

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

TRINITY SUNDAY
CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES/CONFIRMATION
Service for the Lord's Day
June 12th, 2022 | 11 a.m.



Meyer von Bremen, *Girl Listening at the Door*, 1866, 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

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?



GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552/2”

Johann Sebastian Bach

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139:1-6

Please stand in body or spirit.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Let us worship God who knows us completely.

HYMN 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, we give you thanks

that by your power you created us,

and by your goodness you call us to be your people.

We confess that we have lived for ourselves

and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors,

and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,

and passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed.

In your great mercy, forgive our sins,

and free us from selfishness,

that we may choose life in the embrace of your love...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly_ live,
 a_ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
 Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
 here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: all are wel - come;
 all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

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

RECEPTION AND RECOGNITION

OF THE 2022 AND 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASSES

ANTHEM

Charles Villiers Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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 100, and the Lesser Doxology

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Beatrice Kiernan
 1 Samuel 3:1-11

pew Bible, Old Testament page 247/large print, Old Testament page 306

SERMON

“Listening with Both Ears”

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA) 1983

Please stand in body or spirit.

The same Spirit

**who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of 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.**

OFFERTORY

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

-Psalm 149:1-2; sung in Latin

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please stand in body or 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 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.**

SENDING

HYMN 450

Please stand in body or spirit.

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in E-flat Major, Op. 99, No. 3”

Camille Saint-Saëns

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

LEADING THIS MORNING

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

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter, *Associate Pastor for Stewardship and Mission to the Corporate World*

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

The First Church Summer Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

Confirmands 2020

Lily Arcella
Luke Arcella
Ren Davidson
Harper Davis
Elizabeth Huber-Fontaine
Alistair Kiernan
Gus Magill
Jonathan Metzler
Lars Mullarkey
Mary Rousakis
Leah Waddle
Sahil Yeo

Confirmands 2022

Isobel Noh
Beatrice Kiernan
Sienna Maciel
Theo Cacciarelli
Mia Sudol

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship and Reception
for our Graduates and Confirmands, Closing
of Creatives Create, and Loving Day
12:30 p.m. Elder Care Committee
12-2 p.m. Open Gallery Hours

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

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

Next Sunday

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pride Sunday March Join us Sunday, June 26 for the Heritage of Pride March! Shifts to serve water at the water tables and hospitality tables are available throughout the day until 6 p.m. Please sign up for one or more shifts by going to our First Matters Weekly Newsletter and signing up. For more information please email Jeff Nichols (jqnichols@gmail.com).

Pride Cocktail Party Join us on Thursday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the garden for music, drinks and hors d'oeuvres, and a recognition of our AIDS Walk team. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Summer Choir The First Church Choir invites you to join them to lead worship this summer! The choir will meet every Sunday, June 12 through July 31, at 9:30 a.m. to rehearse music for 11:00 a.m. worship. Participation is flexible – sing one or more Sundays of your choosing. Interested? Contact Michael Shake (mshake@fpcnyc.org).

Coffee Fellowship and Reception for Confirmands, Graduates, Closing of Creatives Create, and Loving Day This week we have a very special coffee fellowship that will take place on the south lawn. We hope you will join us!

Do You Have Your House in Order? The Elder Committee encourages you to attend a forum on Sunday, June 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the Morrow room to participate in a discussion with Matthew Raphan, Esq., one of our elder lawyers, on the importance of having an up-to-date Health Proxy and Advocate, Power of Attorney and a Will. There will be a Q/A too.

Vacation Bible School VBS is scheduled for July 25-28 this year! We hope you will mark your calendars and join us for these special days! Sign up link can be found in our First Matters Weekly Newsletter. Interested in volunteering? Email Audrey Webber (awebber@fpcnyc.org) to volunteer!

Introduction to the Book of Revelation Everyone is invited to a one-session only Intro to the Book of Revelation on Monday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. The link can be found in our First Matters Weekly Newsletter. While it concludes the Intro to New Testament class, it is open to everyone. No prior knowledge or attendance needed.

PRIDE SUNDAY

JUNE 26

WORSHIP @ 11:00AM

**MARCH AND WATER
TABLE FOLLOWING**

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