

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

July 10th, 2022 | 11 a.m.



Francisco de Goya, *The Drowning Dog*, 1820-23, mixed method on mural transferred to 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

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

“Voluntary VIII, Op. 5”

John Stanley

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 5

Please stand in body or spirit.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house;

I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

make your way straight before me.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

let them ever sing for joy.

HYMN 8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of every time and space,

**we know that we so often choose to move away from you
instead of towards you even during the storms of our lives.**

**Sometimes the pain and the work are too much to bear,
and we become overwhelmed by all that you call us to do.**

**Teach us to continually come to you
with all that we and our wider community must endure.**

**Give us the strength to love, to work,
and to fashion a life of hospitality for all
even during the storms in our lives.**

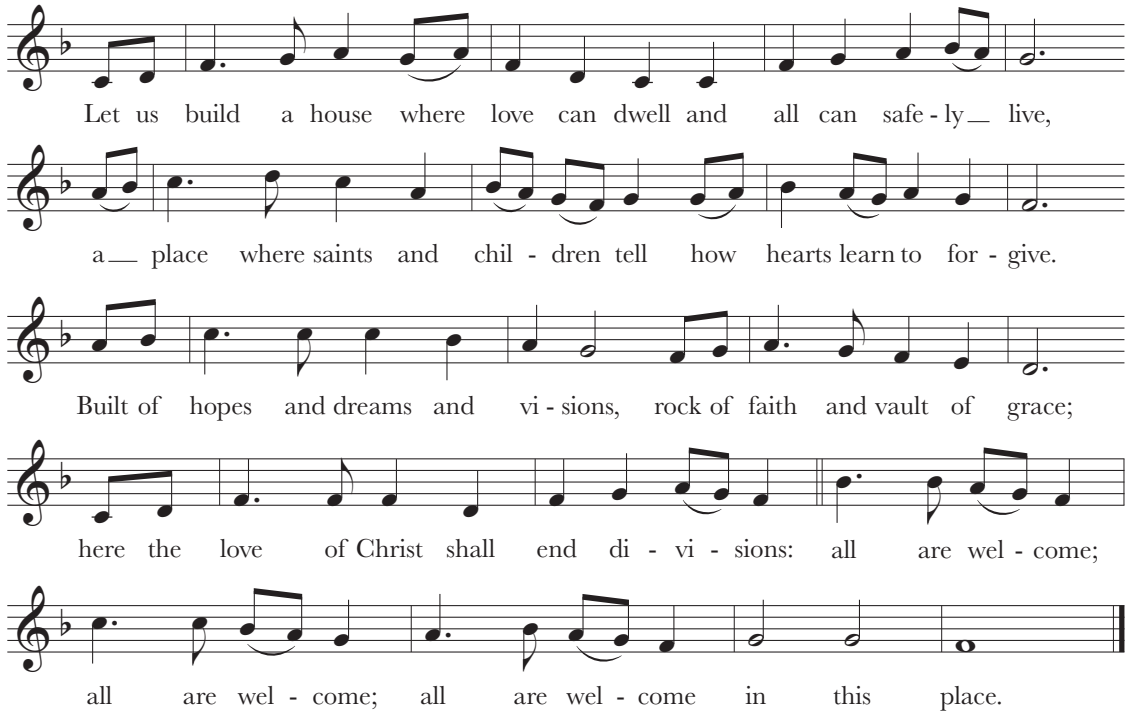
**As we nurture hearts that follow yours,
may you direct us as we also confess all that is on our hearts today...**

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.

ANTHEM

Jane Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, Thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; Thy word my nurture given to bring me on toward heaven.

-Paul Gerhardt

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 27:1-26

pew Bible, New Testament page 148/large print, New Testament page 180

SERMON

“Sailing, Storms, and Shipwrecks: Audrey Webber M.Div.
We may have a Problem”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PROSPECT

Please stand in body or spirit.



1. We thank you for the bet - ter_ days when we may
2. In_ ease or_ pain, in life and death, to_ you our



smile to_ greet the sun, to_ do your work with
frag - ile_ lives be - long, and_ so we_ trust_ you_



clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.
in all_ things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

OFFERTORY

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you; be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods they will not sweep over you; when you walk through fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight. My love for you is everlasting, my love for your shall have no end.
-Isaiah 43:1-4

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 840

Please stand in body or spirit.

“When Peace like a River”

VILLE DU HAVRE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“*Andante largo*, from Voluntary V, Op. 6”

John Stanley

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

LEADING THIS MORNING

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*

WORSHIP NOTE Our affirmation of faith for July will be sung by the congregation – two stanzas from the hymn, “When We Must Bear Persistent Pain.” (*Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*, 807). Carl Daw, Jr., in *Glory to God: A Companion* writes, “Some of the most valuable hymn texts are those that rise out of the author’s own experience yet can benefit the singing community to whom they are offered. Such is the case here with a text that emerges from the author’s (Ruth Duck) ongoing suffering from recurring migraine headaches. Because she uses the wider category of “persistent pain,” [Duck] is able to speak to and for a much larger constituency.” Theologian Martha L. Moore-Keish writes, “this hymn wrestles with the realities of suffering in the light of the faithful presence of God.” (from *JAMES: Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2019)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

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

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Pasquale Cuppari Evening Art Show Opening

Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

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

Next Sunday

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12:00 p.m. Pasquale Cuppari Sunday Art Show Opening

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Call for Congregational Meeting Notice is hereby given that the Called Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, on Fifth Avenue between 11 and 12 Streets, New York, New York, will be held in person and by Zoom video teleconference on Sunday, July 31, 2022 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This meeting is for the purpose of electing members of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and is open to all members of First Church.

Wednesday Bible Study Join us for Bible Study Wednesdays in July at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom only. As we continue our three-year study of the entire Bible, our July study is focusing on the Gospel of Mark.

Pasquale Cuppari Art Show Visit our next art show in the Great Hall Gallery hosted by the Art at First Action Group. The evening opening will take place July 13 at 6:30 p.m. and the Sunday opening will be July 17 after worship.

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? This is the last day to sign up! All registrations due Sunday, July 10. Email Barbara Davis (bdavis@fpcnyc.org) to volunteer!

Movie Night On Monday, August 8, the Earthcare Group invites you to a free cookout and screening of the family favorite film WALL-E. The cookout begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the movie at 8:00 p.m. The rain date is August 15; make sure to mark your calendar for both dates. For more information, contact earthcare@fpcnyc.org.



The First Presbyterian Church
in the City of New York



Join us for a special screening of

Welcome to Chechnya

The **LGBTQ+ Group** at First Presbyterian Church NYC invites you to a special screening of the award-winning documentary

Welcome to Chechnya

with a question and answer opportunity after the film.

Thursday, July 14, 2022

First Presbyterian Church NYC
12 West 12th Street New York, NY

6:30pmRefreshments
7:00pm**Welcome to Chechnya**
8:45pm(approx.) Q&A

The **LGBTQ+ Group** at First Presbyterian Church NYC is proud to present this film to support our relationship with **Rainbow Railroad**, a global non-for-profit organization that helps LGBTQI+ people facing persecution based on their sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics.

To RSVP for this free and limited seating event, email us at events@rainbowrailroad.org OR [click here to register](#).

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