

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Service for the Lord's Day

March 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

“Kyrie, God, Holy Ghost, BWV 671”

Johann Sebastian Bach

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand in body or in spirit.

**Your church gathers, Lord,
in New York City and in Kyiv,
in Ukraine and to the ends of the earth.**

**Your church gathers, Lord,
in city and country, in suburbs and slums,
in sanctuaries and buildings,
under trees and by streams of water.**

Your people gather to praise you, Lord.

**Your people pray:
for hope in the midst of war,
for strength in times of weakness,
for justice in oppression,
for courage in the face of fear,
for life in the midst of death.**

We are the people who call you Lord.

Let everything that breathes, praise you Lord!

HYMN 440

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

ABERYSTWYTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

KYRIE

Avon Gillespie

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have hidden our light
and failed to share the love of Christ.**

**We have walked away from the people Jesus came to serve,
from the cities and towns where he carried out his ministry.
We have chosen instead to retreat and isolate.**

**We often deem our church an escape from the city,
rather than a sanctuary for it.**

**In your infinite mercy,
forgive us our sins**

**and set us on the path of true righteousness,
that we may find the joy of our salvation
as we seek the welfare of the world around us...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

AURELIA

Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

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

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sins.

Richard Farrant

—Psalm 27:10

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35
pew Bible, New Testament page 77/large print, New Testament page 93

SERMON

“Jesus: A Heart for the City”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand in body or in spirit.

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

B. E. Boykin

—John 3:16

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please stand in body or in 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 343

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

GERMANY

Please stand in body or in spirit.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Tocatta on ABERYSTWYTH”

David Bednall

*The congregation is invited to continue worshipping through the Postlude,
which is offered in thanksgiving to God.*

The cross which leads the procession today is dedicated
“In memory of all those who died from AIDS in our church and community.”
Our cross-bearer today is David MacDougall.

LEADING THIS MORNING

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., *Staff Associate of Congregational Care*

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*

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