

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

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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY  
*Service for the Lord's Day*  
April 10th, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

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He Qi, *Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem*, 2013, oil on canvas.

# 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*

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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

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Pièce héroïque”

César Franck

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CHORAL ACCLAMATION

Dmytro Bortnyansky

Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever. –Psalm 113:2

PRAYER WITH BLESSING OF THE PALMS

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19:33-40

*pew Bible, New Testament page 83/large print, New Testament page 101*

HYMN 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Merciful God,**

**as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer,**

**turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,**

**to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,**

**that united with Christ and all the faithful**

**we may one day enter in triumph**

**the city not made by human hands,**

**the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,**

**where with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**Christ lives in glory forever.**

**Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Wittenburg Gesangbuch; adapt. William Henry Monk*

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

– Jennette Threlfall, alt.

## 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.**

## SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## HEARING THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 22:39-54a  
*pew Bible, New Testament page 87/large print, New Testament page 106*

### SERMON

“Jesus: A Heart for the People”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### HYMN 209

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

LOVE UNKNOWN

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the broken-hearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe in the gospel.**

## OFFERTORY

Giovanni Croce

*O vos omnes qui transitis per viam: attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.*

O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.  
–Lamentations 1:12; sung in Latin

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SENDING

## HYMN 221

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

## BLESSING

## PRELUDE TO HOLY WEEK AND PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

“Meditation”

Sy Brandon

*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 Sorrel Ann Alburger.

## LEADING THIS MORNING

Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

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

Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

Family Music Ministry

Jon Harris, *coordinator*

The First Church Choir

Rebecca Williamson, *clarinet*

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

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# THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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## Today

- 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Processional to Washington Square Park
- 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Church School
- 12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group

## Monday

- 5:30 p.m. Qigong
- 7:00 p.m. Introduction to the New Testament

## Tuesday

- 6:00 p.m. PRISM - College Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. Visual Arts Bible Study

## Wednesday

- 12:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study

## Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

## Friday

- 12-3:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Current Events

## Saturday

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

## Next Sunday

- 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

## Next Monday

- Church building will be closed

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Flower Donations** Remember or honor a loved one with a donation toward the beautiful flowers that will adorn the Chancel on Easter. Donations of any amount are welcome. Return form with your contribution, to the reception desk in the Mellin-Macnab Building. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with the memo “Easter Flowers” or donate online. Link in First Matters. Contributions must be received by today to be included in the Easter bulletin.

**Easter Breakfast** Join us on Easter Sunday for breakfast! 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m., continuous on the North Lawn (rain location TBA) Come throughout the morning as you prepare to join us for one of the Easter worship services. Volunteers are needed to assist James Hollander in serving, please sign up at the front desk or email James at [jphnewyork@gmail.com](mailto:jphnewyork@gmail.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt** We are very excited to invite all families to our Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday following the 11 a.m. service! All youth are invited to help hide the eggs on Easter Sunday between the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

**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 as we face our own ever changing challenges against diversity, tolerance and equality.

**2022 Pledge Invitation** Join us in our 2022 pledge campaign!  
Make your 2022 pledge by emailing [fpcbo@fpcnyc.org](mailto:fpcbo@fpcnyc.org) or visit our website.

**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. Attendees are not required to join and may use the session for information. 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](mailto:lpolite@fpcnyc.org).

# Holy Week

## at First Church

**Maundy Thursday:**  
**Worship with Communion**  
Thursday, April 14th at 7 p.m.

**Good Friday: Meditations**  
**on the Seven Last Words**  
Friday, April 15th at 12-3 p.m.

**Easter Worship with**  
**Communion in the Chapel**  
Sunday, April 17th at 8 a.m.

**Easter Worship in the Sanctuary**  
Sunday, April 17th at 9 and 11 a.m.  
Brass and organ prelude at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m.



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