

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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Service for the Lord's Day
May 1st, 2022



Lisle Gwynn Garrity, *Defiant Joy*.

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

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.

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. Over 800 members call this place our spiritual home and we are grateful you are worshiping with us today. We believe First Church is a community of people called to stand on the intersection of faith and life as we witness to the love, grace and justice of God for all people.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, I pray today's service will be a blessing for you. If this is your first time here, a member of the pastoral staff would love to greet you at the door and answer any questions you may have about the life and ministries of this church.

We are glad you are here. May you experience God's welcome in this place today!

Greg Stovell
Senior Pastor

Join us for Coffee Fellowship on the North Lawn after the Postlude to meet one another, say hello to new faces, and enjoy refreshments.

GET INVOLVED



GIVE



INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Prière, Op. 37, No. 3”

Jospeh Jongen

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body or spirit.

We follow Christ,

who says take up your cross.

We follow Christ,

who bids us come and offer our lives.

We follow Christ,

who summons us to new life.

Come, let us worship our Creator.

HYMN 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ,

we call you Lord,

yet it is too easy for us to worship other gods.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters,

yet we continue to divide our allegiance.

We work to follow you,

yet we know we are less than faithful.

Forgive us, gracious Savior,

when our hearts are led astray;

when we serve other gods and worship them.

We turn away from our distractions and sin.

Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,

to take up our cross and follow you.

Hear us as we open our hearts to you in silence...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA; Tanzanian melody

Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful
sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sin for - giv - ing,

al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

John Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and in my departing.

-Sarum Primer

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:34-37

pew Bible, New Testament page 44/large print, New Testament page 53

SERMON

“Shall the 21st Century
Fundamentalists Win?”

Brian D. McLaren

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

Please stand in body or spirit.

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

OFFERTORY

William Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news! *I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross. Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news!* I got a harp up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news! *I'm-a gonna lay down.....* I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news! *I'm-a gonna lay down.....* I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain't-a that good news! *I'm-a gonna lay down.....*

-African American spiritual

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please stand in body or spirit.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God all crea - tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

HYMN 826

Please stand in body or spirit.

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Anglican Chant, George S. Talbot

O praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp. Praise him upon the timbrels and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him on the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord!

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 150

POSTLUDE

“Carillon Breve: CWM RHONDDA”

Michael Shake

*The congregation is invited to continue worshipping through the postlude,
which is offered as a 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 Daniel Duque.

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

Brian D. McLaren, *Guest Preacher*

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*

Audrey Webber, *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

The First Church Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Theology
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Church School
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. Creatives Create Opening

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. PRISM - College Ministry

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Art at First Action Group

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Writing
1:00 p.m. Drop in Drawing

Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

10:15 a.m. St. Joe's Soup Kitchen

Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Theology
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Church School
1:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
122 p.m. Open Gallery Hours

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harry Emerson Fosdick - 100 years later - Shall the Fundamentalists Win? The quest by the religious right to ensure one-size-fits-all dogmatic adherence and exclusion of those with differing beliefs has been a source of division in recent years, but it's not new. As we commemorate in May 2022 the 100th Anniversary of Harry Emerson Fosdick's groundbreaking sermon "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" which changed the national discussion around religious tolerance a century ago, we have invited five national faith leaders to reflect on similar themes for our world today. Hear these much-needed prophetic voices preach every Sunday in May.

Lecture on Harry Emerson Fosdick Who was former pastor Harry Emerson Fosdick? What is Fosdick's "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" sermon about? What was controversial about it? Why did it cause such national controversy? What was scandalous about it? How did a single sermon shape the ministry of First Church for years to come? What was the historical context in NYC at the time of its delivery?

Dr. Brad Longfield, professor of Church History at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary will address these questions in a lecture on Saturday, May 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. A light lunch will be served during the Q&A section following the lecture. No reservation is needed.

Creatives Create Join us for the opening of our newest show featuring works of art inspired by our church garden and grounds. We hope you will join us directly after our worship service in the Great Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Inquirers Class This Saturday morning session introduces the history and organization of our Church, what the Church and Congregation believe, what to expect in membership, dialogue on service and learning, and an opportunity to join. Join us for our next class on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. To register, please contact Lisa Polite at 212.675.6150 or lpolite@fpcnyc.org.

The Bible in Three Years: IN THE BEGINNINGS... As we launch our study of the Bible in 3 YEARS, we'll start with the "beginnings." But this word might not mean what you think in relation to the Bible. Over the course of these three weeks in May, we'll look at many different "beginning" texts including Mark 1, 1 Thessalonians 1, Matthew 1, Exodus 15, Psalm 1, Job 1, and yes, maybe even Genesis 1. This hybrid Bible study will be held Wednesdays: May 4, 11, 18 at 12:30 p.m.

WELCOME BRIAN McLAREN

Today we welcome critically acclaimed author, speaker, activist and public theologian Dr. Brian McLaren. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for “a new kind of Christianity.” Brian is a sought out conference speaker, preacher and guest lecturer for denominational and ecumenical leadership gatherings across the US, Canada, Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia. His newest book *Faith After Doubt* (available during coffee hour) makes the bold proposition that only doubt can save the world.

Welcome to First Church Brian McLaren!



SHALL THE FUNDAMENTALISTS WIN?

MAY 2022

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK - 100 YEARS LATER

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fosdick's groundbreaking sermon preached in this church, we have invited some of the best preachers in the country to deliver their own versions of Fosdick's sermon for the 21st century.

	MAY 1 BRIAN MCLAREN	SHALL THE 21ST CENTURY FUNDAMENTALISTS WIN?
	MAY 8 SHANNON KERSHNER	SHALL FEAR WIN?
	MAY 15 ANGELA BUCHDAHL	SHALL ECONOMIC INJUSTICE WIN?
	MAY 22 JAMES FORBES	SHALL WHITE SUPREMACISTS WIN?

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