

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

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/PRIDE SUNDAY

Service for the Lord's Day

June 26th, 2022 | 11 a.m.



Jordan McDonald, *Time Lapse Photography of Water Ripple*, 2018.

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 "March for a Joyous Occasion" Conrad Susa

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

SOLO Tom Trenney
The text may be found in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*, 7.

WELCOME

HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA
Please stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

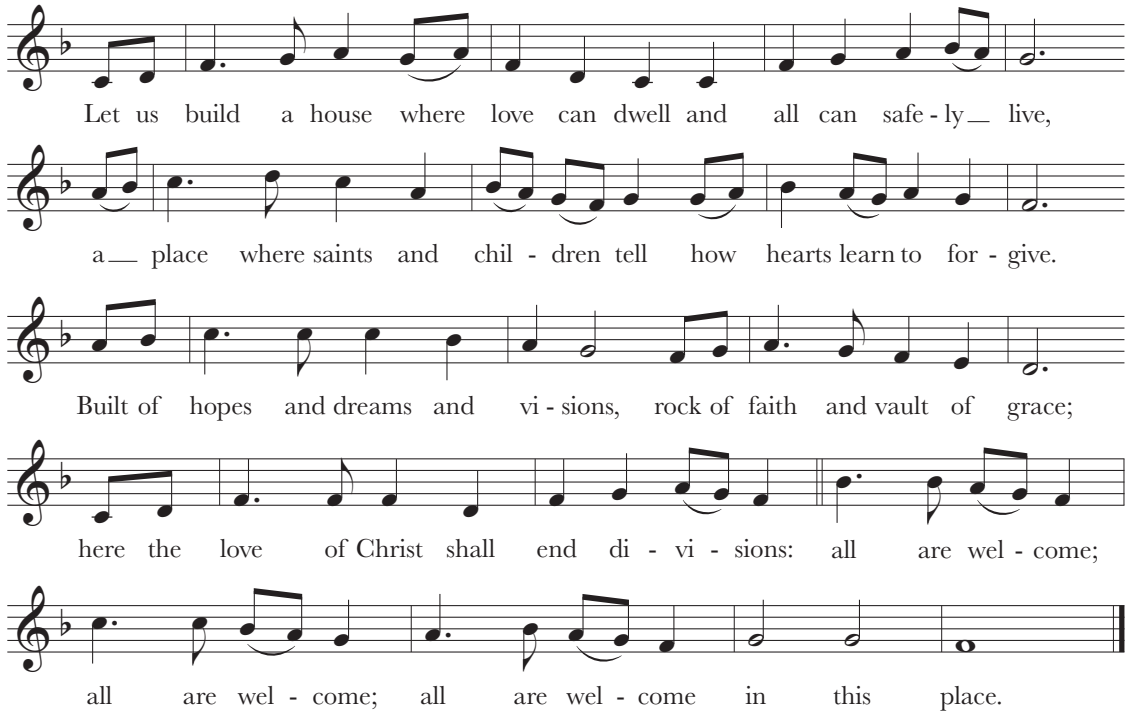
**God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people.
For every time we have attributed your miracles to our own hands alone,
for the many opportunities to extend forgiveness that we have refused,
for our silent sins,
our quiet acts of violence,
and our indifference to the suffering around us.
Forgive us, loving one, and quench our thirst with your grace.
God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:
hear our confession, O Christ,
and rain down your mercy upon us...**

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.

ANTHEM

Austin C. Lovelace

Beloved, let us love: for love is of God; in God alone love has its true abode. Beloved, let us love: for those who love, they only, are their children from above. Beloved, let us love: for love is light, and those who do not love still live in night. Beloved, let us love: for only thus shall we see God, the Lord who first loved us. -Horatius Bonar, based on I John 4:7

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 20:1-13

pew Bible, Old Testament page 138/large print, Old Testament page 173

SERMON

“May I have a cup of water?”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER

Please stand in body or spirit.

**Almighty God, we pray for your blessing through this place.
Though this church, may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.
Though this church, may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.**

Though this church, may the tempted find help,
 and the sorrowful comfort.
 Though this church, may the weary find rest,
 and the strong be renewed.
 Though this church, may the aged find consolation
 and the young be inspired;
 we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Belhar Confession

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

Robert Lowry; adapt. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide
 forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the
 beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy
 hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful,
 the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

-Robert Lowry

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

“In Your Heart, O God, You Hold Us”

HYFRYDOL

Please stand in body or spirit.



1. In your heart, O God, you hold us— ev - ery - one, from ev - ery land.
2. To be - hold you in each per - son is our first and great - est task;
3. No dis - tinc - tions, no ex - cep - tions, no di - vi - sions, no__ more walls.



Ev - ery face__ re - flects your im - age; oh! that we would un - der - stand!
Lov - ing all,__ as you have loved us, say - ing "yes" to all__ you ask.
In your love, O God, you free__ us— cruel - ty crum - bles, ha - tred falls.



From the dust__ you shaped and formed us; by your breath you gave us birth.
Yet, O God, our vis - ion fal - ters— ha - tred dulls__ and dims our sight.
Free our hearts to love each oth - er though the world may think it odd.



Gra - cious God, your love is bound - less; ev - ery - one has sa - cred worth.
Greed dis - torts and fear dis - fig - ures— pierce these shad - ows by your light.
We__ must love God's peo - ple al - ways if we say that we love God.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Heraldings”

Robert Hebble

*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-bearer today is Sally Collins.

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
Ryan Bauer Walsh, *soloist*
Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12-6:00 p.m. Pride March Water Tables

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 today, Sunday, June 26 for the Heritage of Pride March! Shifts to serve water at the water tables and hospitality tables are still available from 3:45-6 p.m. Please sign up for one or more shifts by going to our website or First Matters Weekly Newsletter and signing up. For more information please email Jeff Nichols (jnichols@gmail.com).

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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