

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

October 24th, 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

Please stand in body or spirit.

Take heart! For we are gathered in God's presence
to proclaim the wonders of the Lord.

Get up! For we are beckoned by the risen Christ
to respond to grace undeserved.

God is calling us! For we are united by the Spirit
to follow Jesus on the way.

Come, let us worship God

HYMN 806

“I'll Praise My Maker”

OLD 113TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

our thoughts and deeds too often do not reflect the grace you show us.

Our speech and actions too often do not proclaim your salvation.

Forgive us, Lord,

for the sins that we bear both as individuals and as your Church.

Jesus, Son of David,

have mercy on us, and grant us your peace...

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

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven
I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's
name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire is lit
from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.
-Robert Bridges

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

pew Bible, New Testament page 47/large print, New Testament page 57

SERMON

“The Voices of Peoples Long Silenced” Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA) 1983

Please stand in body or spirit.

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

OFFERTORY

William L. Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."
-African-American spiritual

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 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

Please stand in body or spirit.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Marche” from *Trois Pièce pour Orgue, Op. 7*

Augustin Barié

*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:

Charles Walker Cestra, son of Amy Elizabeth Cestra and Ronald Cestra

LEADING THIS MORNING

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

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

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

The First Church Choir

Shanelle Woods, *soprano*

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 today and on October 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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