

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

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DAY OF PENTECOST  
*Service for the Lord's Day*  
June 5th, 2022

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Shelby McQuilkin, *Together*, 2014, 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 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*

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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?



## GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Fanfares to the Tongues of Fire”

Larry King

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

The Almighty breathes among us,  
calling us to gather in the name of the Holy One.

**A fire burns within us,  
calling us to service,  
calling us to prayer.**

The Spirit moves around us,  
calling us to turn in joy toward the sorrows of the world.

**Burning, breathing, Spirit of Compassion,  
we bring our lives to you.**

HYMN 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues,  
open ears, and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,  
speak the good news of your love,  
or live as a people made one in Christ**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,  
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,  
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord....**

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  
sing he has come to de - stroy. Our sin for - giv - ing,

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

## LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

Philip W. J. Stopford

O clap your hands together, all ye people, O sing unto God with a voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared, he is the great King of all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us, ev'n the worship of Jacob, whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God, O sing praises, sing praises unto the Lord our King. For God is the King of all the earth, sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon his holy seat.  
-from Psalm 47

## HEARING THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:1-19

*pew Bible, New Testament page 128/large print, New Testament page 156*

### SERMON

“Unclean?”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Book of Order G-3.0103, PC(USA)

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**God's redeeming and reconciling activity in the world continues through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who confronts individuals and societies with Christ's Lordship of life and calls them to repentance and to obedience to the will of God. This we believe!**

### OFFERTORY

Gabriel Fauré

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, jour éternel de la terre et des cieux, de la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence: Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

Word of the Highest, our only hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens, we break the silence of the peaceful night; Savior Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante; que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix; dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!*

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace, that all hell may flee at the sound of your voice; banish the slumber of a weary soul, that brings forgetfulness of your laws!

*Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle, pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé; reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle, et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful people now gathered here to praise you; receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory; may they go forth filled with your gifts.

-Jean-Baptiste Racine

### 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

HYMN 435

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

## 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

“Fantasia: EBENEZER”

Richard Purvis

*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 Jack Griem.

## 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 Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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### Today

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship  
12-2 p.m. Open Gallery Hours  
2 p.m. Creatives Create Spring Reading  
4 p.m. A Conversation on Flower Gardening

### 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  
12:00 p.m. Reception for our Graduates and  
Confirmands  
12-2 p.m. Open Gallery Hours

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Creatives Create Spring Reading Event** Join us this Sunday, June 5 at 2 p.m. for a collection of readings inspired by the spring. This event is held by our Art at First and Earth Care Action Groups. A reception will follow on the lawn.

**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](mailto:mshake@fpcnyc.org)).

**Coffee Fellowship** This week coffee fellowship will take place on the north 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.

**Graduation Sunday is June 12th!** We have a special request for all of our graduates. For anyone who is graduating this year (middle school, high school, college, everyone!) please send Audrey ([awebber@fpcnyc.org](mailto:awebber@fpcnyc.org)) your graduate's name, from where they are graduating, and if possible, a picture of your graduate.

**Juneteenth Tour of First Church** Join Eric Hilton and Sorrel Ann Alburger in the sanctuary following worship on June 19 for a 15-30 minute tour highlighting the history of our church building and its plaques, which mainly came from the original Wall Street building. The tour will include plaques which relate to people who were referred to in the Old First and Slavery report as owning slaves. A brief time for questions and discussion will follow. No reservations needed; we will gather in the narthex immediately following the postlude.

**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](mailto:awebber@fpcnyc.org)) to volunteer!

# PRIDE SUNDAY

## JUNE 26

### WORSHIP @ 11:00AM

### MARCH AND WATER TABLE FOLLOWING

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