

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

September 26, 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

“Allegretto” and “Andante Tranquillo,”
from *Five Short Pieces*

Percy Whitlock

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body or spirit.

Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

Sing songs and hymns, old and new;
celebrate with voices and instruments,
with praise and prayers!

Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

**For God is already here,
among us and within us,
bringing new life to all who believe.
Let us praise God together!**

HYMN 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves.**

**We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments.
Hear us as we pray in silence...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

TULON



Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee; our faith is built up -
on thy prom - ise free; Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and
sure, that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CHILDREN'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

Philip W. J. Stopford

O clap your hands together, all ye people, O sing unto God with a voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared, he is the great King of all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us, ev'n the worship of Jacob, whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God, O sing praises, sing praises unto the Lord our King. For God is the King of all the earth, sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon his holy seat.

-from Psalm 47

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

pew Bible, New Testament page 45/large print, New Testament page 55

SERMON

“Baptized in the Pool
of the Hilton Hotel”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand in body or spirit.

**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

George Frederic Handel

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-I Corinthians 15:57

RESPONSE

OLD HUNDERETH



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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 546

Please stand in body or spirit.

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on HANOVER”

Eric Thiman

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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the Choir of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, in the premiere of “O Clap Your Hands” by Philip W. J. Stopford.

TODAY WE BAPTIZE David Luther Ordway, son of Marcy Nicks Moody Ordway.

TODAY WE WELCOME as new members: Katherine Adams, Robert “Bobby” Cooper, Carlos Correa, Leif Ellington, Tricia Hopkins, Michael Judkiewicz, Bridget McIntyre, Colin McIntyre, Robert Nuzzo, Lynn Replogie, Timothy Richards, Henry “Harry” Stovell, Susana Stovell, Susana “Susie” Stovell

LEADING THIS MORNING

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., *Staff Associate for Mission and Social Justice*
Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter, *Associate Pastor for Stewardship and Mission to the Corporate World*
Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

The First Church Choir
Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

MUSIC NOTES The anthem, *O Clap Your Hands*, is heard for the first time today. It has been commissioned in celebration and honor of Myrle Wall, by Duane Wall, for the Choir of The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. The composer, Philip William John Stopford (b. 1977), began his musical career as a chorister at Westminster Abbey, studied music at Keble College, Oxford, and served on the music staff of several cathedrals before his appointment in 2016 to Christ Church, Bronxville, New York. Recordings of his music can be found across YouTube, Spotify, Amazon, and Apple Music. He was part of the Classic FM Hall of Fame in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The First Church Choir is delighted to offer this gift of new music to the glory of God as part of our worship.

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