

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

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

June 19th, 2022 | 11 a.m.



Diane Palley, *Psalm 43*, 2005, Silkscreened and sandblasted glass panels.

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?



GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Round about the Mountain” Spiritual; arr. Noel DaCosta

“Bye and Bye” Spiritual; arr. William Farley Smith

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Please stand in body or spirit.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

HYMN 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly God of our past and present,
we know that we so often choose to forget
the things which have hurt your heart.
We feel ashamed for the things we have done
and for the things our ancestors have done
to cause pain, to not welcome,
and to not love as fully as we should.
Stir in our hearts that we will remember our past
and change our hearts to embody your love more fully.
As we nurture hearts that follow yours,
may you direct us as we also confess all of the small
and significant things which are on our hearts today...

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ANTHEM

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

-Psalm 5:8; Psalm 4:9

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 42 & 43

pew Bible, Old Testament page 515/large print, Old Testament page 633

SERMON

“Where Are You, God?”

Audrey Webber, M.Div.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

READING OF THE NAMES

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Belhar Confession

Please stand in body or spirit.

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells;
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers of sin and death,
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred,
bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live
in a new obedience which can open new possibilities
of life for society and the world.**

OFFERTORY

adapt. George N. Allen; arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark,
through the storm, to thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised
Land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand bring thy child
home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past. I have dreamed a great dream
that thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take
my hand, take thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a world that is free. For that day
when all flesh joins the glory thou hast planned: Precious Lord, take my hand.

-Joyce Merman

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 269

Please stand in body or spirit.

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

LANCASHIRE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Intrada”

Grayston Ives

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

TODAY WE BAPTIZE

Eleanor Ruth Fallin

Daughter of Andrea Valerio Fallin and Jonathan Andrew Fallin

LEADING THIS MORNING

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

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

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

The First Church Summer Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship and Loving Day Celebration

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Pride Cocktail Party

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
12-6:00 p.m. Pride March Water Tables

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pride Sunday March Join us next 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 hor 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 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).

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 Barbara Davis (bdavis@fpcnyc.org) to volunteer!

PRIDE SUNDAY

JUNE 26

WORSHIP @ 11:00AM

**MARCH AND WATER
TABLE FOLLOWING**

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