're online at [fapc.org/20s-30s](http://fapc.org/20s-30s) and on Instagram @FAPC20s30s. Contact: [youngadults@fapc.org](mailto:youngadults@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, host in the David B. Skinner Shelter, 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, email [volunteer@fapc.org](mailto:volunteer@fapc.org).

## Women's Association

The Women's Association weekly luncheons are canceled for the 2021 season. The Women's Association Bazaar will not be held inside the Fifth Avenue building. We are looking into the possibility of holding a Bazaar outside on 55th Street. For more information, contact: [wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org).

## OFFICERS BY CLASS

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### The Session

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • Erica Moffett, *Clerk of Session*

Porter Binks, *Assistant Clerk of Session* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*

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

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Mary Jo Keeble	Jake Myers	Paul Griggs
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Thomas Pak	Jimmy Liu	Glenn Hubbard
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## CLERGY & STAFF

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

**The Rev. Dr. Jonah So** *Executive Pastor*

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

**The Rev. Sarah A. Speed** *Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*

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The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen, *Parish Associate*

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The Rev. Randy Weber, *Associate Pastor Emeritus*

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Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music & Fine Arts Ministries*

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## Worship with Us!

**In-person worship** for the 11 am Sunday service in the Sanctuary.

**Livestreaming worship** of the 11am worship service at [fapc.org/live](https://fapc.org/live). Complete with an attached bulletin, head to [fapc.org/live](https://fapc.org/live) each Sunday starting at 10:45 am and lean into the beauty of worship with Fifth Avenue.

**Light, Leaven & Salt**, our weekly worship video, is available Sundays at 5 pm on [fapc.org/worship](https://fapc.org/worship) to watch anytime during the week. This weekly video features the complete sermon and highlights of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir.

'Fifth Avenue by Phone,' is a recording of the entire 11 am worship service on a phone line which is made available each Monday morning at 212.685.4934.

In light of the Delta variant and rising virus rates in the country and in our city, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church encourages all of its members, friends and staff to follow Christ's command: "Love Your Neighbor!" Manifest your love by: Wearing a mask at church, distancing, and getting your job (if you can)!

## About the Cover

Joel Schoon-Tanis, *Baring Fruit*, 2017. Used with permission. Joel is a celebrated painter and illustrator who has shown his work around the United States—from Michigan to Washington D.C., and as far away as Kenya. His murals can be found in many schools, churches and children's hospitals. Joel strives to view the world through a child-like lens—full of color, whimsy and honesty. His work helps others unlock a sense of child-like wonder about God's world. Joel loves to travel, read, and have adventures with his family.

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