# The Jirst Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Service for the Lord's Day January 30th, 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.

## **G**ATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Only Son From Heaven, BWV 601" Johann Sebastian Bach "Prelude on SLANE" Gerre Hancock

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 116

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. Let us worship God!

Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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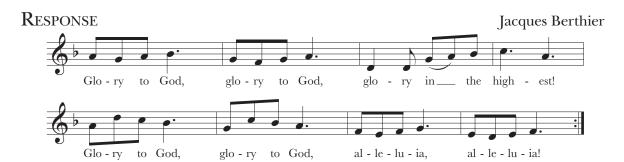
## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and base desire. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace...

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

ANTHEM Lloyd Pfautsch

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve. May I live as one who knows the love of God. Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve. With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see. With my lips may I speak. May your Word be heard through me. Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 6:24-34

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

SERMON

"What the Bible Says About Money: Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell Don't Worry About It"

## 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

Johann Sebastian Bach

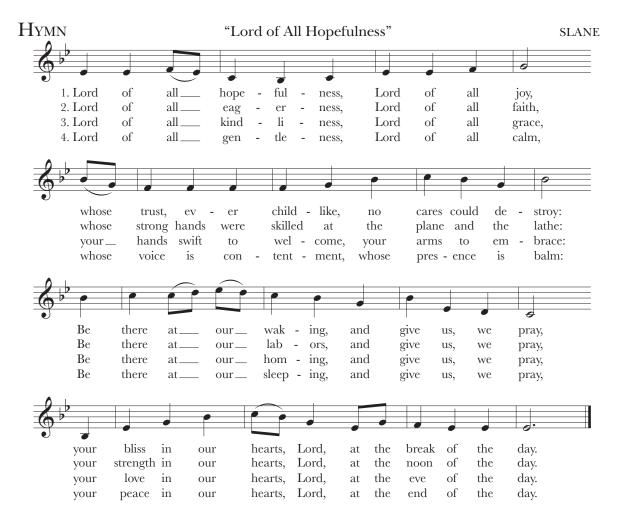
Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright; drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne. Through the way where hope is guiding; hark, what peaceful music rings; where the flock, in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

—Robert Bridges



#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### **SENDING**



## Annual Meeting

## Congregational Meeting 2022

We look forward to having you join us for our Annual Meeting today, Sunday, January 30th directly following the 11 a.m. worship service. In preparation for the meeting, please read the annual report which was emailed to the congregation this past week. Please check First Matters for the Zoom information to join!

#### LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter, Associate Pastor Associate Pastor for Stewardship and Mission to the Corporate World Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, Pastor/Head of Staff

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

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