

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

October 17th, 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 "Herr Jesu Christ, du höchstes Gut", BWV 1114 Bach
Lord Christ, O Highest Good

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body or spirit.

Come before the Lord with joyful songs,
because God is good,
because God is generous.

**Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

**We are God's people. The sheep of his pasture.
Let us worship God!**

HYMN 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful God,
we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.**

**Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of those who have more than we have,**

our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life,
so that we may desire what is good, love what you love,
and do what you command.
Hear us as we confess our sins 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.

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-6

pew Bible, Old Testament page 683/large print, Old Testament page 836

ANTHEM

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb who is the Great "I Am," I will sing, while millions join the theme I will sing. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and thro' eternity I'll sing on.

-from General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use

SECOND LESSON

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

pew Bible, Old Testament page 484/large print, Old Testament page 595

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

Franz Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament. Today that is coming, speaks it the day, the night that is gone, to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

-Psalm 19:1-3

RESPONSE

OLD HUNDERETH

Please stand in body or spirit.



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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 1

Please stand in body or spirit.

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare and Chorale”

Calvin Fuller

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

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY IS:

Felix Hughes Reynolds Schiff, son of Alexandra Wolfe Schiff and Andrew Newman Schiff

LEADING THIS MORNING

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., *Staff Associate for Mission and Social Justice*

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

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

The First Church Choir

Shanelle Woods, *soprano*; Sean Fallen, *tenor*; Andrew Martens, *bass*

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

THOREN MISSION FUNDS

On March 24th, 2021, the Session of The First Presbyterian Church embraced using the 2021 draw from the Thoren Fund in conjunction with the post-pandemic theme of "Coming Home by Reaching Out." The Outreach and Service Council received a vetted pool of eleven applications, and prayerfully narrowed that list to six to put forward for a congregational vote to receive Thoren Mission Funds for the 2021 year.

You are invited to vote for two of these six organizations to be a Thoren Mission Funds recipient. Voting will take place via iPad in the lobby after worship on October 17th and 24th. Paper ballots will be available upon request.

The final two grant recipients will be announced on October 31st.

Welcome to First Church!

We are so glad you are here.

Scan to give your tithe or offering.



Join us for Coffee Fellowship on the North Lawn after the Postlude to meet one another, say hello to new faces, and enjoy refreshments.

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