PARK AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

All Saints Sunday
November 1st, 2026 at **11:00am**

Quote of the Week

Come, let us join our friends above who have obtained the prize, and on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.
Charles Wesley

Please stand as you are able whenever an asterisk (*) precedes a heading.
Restrooms, including children's facilities with a changing table and a gender-neutral accessible restroom, are located in the basement.

Prelude | Dr. Kenneth Glendon Brown

The prelude is an integral part of worship, as we open ourselves to God's presence. Please enter quietly, being sure to silence your devices.

Welcome | The Reverend David A. Gilmore

If you are new to our church, we encourage you to fill out a visitor card, found in the pew in front of you or online at ***paumcnyc.org/visitor****.*

***Opening Hymn** | *UMH* #97 - "For the Fruits of This Creation"

***Christ's Peace**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!
People: **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

***Gathering Hymn** | *UMH* #334 - "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place; and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Stewardship Moment | Amy Booker

Prayer for Illumination

All: **O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen for your voice. By your Spirit lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson | Genesis 1: 26-27 *(page 1)*

One: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn** | *UMH* #101 - "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

If you wish to give online, you can do so by scanning the QR code on the back or by visiting ***paumcnyc.org/give****.*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem | "All Creatures Sing Alleluia" arranged by Joel Raney

***Presentation Hymn** | ***UMH* #94 - Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon | "Fearless Living" by Reverend David A. Gilmore

Solo | "Two Thousand Years" by Billy Joel

Soloist: Lauren Gismondi

Confession & Pardon

Minister: Beloved, let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us. Let us pray together.

All: **Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Silent Prayer

Minister: May Almighty God who caused light to shine out of darkness shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.***
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosana in the highest, hosana in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest, hosana in the highest.

Minister: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: ***Christ has died,***
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Minister: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name in our hearts. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perserverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: ***Amen, amen, amen, amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Following the instructions of the ushers, please make your way to the table to receive the elements via the center aisle.
Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Any wrappers or plastic may be left in the holders located on the pew in front of you or disposed of as you leave.

Communion Anthem | *TFWS* #2255 | "In the Singing"

*Closing Hymn | "Shalom to You" *(Sung Twice)*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Benediction

Postlude

Today's altar flowers are given by ***John and Alix Lombardo***
in gratitude for the pets of our parish- God's creatures all.

⌖ WELCOME TO PARK AVENUE! ⌖

Park Avenue United Methodist Church *is a spiritual haven that celebrates the shared humanity of all, that rejuvenates hope and faith, and is strengthened by the love of God.*

We are committed to:

- Making Christ's love accessible to all;
- Creating a haven;
- Fostering kindness; and
- Offering a spiritual rejuvenation in all aspects of our Church programming.

If you're new to our community welcome! Here are a few ways to get to know us:

Visitor Card

- **Fill out a Welcome Card** in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or to a staff member following service. Cards can also be found online at **paumcnyc.org/visitor**.
- **Join us for coffee hour on the third floor after service.**
- **Connect online.** Emails are the primary way that we communicate any important messages for the entire community. To receive our emails, please subscribe at **paumcnyc.org/mailinglist**. And follow us on Facebook at **facebook.com/paumcnyc**, and Instagram at **paumcnyc**.

Altar Flowers

Would you like to see fresh flowers on the altar on Sunday mornings? Visit **paumcnyc.org/altarflowers** for more information and to place your order, or contact the church office at **office@paumcnyc.org**.

Space Rentals

Do you need a space for your next birthday party, board meeting, holiday function, film screening, or other gathering? Park Avenue is happy to host your next event! For more information, email **rentals@paumcnyc.org**.

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MORE FROM PARK AVE UMC

Young Adults Volunteer Day: This Saturday, November 7th

PAUMC Young Adults- come out for volunteering and fellowship! We will start the day at the Community of Hope Saturday Outreach at Manhattan Church of Christ (40 E. 80th St), preparing and serving hot meals for our neighbors. Following volunteering, we'll get lunch nearby and fellowship together. Please RSVP (so we have a rough headcount) at **paumcnyc.org/nov7** - friends are always invited!

Seeking Support? Stephen Ministers Can Help

Are you or someone you know going through a difficult time? We want to help! Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care and support to those in our congregation and community at large going through difficult times. Care Receivers may be navigating a health challenge, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or facing any number of other kinds of life challenges. They do not have to be PAUMC members (or hold any religious beliefs) to be eligible for care. Stephen Ministers are paired with one Care Receiver at a time and meet with them once a week to talk, share, and lament whatever they are going through for however long they may need care, all at no cost.

If you think this is a ministry that might be helpful to you or someone you know, please contact our Stephen Leader, **Preston McMath,** at **pmcmath2017@gmail.com**, or **Pastor David** at **pastordavid@paumcnyc.org** with any questions you may have and to get connected with this wonderful ministry.

Bible Study: Every Wednesday at noon and 6pm

Join us on Wednesdays for Bible Study with Pastor David! This is an ongoing program and all are welcome to participate at your own availability. We have both 12pm and 6pm options, and in-person or on Zoom. All are welcome- first timers are especially encouraged to join! To register, please visit **paumcnyc.org/biblestudy** so we can make sure you have any updates. **Email Maureen Donohue** at **maureen@paumcnyc.org** with any questions.

Become a PAUMC member!

Are you are interested in learning more about our faith community, baptism, the United Methodist Church, or officially becoming at member at Park Ave? **Join us for New Member orientations!** This is a three session class, via Zoom (with a hybrid option) and led by Pastor David. This class will be an opportunity to learn more about our church, our United Methodist Heritage, and meet other members and church leaders. Whether you are new to the City and looking for a new church home, or a longtime attendee wanting to become a member, you are invited!

If you are interested in joining, or just curious to learn more, please sign up at **paumcnyc.org/NewMembers**. Questions? Need more information about membership at Park Avenue? Speak with a staff member after service or email **maureen@paumcnyc.org.**

Advent Bible Study: Beginning December 2nd

Pastor David will lead an Advent Bible Study, beginning Wednesday, December 2nd. We will meet in person and on Zoom, at 12pm and 6pm. We will be reading *"Light of the World"* by Amy-Jill Levine. All are welcome!
Register at **paumcnyc.org/adventstudy**.

About this study: *Light of the World* traces the Christmas story from its Old Testament roots through the New Testament accounts, exploring the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth, the Virgin Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit of the Magi. With the clarity and warmth she is known for, Levine illuminates the cultural, historical, and theological significance of each passage, making complex biblical scholarship accessible to readers of every background and faith tradition.

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Dear Beloved Community of PAUMC

Today, Park Avenue United Methodist Church inaugurates our four-week stewardship campaign. Our emphasis this year is: **"Fearless Generosity".** Our goal is to learn how to become more faithful and generous stewards while collectively exploring and putting these lessons into practice through these four pillars:

Fearless Living, Fearless Service, Fearless Sowing and Fearless Giving

In this season, we will build on one concept per week during the worship service through information, testimony and the Word. If you invest your time and attention during this campaign, we believe the Lord will provide you with fresh insights and Divine inspiration, culminating in **Consecration Sunday, November 22, 2026.** On this day, we will present our individual commitment cards to be consecrated to the Lord. These pledges will serve as a promise of our financial support for the vision and ministries of PAUMC for the upcoming year, which we pray will be a time of congregational growth, service, harmony and joy.

We are reminded of the blessings and encouragement the Apostle Paul offered up timelessly in **Ephesians 3:20-21**: *Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

God can provide far more abundantly than we humans can. Even more amazingly, God works through us to accomplish more than we can on our own. When we place our trust in the Lord, we become empowered to bless and be blessed as we minister to our "family," both inside and outside our faith community.

May Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus be ours, too, as we heed God's call for us to be fearless givers and fearless stewards – as individuals and as a community of faith. In your personal prayers and as you gather in fellowship with others throughout the month of November, please remember to invite the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessings on our stewardship campaign.

In Christ,

Ashok Marin

Ashok David Marin
Leadership Board Chairperson

David A. Gilmore

The Reverend David A. Gilmore
Pastor

There are three ways to make your pledge:

- Complete an online commitment by visiting **paumcnyc.org/pledge** or by scanning the QR code to the left.
- Fill out the card in the back of the pew and place in the offering plate.
- Email the **church office** at **office@paumcnyc.org** with your pledge amount and frequency (weekly, monthly, or yearly).

We are hoping for 100% participation from our church community, and no amount is too small or too large. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and commitment to the ministries of Park Avenue United Methodist Church!

Please submit your pledge by Sunday, November 15th.