

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Service for the Lord's Day

January 17, 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 “Prelude on ‘Deep River,’ from *Four Spirituals*” Adolphus Hailstork

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
God does not faint or grow weary;
God's understanding is unsearchable.
God gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**
-Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV)

HYMN 33

“Praise the Lord! God Glories Show”

LLANFAIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and each other in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not offered food to the hungry or water to the thirsty. We have refused to let go of anger at our neighbor.

We have not clothed the naked. We have been unwelcoming to strangers and friends. We have neglected the sick and turned away from those in prison. We have not seen you in the greatest or the least of these. We have reacted in fear and given up hope. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, renew us that we may delight in your call and abide in your ways, that we may remember your love and show it to all who we encounter.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



Traditional Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea - tures
Inclusive Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple



here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
 here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.
 praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come.
 Give us each day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our sins,
 for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
 And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even

though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

SERMON

“Third Petition: Our Daily Bread” Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

HYMN 520

“Taste and See”
Refrain: all
Verses: Choir

TASTE AND SEE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image
to live as one community.**
With believers in every time and place,
**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Mary Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Mark Miller

Till all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled; till no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled; *God has work for us to do, till God’s will is done, and all things are made new, God has work for us to do!* Till age and race and gender no longer separate; till pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate: God has work for us to do....By praying through our doing and singing though we fear, by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God’s harvest near: *God has work for us to do....*

–Carl P. Daw

Samantha Noonan and Alexandra Schleuderer

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN

“Only Love Can Do That”

Mark Miller



Dark-ness — can-not drive out dark-ness, — ha-tred — can-not drive out hate.



Dark-ness can-not drive out dark-ness, ha-tred — can-not drive out hate. On-ly



love, — on-ly love, — on-ly love can do that. On-ly love, — on-ly



love, — on-ly love, — on-ly love can do that. On-ly love.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on ‘Great Day,’ from *Four Spirituals*”

Adolphus Hailstork

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

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MUSIC NOTES Today we welcome Dr. Andrew Henderson as our guest musician! Andrew is Director of Music & Organist at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, chair of the organ department at the Manhattan School of Music, and Associate Organist at Temple Emanu-El. Andrew is a native of Thorold, Ontario, and holds an undergraduate degree in music from Cambridge University, a master's degree in organ performance from Yale University, and a doctorate from The Juilliard School.

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941) is Professor of Music and Eminent Scholar at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and has written numerous works for chorus, solo voice, piano, organ, various chamber ensembles, band, orchestra, and opera. Hailstork studied organ while a boy chorister at the Episcopal Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, New York, and later with fellow Old Dominion professor, organist James Kosnik. • Mark Miller (b. 1967) serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music at Drew Theological School and is a Lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at Yale University. He also is the Minister of Music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey. His dream is that the music he composes, performs, teaches and leads will inspire and empower people to create the beloved community. About "God Has Work for Us to Do," Miller writes, "God is love, and we are God's children. That is my statement of belief, and by faith, I will try to live my life to make the love of God real to everyone one I meet. Although I believe the statement to be true, it does not mean that our world is a just place or that life is fair. The for-profit prison industry still benefits from incarcerating young brown and black men at an alarming rate, the skies over certain cities are too polluted to venture outside, the water isn't safe to drink in many towns, women are still being denied access to equal pay, corporate greed is draining the wages of the working class, affordable health care is beyond the reach of too many, the cost of an education is crippling a generation of incoming students....the list goes on. So, while I believe that God is love, and we are God's children, I also believe God has work for us to do. The lyrics of Carl Daw strike a resounding chord in my soul..."

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