

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

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER

Service for the Lord's Day

April 17th, 2022



John August Swanson, *The Procession*, 2007, serigraph.

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 worshipping 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

“Be Thou My Vision” SLANE
“Adagio, from Symphonie V, Op. 42, No. 1” Charles-Marie Widor
“Festival Intrada” Richard Strauss
arr. Jack Levick and Warren Shaffer

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please stand in body or spirit.

Glory to you, O God:

**on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave
and giving us eternal life.**

Glory to you, O Christ:

**for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

you lead us into the truth.

**Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity,
now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN
arr. John Rutter

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;**

we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE:

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
arr. Sterling Procter

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!

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

CHORAL ACCLAMATION

Gerald Near

This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad therein. O give
thanks to the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

-Gradual for Easter Day

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:1-12
pew Bible, New Testament page 90/large print, New Testament page 109

SERMON

“Life”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 236

Please stand in body or spirit.

“The Strife is O’er”

VICTORY

arr. Sterling Procter

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

Howard Helvey

Awake, arise! Lift up your voice, which as a trumpet swell! Rejoice in Christ! Again rejoice, and on his praises dwell. Let us not doubt, as doubted some, when first the Lord appeared; but full of faith and reverence come, what time his voice is heard. And even as John who ran so well, confess upon our knees the Prince who locks up death and hell, and has himself the keys. And thus through gladness and surprise the saints their Savior treat; nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet: those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree, those feet still frank to move and bleed for millions and for me. O Dead, arise! O Friendless, stand by seraphim adored! O Solitude, again command thy host from heaven restored! —Christopher Smart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 238

Please stand in body or spirit.

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

arr. Robert Hobby

BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

George Frederic Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
–Revelation 19:6; 11:15, 19:16

POSTLUDE

“Toccata, from Symphonie V, Op. 42, No. 1” Charles-Marie Widor
arr. Sterling Procter

*The congregation is invited to continue worshiping 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-bearers today are Meg Harper (9:00 a.m.) and Nadine Stewart (11:00 a.m.).

LEADING THIS MORNING

Audrey Webber, *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

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

The First Church Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

David Krauss and Matthew Muckey, *Trumpet*

Jeffrey Scott, *French Horn*

Michael Powell, *Trombone*

Taylor Peterson, *Bass Trombone*

Sean Ritenauer, *Timpani*

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

8:00 a.m. Easter Communion Worship
8:30-11:00 a.m. Ongoing Easter Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Easter Worship
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Monday

5:30 p.m. Qigong
Church office is closed

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. PRISM - College Ministry

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Writing
1-2:30 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. Earth Care Sunday Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
1-3:00 p.m. Neighborhood Clean-Up Celebration
1:30 p.m. Literary Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt We are very excited to invite all families to our Easter egg hunt today following the 11 a.m. service! Weather permitting, we will have the egg hunt on the North Lawn of the church yard. Rain location TBA.

Calling all Creatives For Earth Day 2022, we are celebrating our church grounds and garden. Any artistic creation that is inspired by, or connected to, our church garden and grounds is welcome. Works are due Earth Day Sunday, April 24th. The exhibition and performances will run May 1-June 12.

Earth Day Join us Sunday, April 24th, Earth Day Sunday from 1-3p.m., for our family-friendly neighborhood clean-up event. Meet on the north lawn.

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.

2022 Pledge Invitation Join us in our 2022 pledge campaign! Make your 2022 pledge by emailing fpcco@fpccny.org or visit our website.

St. Joe's Soup Kitchen The soup kitchen serves all who are hungry every Saturday. . Volunteer for meal preparation and distribution shifts. Shifts begin at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information contact Lauren McGill at mlmccgil@aol.com.

Pride at First Church Mark your calendars for Pride Sunday on June 26 and check our website or subscribe to our First Matters Weekly Newsletter to keep updated on all of our Pride events.

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@fpccny.org.

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 15
JAMES
FORBES**

SHALL WHITE SUPREMACISTS WIN?

JUNE 26

PRIDE SUNDAY

WORSHIP @ 11:00AM

**MARCH AND WATER
TABLE FOLLOWING**



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