

The First Presbyterian Church *in the City of New York*

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Service for the Lord's Day

January 10, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

The Session and members of First Church extend a sincere welcome to all persons regardless of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.

GATHERING

The peace candle represents our prayers for peace in a broken world. The congregation is asked to offer prayers of intercession for one another and for those who lead in these times of remote worship.

PRELUDE "Our Father, God in Heaven Above, BuxWV 207" Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Come, people of God,
let us offer to God our hearts in worship and prayer,
and lift up God's name.
For God is gracious and merciful,
full of compassion and love.
While we are still helpless,
God continually saves us.
Let us worship God!**

HYMN 10 "Sing Glory to the Name of God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
We confess to you and to each other
that we fall far short of what you have created us to be.
Today we humbly ask for your forgiveness
for our part in the systems
which created the violence we witnessed this week.
Forgive us for the times we fail to stand up for justice
seeking easier ways and losing sight of your kingdom.
Today we ask for your forgiveness.
Renew us and equip us**

to do Your will on earth,
until the dawning of your heavenly Kingdom.
Help us to find the riches of your grace,
as we worship your name, and meet with you in prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

To God Cre - a - tor, heav'n - ly light, to Christ, re -
vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Spir - it
blest we raise an end - less song of thank - ful praise!

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 6:5-13

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.”

ANTHEM

Abbie Betinis

Blessed be the Lord, my rock and my fortress, my stronghold, my deliverer, my shield
and he in whom I take refuge. We are like breath, our days are like a passing shadow.
Bow thy heavens, O Lord, come down! Stretch forth thy hand from on high, rescue me,
deliver me. I will sing a new song to thee, O God. -Psalm 144

Christina Angelopoulos, Hannah Nacheman, Brandon Hynum, and Andrew Martens

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:31-32

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard
seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds,
but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that
the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

SERMON

“Second Petition: Thy Kingdom Come” Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

HYMN 847

“Our Hope, Our Life”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

V. Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder*

Our Father, God in heaven above, we pray, united in your love: Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, in faithfulness to keep your word. Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as there before your throne. Give us today our daily bread; let everyone be clothed and fed. Forgive our sins, as we forgive, when others hurt us as we live. Help us to dwell in harmony, and serve each other willingly. In time of trial, rescue us. Let your word give success to us when, on our left and on our right, temptations challenge us to fight. Deliver us from evil's power, and comfort us in life's last hour. Amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and make it grow; beset by doubt, help us believe, what here we ask we shall receive. So, by your promise, in your name, with loud Amen your Yes we claim!

-Martin Luther

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN 341

“O God, Show Mercy to Us”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“We All Believe in One True God, BWV 680” Johann Sebastian Bach

*The congregation is invited to continue worshiping through the postlude,
which is offered as a thanksgiving to God.*

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