

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

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Service for the Lord's Day*

August 8, 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 worship.*

PRELUDE

“Still Be My Vision,” from *Triptych*

Stephen Paulus

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the darkest valley,  
**at the banquet table;**  
in the hard work of life,  
**at the moments of ease;**  
in our day-to-day reality,  
**at times set aside—**  
like this time, now—  
**for worship, for listening, for paying attention;**  
with every step we take:  
**goodness and mercy follow us;**  
**our cups overflow. Let us worship God!**

HYMN 509

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.**  
**Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.**  
Our God is merciful and gracious,  
slow to get angry, and full of unfailing love.  
**Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.**  
**For I recognize my shameful deeds—they haunt me day and night.**  
God will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

**Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;  
I have done what is evil in your sight.  
You will be proved right in what you say,  
and your judgment against me is just.**

God has not punished us for all our sins,  
nor does God deal with us as we deserve.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**Hear us merciful God as we confess our sins in silence...**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## RESPONSE

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.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## SOLO

Felix Mendelssohn

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity. I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken thy covenant, and thrown down thine altars, and slain all thy prophets, slain them with the sword. And I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away! It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! Now let me die, Lord, take away my life!  
-1 Kings 19:4, 1 Kings 19:10, and Job 7:16

## HEARING THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked

on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

SERMON

"More Than Just Comfort Food"

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

William M. Runyan; arr. Jack Schrader

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee, thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above; join with all nature in manifold witness, to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!* Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *Great is thy faithfulness!.....*  
-Thomas O. Chisholm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SENDING

HYMN 737

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

LES PETITES SOEURS

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Allegro maestoso e vivace," and "Fugue: Allegro moderato," Mendelssohn  
from *Sonata, Op. 65, No. 2*

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

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is Beverly Jane Allred,  
daughter of Patrick and Hannah Faye Allred.

## LEADING THIS MORNING

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., *Staff Associate for Congregational Care*

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Alexandra Mead, *Director of Christian Education at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown*

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

Evan Henke, *baritone*

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

**MUSIC NOTES** Hailed as “splendid” and “versatile” (*Voce di Meche*), American baritone Evan Henke is a dynamic and highly sought-after performer in the NYC area. Mr. Henke is a former young artist with the International Vocal Arts Institute in New York, Narnia Arts Festival in Narni, Italy, L’Institut d’Art Vocal in Montréal, Canada, and the Houston Grand Opera High School Voice Studio. His previous credits include: Schaunard in *La Bohème*, The Herald in *The Grand Duke*, Barney in *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, Il Conte d’Almaviva in *Le nozze di Figaro*, Mercutio in *Roméo et Juliette*, Il Visconte Paolo in *Leoncavallo’s La Bohème*, Pandolfe in *Cendrillon*, The Vicar in *Albert Herring*, Belcore in *L’elisir d’amore*, Mr. Lindquist in *A Little Night Music*, and Figaro in *Le nozze di Figaro*. Mr. Henke holds a Bachelor of Music from Southern Methodist University and a Master of Music from the Manhattan School of Music.

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