

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

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2nd, 2022

*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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Out of the Depths”  
*musical paraphrase of Psalm 130*

Jean Langlais

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

God calls us to a different kind of life.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
the downtrodden and despairing.**

They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are those who mourn,  
who are grieving.**

They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are the ones who seek  
justice and righteousness**

They will find it in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are we when we love our neighbors  
and seek their needs.**

We will live in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others  
in God's name.**

Let us worship together, serving one another  
and serving our Mighty God. Amen!

HYMN 166

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

ST. FLAVIAN

### HEARING THE WORD

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

FIRST READING

Matthew 5:1; 13-48

## ANTHEM

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake lay not our sins to our charge; but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

John Hilton

—Lidley's *Prayers*

## SECOND READING

Matthew 6:1-34

## ANTHEM

None other Lamb, none other name, none other hope in heaven or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me by the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, though I be dead; Love's fire thou are however cold I be; nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee.

Will Todd

—Christina Rossetti

## THIRD READING

Matthew 7:1-29

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my offenses.

**Wash me thorough and through from my  
wickedness,**

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so you are justified when you speak  
and right in your judgment.

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice,  
or I would give it.

**You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
**a troubled and broken heart, O God,  
you will not despise. Amen.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*As you are able, you are invited to come forward to receive a mark of ashes on your forehead. As you return to your pew, a worship leader will provide a packaged set of communion elements for our celebration of communion later in worship.*

HYMN 417

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

SOUTHWELL

## COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**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.**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

ANTHEM

Thomas Morley

*Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nostri.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

—Ordinary of the Mass; sung in Latin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

BLESSING

MUSICAL MEDITATION “Chorale paraphrase on *Hear Us, O Lord*”

Jeanne Demessieux

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

## LEADING TODAY

Hannah Faye Allred, M.Div., *Staff Associate of Congregational Care*  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*  
Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern (12:00 p.m.)*  
Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter, *Associate Pastor Associate Pastor for Stewardship  
and Mission to the Corporate World (7:00 p.m.)*  
Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*  
Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

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

## LENTEN WORSHIP AND PROGRAMS

### Prayer Writing

Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. (via Zoom only)

### Sunday Worship

Sundays at 11 a.m. (in-person and live-streamed)

### Midweek Worship

Wednesdays at noon (in-person only)  
Music Meditation begins at 11:45 a.m.

### Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. (in-person, and via Zoom)

### Vesper Service of Music for Lent

### Clear Our Heart, O God: Music for the Journey

Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. (in-person and live-streamed)

## Welcome to First Church!

We are so glad you are here.

Scan to give your tithes or offering.



### Midweek Services

Wednesdays at noon (in-person only)  
Music Meditation begins at 11:45 a.m.

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