

The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Service for the Lord's Day

February 13th, 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

"Take My Life"

arr. Charles Bergerson

"Madrigal Divine," from *Eight Bible Vignettes*

Nathaniel Dett

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 138

We are gathered here not because we have seen fit to choose Christ,
but because Christ has looked upon us, and called us to be God's own.

**O God, you have searched me and known me,
you read my every thought from afar,
There is not a word on my tongue
that you do not know altogether.**

The joy of those who hear the call of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

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, many times, O God, our efforts fail.
But your abundant grace is strong and eternal.
Hear our prayers. We pray for your grace...**

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 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

Charles H. H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city: that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

-Psalm 122:1-3, 6, 7, 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30
pew Bible, New Testament page 28/large print, New Testament page 34

SERMON

“What the Bible Says About Money:
We are Investment Managers” Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION 697

“Take My Life”
stanzas 1-3

HENDON

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS, DEACONS, AND TRUSTEES

Constitutional Questions for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
10. (For deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
11. (For trustees) Will you be a faithful trustee, serving this congregation, being a good steward of that which has been entrusted to us, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

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.

HYMN OF DEDICATION 697

“Take My Life”
stanzas 4-6

HENDON

OFFERTORY

Henry Purcell

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being.
And so shall my words please him: my joy shall be in the Lord. As for sinners, they
shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end: but praise
ye the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

-Psalm 104:33-35, 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Accept, O God, the tokens of our love and signs of pledge and commitment which we bring forward today. By your word of blessing and grace, may they blossom forth as leaves on a tree, as flowers in our hearts, as blessings in your kingdom, as joy in Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 766

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

MC KEE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Carillon-Sortie”

Henri Mulet

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

CLASS OF 2025

DEACONS

John Cody Bennett
Daniel Duque
Esther Gowrie
Parul Parmar
David B. Richardson
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Patricia M. Nunez
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LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*
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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledging

Join us in our 2022 pledge campaign! Make your 2022 pledge at the link in First Matters, by dropping off the card found in your pew, or by emailing fpcco@fpcnyc.org to make your pledge.

Church History Project

We invite you to read the Church History Project Report which can be found at fpcnyc.org/historyproject2022. You will need the password `fpcnyc2022` to access it. Once you have read it, we then invite you to join us for one of our roundtable discussions. Details for these can be found in our First Matters Weekly Newsletter.

The Bible in Three Minutes, Hours, Weeks, and Years

Join us during Lent for this special initiative to learn about the Bible in Three Minutes, Hours, Weeks, and Years. All are welcome to join us for all of these programs. More information on all these opportunities this week. Details for all of these programs will be available soon in our First Matters Weekly Newsletter.

Lenten Midweek Services

Join us every Wednesday in Lent for a music meditation at 11:45 a.m. and worship at 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by our weekly Wednesday Bible Study at 12:30 p.m.

Vesper Service of Music for Lent

Clear Our Heart, O God: Music for the Journey
Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

New Action Groups: Elder Care and Eradicating Poverty

Are you interested in issues relating to aging adults? If so, reach out to Hannah Faye Allred and Betty Jones for details about this new action group, Elder Care. Are you passionate about eradicating poverty and a creative thinker? Consider joining Eradicating Poverty Action Group to brainstorm ways to expand First Church's reach to those affected by hunger, homelessness, and poverty. Contact Hannah Faye Allred by emailing hallred@fpcnyc.org or Lauren McGill at mlmcgil@aol.com to join.

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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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