

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Service for the Lord's Day

January 31, 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 *The Call*"

Robert Lind

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

All that we are is a gift from God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

All that we have is a gift from God.

The world, and those who live in it.

There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, all that we are, all that we have, and all that we will become is a gift from you. Forgive us when we forget this, and assume that time and talent are made by us. Forgive us when we pridefully count our earnings, rather than delighting in your gifts. Remind us of the high calling: to be the stewards of your abundance, caretakers of all that you have entrusted to us. Make us faithful with little, and also with much, that we may give ourselves as you did, wholly and completely, even unto the cross. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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 AND 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,
 the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Adrian Batten

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.
 -Psalm 117:1-2

Samantha Noonan, Hannah Nacheman, Arri Lawton Simon,
 and Andrew Martens

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Joanie Ryan, Reade Ryan, and Christine Flouton

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:34 & 48b

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required;
 and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

SERMON

"Great Responsibility"

Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Presbyterian Confession of 1967

The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls all people to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Felix Mendelssohn

For the Lord is a mighty God and a mighty ruler over all false idols.

–Psalm 95:3

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN 320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

WAREHAM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Tuba Tune in D Major”

Craig Sellar Lang

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

We look forward to having you join us for our Annual Meeting today, Sunday, January 31st directly following the 11 a.m. worship service. In preparation for the meeting, please read the annual report which was emailed to the congregation this past week. Please check First Matters for the Zoom information to join!

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