The Jirst Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Service for the Lord's Day November 28th, 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

Prelude

"Two Preludes on 'Sleepers, Wake!' A Voice Astounds Us"

Lionel Rogg and J.S. Bach

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Cody and Jenny Bennett

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope.

Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills.

May the God of hope shine in this world. Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us worship God!

Hymn 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

Please stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

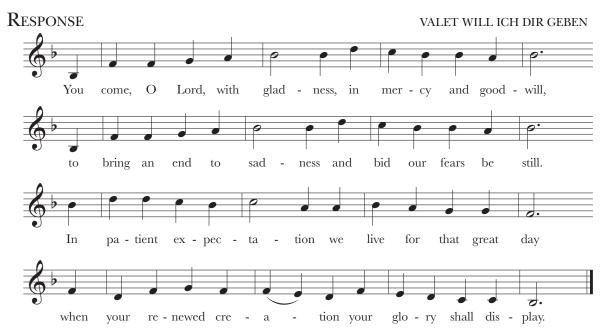
based on Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. We put our trust in you, O God.

Teach us your ways, O God and guide us in your paths. We bring to mind these things for which we are ashamed. Forgive us, O God. Cleanse our hearts and minds of all that prevents us from loving you and loving our neighbor. Mark our lives for your service...

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon



SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER AND THE LORD'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 Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God. Who was and is to come; sing holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below. For Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come. And night shall be no more. They need no light, no lamp, nor sun. For Christ will be their All!

-Ruth Manz, based on Revelation 22

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Philippians 2:5-11

Please stand in body or spirit.

Christ Jesus,

though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:

Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

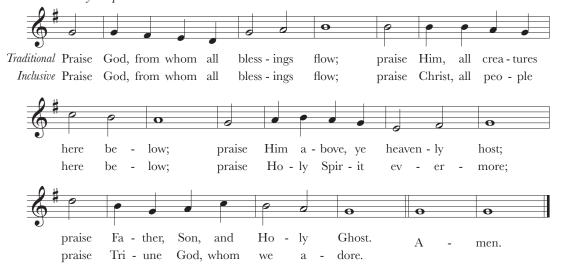
OFFERTORY André J. Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

-African-American spiritual, based upon Matthew 25:1-13

RESPONSE OLD HUNDERETH

Please stand in body or spirit.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 348 "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending" *Please stand in body or spirit.*

HELMSLEY

BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Rhapsody on 'Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending'" W.L. Webber

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

The cross is dedicated in memory of all those who died from AIDS in our church and community.

Our cross-bearer today is Meg Harper.

LEADING THIS MORNING

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., Staff Associate for Mission and Social Justice
Emma Gritsch, Seminary Intern
Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, Pastor/Head of Staff
Audrey Webber, M.Div., Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts

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

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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