

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2026 • 10:00 AM



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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

➔ New to Fifth Avenue?

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at fapc.org/welcome. Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

➔ Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin or hymnal to follow the service.

➔ Families with Children

Children are always welcome! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary (to the right when looking down the aisle). Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service with your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. Every Sunday, we provide childcare for infants and toddlers during worship 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

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Porter Binks

One: Loving Christ, you come to us,
hidden and unrecognized, and you bless us.

All: We greet you with awe and wonder.

One: Loving Christ, you give us your gifts
and nourish our souls.

All: We welcome you with gratitude and joy.

One: Tender Christ, you bring us the spirit of your peace,
and call us to love.

All: Let us serve you with faith and hope.

One: Let us worship the loving, living, Almighty God.

* HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Summer Pastoral Resident Barron Flood

* 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.)

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.

You a - lone are my heart's de- sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

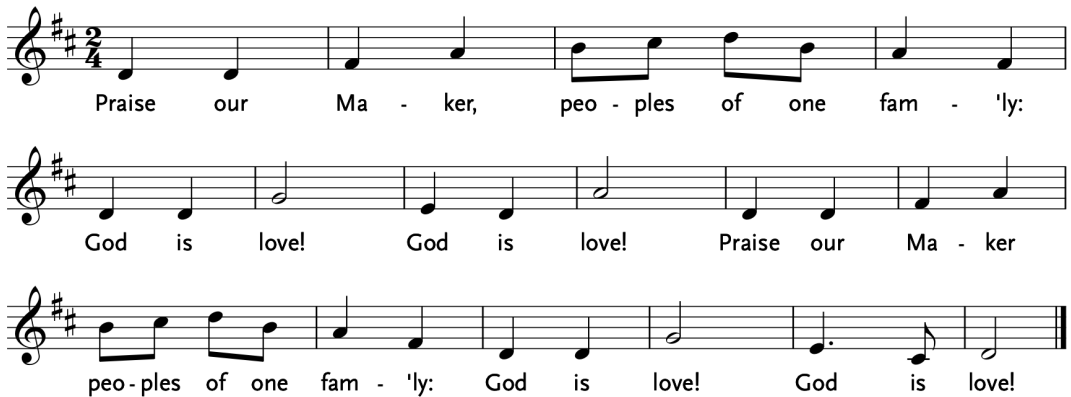
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* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



Music: E. Rawdon Bailey (1859–1938). Text: Church and School Hymnal, 1926; adapt. RGH.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Chris Palmer

SOLO

“*Laudate Dominum*,” from *Vesperae solennes de confessore*
 W.A. Mozart (1756–1791), Text: Psalm 117

<i>Laudate Dominum omnes gentes</i>	Praise the Lord, all nations;
<i>Laudate eum, omnes populi</i>	Praise him, all people.
<i>Quoniam confirmata est</i>	For He has bestowed
<i>Super nos misericordia eius,</i>	His mercy upon us,
<i>Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.</i>	And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
<i>Amen.</i>	Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-13

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

“Fishing for Breakfast”

* PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Loving Christ,
Meet us in the ordinary,
in daily bread and with hunger in our hearts,
on the shores of all our hesitations, transitions, and turmoils.
Open our eyes to see abundance.
Open our ears to hear your teachings.
Open our hands to offer, as you do,
the shared catch of our nets.
In you, we find the resurrection feast.
So make us into fishers of people,
as we seek to follow you.
Amen.**

* HYMN 170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

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

“Let the Bright Seraphim,” from *Samson*
G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

Let the bright seraphim in burning row,
Their loud, uplifted angel trumpets blow.
Let the cherubic host, in tuneful choirs,
Touch their immortal harps with golden wires.

* 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 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

* BENEDICTION

~ Please watch your step as you exit your pew. ~

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major, BWV 545 • J.S. Bach

The ministry of music this morning is offered by
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Hannah Penzner, *Soprano*



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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, Ella Calderon
Denise Campbell, Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi, Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook
Edna Craddock, Steven Cramer, Tom Crowfis, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen
David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Daniele Engome
Linda Ferm-Fagan, Kathy Floyd, Jeanne Lehman French, David Getz, Irene P. Gilman
Anthea and Neville Graham, Cleofe De Jesus Guevarra, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Peter S. Hawkins
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George Illingworth, Emi Iwaida, Tara Kay Johnson, Juliet Kaldanie, Ceciwa Khonje, Debbie Kim
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Spencer Robert Smith, Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill
Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, John Weisel, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks
Jo and Bob Wolfe, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah 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, 212.247.0490).

CALENDAR

Today

- 9:30 am** **Little Lambs Nursery.** 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 Jaime Staehle 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.
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Coming Up

- Thu Sept 3** **Career Directions.** 10 am ET • Zoom. Visit fapc.org/community to learn more and to sign up.
- Sat Sept 5** **Meals on Heels.** 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Sign up is required. Contact John Wyatt at moh@fapc.org.
- Sun Sept 6** **Worship.** 10 am ET • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.
- Mon Sept 7** **Labor Day.** Building Closed.
- Wed Sept 9** **Feed Your Soul.** 5:30 pm ET • Bonnell Hall, Kirkland Chapel, & Livestream. Learn more and register at fapc.org/soul.
- Thu Sept 10** **SAGES.** 12 pm ET • Zoom. Join elder members for fellowship and study. Contact community@fapc.org to join.
- Fifth Avenue Reading Circle: *The Road to Wisdom*.** 7 pm ET • Zoom. Learn more and sign up at fapc.org/read.
- Fri Sept 11** **9/11 Service of Remembrance.** 8:30 am ET • Kirkland Chapel & Livestream.
- Sat Sept 12** **Come Home to Fifth Avenue | Homecoming Supper Club.** 6 pm • Manhattan. Learn more and sign up at fapc.org/supper.
- Sun Sept 13** **Homecoming Sunday.** 11 am ET • Sanctuary & Livestream. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.
- Wed Sept 16** **Women’s Ministry | A Walk in the Park.** 6 pm • Central Park. Learn more and register at fapc.org/women.
- FAYA Midweek.** 6:30 pm • Weber Terrace. For more information, contact youngadults@fapc.org.

Next Sunday • Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“You’re So Last Supper” • Luke 22:14-23

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.

NEWS & EVENTS

Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston is currently on study leave.
He will return to the pulpit on Homecoming Sunday, September 13, 2026.

Fall Highlights!

- **Wednesday, September 9:** Feed Your Soul Dinner and Worship Service.
- **Sunday, September 13:** Homecoming Sunday.
- **Sunday, September 20:** *I Dared to Hope* with the Rev. Dr. Oscar McCloud.
- **Friday, October 2:** The Fall Choral Concert: Talbot's *Path of Miracles*.
- **Friday, October 23:** The Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards.
- **Thursday, November 12:** The Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture, featuring Dr. Francis Collins.

Wednesday, September 9: 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 5:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. The evening's worship service will take place in Kirkland Chapel and via livestream. Those worshipping via livestream are invited to participate in communion on Zoom. Please register at fapc.org/soul by Monday, August 31. For more information, contact Austin Applebach at engagement@fapc.org.

Thursday, September 10: Fifth Avenue Reading Circle | *The Road to Wisdom*

Join us to discuss *The Road to Wisdom: On Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust* by this year's Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecturer, Dr. Francis Collins. Drawing on his leadership of the Human Genome Project and the National Institutes of Health, Collins explores four foundations of wisdom: truth, science, faith, and trust. He shows how each offers insight but also has limits and argues that together they can help us discern a wiser path forward. Join the lively discussion at 7 pm ET on Zoom. Sign up at fapc.org/read.

Friday, September 11: 9/11 Service of Remembrance

As we mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, join us in worship as we honor those whose lives were lost or forever changed that day. We will gather in Kirkland Chapel and via livestream at 8:30 am ET for a service of prayer, music, and silence.

Saturday, September 12: Come Home to Fifth Avenue | Homecoming Supper Club

Join the Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike and our Supper Club Community Group for a special weekend of fellowship and connection. On Saturday evening, we'll gather for dinner in Manhattan at 6 pm. Then, on Sunday morning, we invite you to join us for fellowship and worship during our Homecoming Sunday services and the festivities during Coffee Hour! If you'd like to take part in festive worship and dinner alongside our online campus family, please sign up at fapc.org/supper. We look forward to connecting with you!

Wednesday, September 16: Women's Ministry | A Walk in the Park

All women are invited! Join us at 6 pm at the Simón Bolívar statue on Sixth Avenue and Fifty-Ninth Street for a walk and fellowship together. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Come enjoy the beauty of the park and each other's company. Register at fapc.org/women so we can keep you up to date regarding weather.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*
The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Chris Palmer, *Associate Pastor* • Persis Luke, *Clerk of Session*
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8 am – 1 pm

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8 am – 12 pm



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