

# The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Service for the Lord's Day*

January 23rd, 2022 | 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 "Introduction-Choral" and "Menuet gothique," Léon Boëllmann  
from *Suite Gothique, Op. 25*

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 24

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;**

**for God has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

**Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
That the King of glory may come in.**

**Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.  
Let us worship God!**

HYMN 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One,  
we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.  
To serve each other in love and humility.  
To serve your world with wisdom and energy.**

**Forgive us when we stumble over pride,  
when our words and actions are not guided by love.  
Turn our hearts when we act in folly.  
Restore our energy when it is gone.  
Sometimes, O God, our efforts fail.  
But your abundant grace is strong and eternal.  
Hear us as we confess our sins in silence...**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## RESPONSE

Jacques Berthier

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in — the high - est!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## 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  
and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed is the one that trusteth in him! —Psalm 34:8

## HEARING THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

SERMON

“What the Bible Says About Money:  
God Loves a Cheerful Giver”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**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

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. —Psalm 100, and the Lesser Doxology

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.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SENDING

HYMN 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Exultemus”

Percy Whitlock

Based on Psalm 81:1-3

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.  
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

## LEADING THIS MORNING

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

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

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Corporate and Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, on Fifth Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets, New York, New York, will be held by Zoom video teleconference on Sunday, January 30, 2022 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This meeting is for the purpose of electing elders and deacons to replace those whose terms expire and for electing successors to the following trustees: Jeffrey Buick, Marian H. Hewitt and Allegra LaViola Nagraj and to transact such other business as may properly come before it. Nominees for election to the Trustee Class of 2025 are Roger Leaf, Nicky Moody Ordway and George Varughese. This meeting is open to all members of First Church.

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