

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

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## A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

September 11, 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.*



*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.*

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

## “Solitude”

Nahre Sol

## OPENING WORDS

### HYMN

“Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth” MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Please stand in body or spirit.*



1. Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up - on a cross they
2. O won - drous love, which found no room in\_\_\_ life, where sin de -
3. New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain ref -
4. O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in\_\_\_ us your new cre -



bound you, and mocked your sav - ing king - ship then by\_\_\_  
nied you and, doomed to death, must bring to doom the\_\_\_  
use you, till in the night of hate and war we\_\_\_  
a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we\_\_\_



thorns with which they crowned you; and still our wrongs may  
power which cru - ci - fied you, till not a stone was  
per - ish as we\_\_\_ lose you? From old un - faith our  
wait your rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri - umphs



weave you now new thorns to pierce that stead - y brow,  
left on stone, and all a na - tion's pride, o'er-thrown,  
souls re - lease to seek the king - dom of your peace,  
o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be - fore your cross;



and robe of sor - row\_\_\_ round you.  
went down to dust be - side you.  
by which a - lone we\_\_\_ choose you.  
come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

## READING

Psalm 27

*pew Bible, Old Testament page 503/large print, Old Testament page 619*

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“Song Without Words”

Craig Phillips

## READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

*pew Bible, Old Testament page 668/large print, Old Testament page 818*

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“The Peace of Wild Things”

Gwyneth Walker

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what  
my life and my children’s lives may be,

I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water,  
and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.

I come into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light.

For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

–Wendell Berry

## READING

Revelation 21:1-4

*pew Bible, New Testament page 315/large print, New Testament page 259*

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“Pie jesu,” from Requiem, Op. 9

Maurice Duruflé

*Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

Gracious Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

–from the Requiem Mass; sung in Latin

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“Prière”

Camille Saint-Saëns

## HYMN 687

“Our God Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## CLOSING WORDS AND BLESSING

## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“Nimrod,”

Edward Elgar

*from Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 36*

*The congregation is invited to remain for silent reflection,  
or prayer with one of our pastors.*

*The calla lillies in the sanctuary are remembrance of the each of the  
members of our congregation who passed away on September 11, 2001.*

## LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*  
Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*  
Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

Arthur Fiacco, *'cello*  
Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*  
Shanelle Valerie Woods, *soprano*

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