

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 10, 2025 • 10:00 AM



Jan Both, *The Baptism of Queen Candace's Eunuch*, 1639–41

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

Violin Sonata in E minor, K. 304 • W.A. Mozart (1756–1791)

I. *Allegro*

II. Tempo di Menuetto

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Deacon Dicky Tuwaidan

One: Today, we arise.

Christ before me.

All: Christ behind me.

One: Christ above me.

All: Christ below me.

One: Christ to my left.

All: Christ to my right.

One: Christ to shield me.

All: Christ to guide me.

One: Christ in my heart, my mouth,
and my mind.

All: Christ in the faces of all
who love me.

One: Today, we arise. Let us worship!

* HYMN 489

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

* 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.)



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

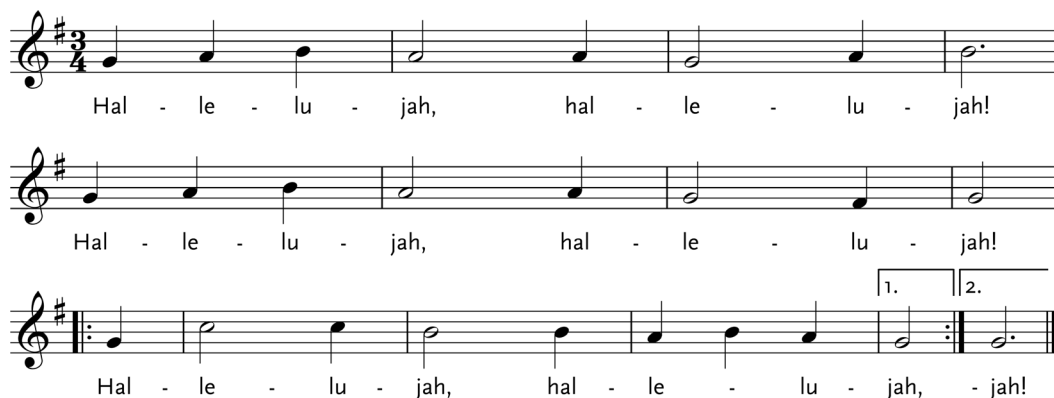
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO

Old American Songs, Set 2: 4. At the River
Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Praise our spirits will deliver
And provide our robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river.
The beautiful, the beautiful, river.
Gather with the saints at the river,
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian[a] eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet.
"Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Chris Palmer

“Taking the Plunge”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Second Helvetic Confession

**Now to be baptized in the name of Christ
is to be enrolled, entered, and received
into the covenant and family,
and so into the inheritance of the children of God;
yes, and in this life to be called after the name of God;
that is to say, to be called a child of God. Amen.**

* HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism

* CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s Church;
for we are all one in Christ.**

**We promise to love, encourage and support you,
to share the good news of the gospel with you,
and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Choir and Congregation

* SUNG RESPONSE

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children
Joyfully now God’s praises we sing.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Austin Applebach, Director of Engagement

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

How Can I Keep from Singing? • *Greg Gilpin (b.1964)*

My life flows on in endless song,
how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
how can I keep from singing?

What, though the tempest around me roars,
I know the truth it liveth.
What, though the darkness around me close,
songs in the night it giveth.

I hear the real, though far off hymn,
that hails a new creation.
It sounds an echo in my soul,
above earth's lamentation.

To the Rock, I'm clinging.
How can I stop singing?
I'm clinging to the Rock now.
Hear me singing!

* 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 838

Standing on the Promises

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Bob Goetz, *Violin* • Sharon Byrne, *Soloist*

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, 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, Daniele Engome
Jeanne Lehman French, 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
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Octavia McLaren, Epifania Mercado, Ryan Moloughney, Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish, Emmett Raitt
Dexter Ramcharan, Debbie Rogers, 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

Faithful Departed:

August 3, 2025: Margaret H. Coats, beloved mother of Martha Van Hise.

August 3, 2025: Rosie Lee Crawford, beloved grandmother of Ezekiel Andrew McCall.

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** **Little Lambs.** LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
- 10 am** **Worship.** Sanctuary & Livestream.
- 11:15 am** **Coffee Hour.** Rita Arlen Room. Join us after worship for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends.
- Sermon Springboard.** Zoom. Join Rev. Jonah and members of the online campus for sermon discussion and fellowship.
- Tour of the Church.** After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a “tour starts here” sign.
- 12 pm** **FAYA Potluck.** The Living Room.
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This Week

- Sat Aug 16** **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).

Coming Up

- Sun Aug 17** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.
- Sat Aug 23** **FAYA at the PLAYA!** 12:30 pm. Join the Fifth Avenue Young Adults for a fun beach day! Email Rev. Chris Palmer at youngadults@fapc.org to get in the WhatsApp group for the event.
- Sun Aug 24** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, preaching.
- Sun Aug 31** **Worship.** 10 am • Sanctuary & Livestream. Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner, preaching. This morning we will worship in the style of Chapel Church our contemporary worship service held throughout the program year.
- Family Ministries BBQ at Jaime's House.** 4 pm • Morris County, NJ. Please learn more and register at fapc.org/bbq.
- Wed Sep 3** **Feed Your Soul.** Dinner, 6 pm, Bonnell Hall. Worship, 7 pm, Sanctuary & Zoom. Register at fapc.org/soul.
- Sat Sep 6** **Come Home to Fifth.** 6 pm. Join Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike and online campus members for dinner and fellowship in New York on the weekend of Homecoming! Register at fapc.org/home.
- Sun Sep 7** **Homecoming Sunday.** Worship in the Sanctuary at 11 am and on Livestream.
- Sun Sep 14** **Chapel Church returns!** 9:30 am • Jones Auditorium.
- Wed Sep 17** **Community Choir.** 6 pm • Jones Auditorium. Today we welcome back all who love to sing after the summer hiatus.

Next Sunday • Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

“Drinking the Living Waters” • John 4:5-15

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Baptized Today

Patrick Lan, child of Liangyu He and Jiang Lan.

Joanna Antonia Franch, child of Michael Franch and Elena Solli.

Save the Dates!

- **Wednesday, September 3:** Feed Your Soul Dinner and Worship Service
- **Sunday, September 7:** Homecoming Sunday
- **Sunday, September 28:** The Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture, featuring Shannon Vallor, the Baillie Gifford Professor in the Ethics of Data and Artificial Intelligence at the University of Edinburgh
- **Friday, October 17:** The Fall Choral Concert: *Of Voice and Verse*
- **Friday, October 24:** The Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards

Today: FAYA Potluck

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Join the Fifth Avenue Youth Adults for a potluck following today's worship service at 12 pm in the Living Room on the 7th Floor. Haven't had time to make something to contribute? No problem! Feel free to go grab a bag of chips or 12-pack of seltzer around the corner, and we'll see you for a good end-of-summer catch up!

Saturday, August 23: FAYA at the PLAYA!

The Fifth Avenue Young Adults are headed to the beach, and they'd love for you to join! Email Rev. Chris Palmer at youngadults@fapc.org to get in the WhatsApp group for the event. We'll discuss location and other amenities for the trip. This will be a splash!

Sunday, August 31: Family Ministries BBQ at Jaime's House

Jaime Staehle, our Director of Christian Education, invites all families with children to her house (in Morris County, NJ) for a BBQ on Labor Day weekend! We will gather on Sunday, Aug. 31, at 4 pm. Jaime will provide burgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers! Please learn more and register at fapc.org/bbq.

Sunday, August 31: Chapel Church in the Sanctuary!

Join us in the Sanctuary for a special Chapel Church-style service. Come experience the Chapel Church band, the Holy Interruption, written prayer, and all the creativity of this special contemporary worship celebration. The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner, Assistant Professor of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, will be preaching. See you at there!

Wednesday, September 3: Feed Your Soul

Take part in an inspiring evening of fellowship, prayer, and a shared meal at Feed Your Soul. This event is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for a year of dedicated service as officers, vocalists, ushers, greeters, Sunday School teachers, Outreach volunteers, and more. Dinner begins at 6 pm in Bonnell Hall. The evening's worship service with communion will be available on Zoom. Please register at fapc.org/soul by Friday, August 29. For more information, contact Christine Boyle at outreach@fapc.org.

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	Green City Force
Church of Gethsemane	Hands Along the Nile
The Farminary Project	Development Services
Frontera de Cristo	Holmes Camp and Retreat Center
Garden of Hope	Ministry of Hope Lesotho
Good Samaritan Project	Parity
of First Spanish Presbyterian Church	Urban Outreach Center NYC

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*
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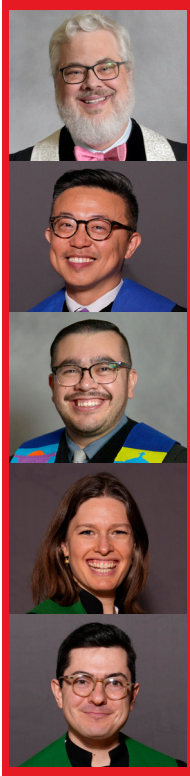
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Announce a birth or adoption

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Join the church

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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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Please contact Sean McAvoy (fapc@fapc.org) if you have questions or concerns. If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

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GODSPELL

Sunday, Sept. 14 • 12:45 pm

Join us for a joyful, movie night to kick off our fall sermon series! We'll watch *Godspell* (1973), the beloved musical that reimagines the story of Jesus through clowning, parables, and playful joy. Special guest Don Scardino—who portrayed Jesus in more than 1,000 performances on and off Broadway—will join us for Q&A before and after the film. His experience offers a unique perspective on how *Godspell* has touched lives, from hospital visits to performances for Jackie Kennedy Onassis and Bishop Paul Moore. Come for the movie, stay for the conversation—and encounter the radical love of Jesus in a fresh, surprising way.

All ages welcome! Concession-style treats will be served!

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