

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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Service for the Lord's Day

October 2nd, 2022 | 11 a.m.



Edward Burne-Jones, "St. Timothy and His Grandmother Lois" (c. 1872),
Vyner Memorial Window in Oxford Cathedral.

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

“Meditation on *Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether*”
“Méditation”

Gerre Hancock
Maurice Duruflé

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body or spirit.

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God’s name;
make known holy deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises to the Almighty;
tell of all God’s wonderful works.**

Glory to the holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**God is faithful to a thousand generations.
Let us worship God!**

HYMN 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:

**You have called us to one table,
but we have pursued our own course.**

**You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but around us the world goes hungry.**

**You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence, and in our discord,
the world goes thirsty.**

And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us.

Forgive us again.

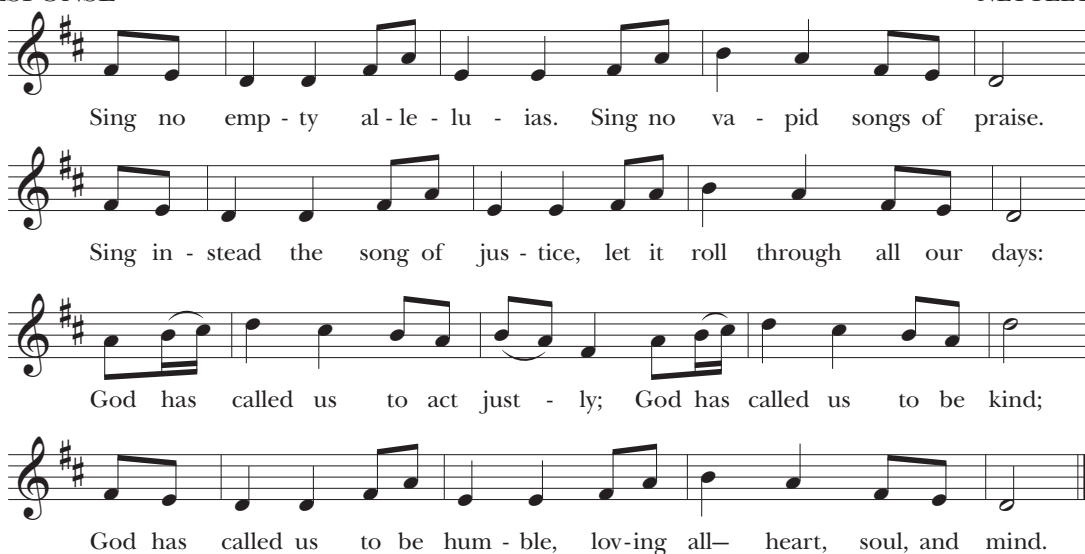
**Transform us at this table,
and send us from this table
as servants of your righteousness,
in the power of the Spirit...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

NETTLETON



Sing no emp - ty al - le - lu - ias. Sing no va - pid songs of praise.
Sing in - stead the song of jus - tice, let it roll through all our days:
God has called us to act just - ly; God has called us to be kind;
God has called us to be hum - ble, lov - ing all - heart, soul, and mind.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Children are invited to come forward to the steps for the prayer. Following the prayer, all children are invited to the Parlor for Church School and should be picked up there by their parents at the end of the worship service.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14
pew Bible, New Testament page 211/large print, New Testament page 258

SERMON

“Every Time and Place”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from “Affirmation of Unity”
by World Council of Churches - 2016

**We share one faith,
have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;
believe in one God, are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one holy name, are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause, and share one hope.**

**Together we come to know the depth of the love of Christ;
to bear one another's burdens, and to be led by the Spirit.
Together we pray, that together we serve God in this world. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Kinley Lange

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
-Matthew 18:19-20, sung in Spanish

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.

COMMUNION

INVITATION

God is here!

God is here with us!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Let us pray: Praise to you, O God, for all your works.....

Therefore, we praise you with people of every nation and language,
with the whole church on earth and in heaven,

joyfully with all creation, we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

You sent Jesus to live among us and tell your story.

Jesus healed the sick and welcomed sinners.

Jesus shared our pain and died our death,

then rose to new life that we might live,

and that all creation may be restored.

**When we are weary and the burdens of the day are upon us,
when we fall short and are unsure how to make amends,
when we are in need and not sure where to turn,
we remember your boundless love.**

We come to the table to be nourished by that love, by the stories, by the memories, by the connections we have in our faith. Connections across boundaries, connections across time and place, connections that tie us to the mystery of our faith, even as we proclaim:

Great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us today.....

Now let us pray together as Jesus our teacher, taught the disciples:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

The congregation is invited to come forward to the communion table by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. At the table, juice, bread (please tell your server if you need gluten free bread), will be distributed. If you prefer self-contained bread and juice, those are also available at the table.

ANTHEM

Harold W. Friedell

The text may be found in *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*, 529.

HYMN 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Teach us to care for each other in ways beyond what we can even imagine.

As a mother feeds her child with her body,

so you feed us with yours,

giving us the bread to eat and the cup to drink.

May these gifts nourish us deeply

that we might become your body in the world

and show your great love to all we encounter. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN

“Go Forth for God”

TOULON

Please stand in body or spirit.



1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
3. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spir - it dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flic - ted; rich - ly from a - bove
 and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,
 till in the king - dom we see face to face.
 God's love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.

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

“Danza del Espiritu Santo”

Robert J. Greene, Jr.

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 Suzanne Meecs.

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

The First Church Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Theology

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship

12:00 p.m. Art Show

2:30 p.m. Pat McNamara’s Memorial Service

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

12:30 p.m. Facing Racism Event

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Pat McNamara's Memorial Service today at 2:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.
All are welcome.

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals on Wednesday, October 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the South Lawn. Drop by anytime in these hours to have your pet blessed!

The Nominating Committee is Requesting Recommendations for FPC Leadership Roles. The 2023 Nominating Process is underway, and we need YOUR input! We are in the process of soliciting nominations from congregation members to the Session (Elders), Deacons, and Trustees. We are asking for the names of congregation members who you think would be an asset in these leadership roles. You can find information on how to make a recommendation, at the front desk of the Mellin-Macnab Building.

It is that time again to sign-up for our congregational visit to Cuba, February 13-21, 2023. We'll visit and worship with our partners at Taguasco, spend time at CANIP - the National Presbyterian Camp in Cuba, and more. For additional information, contact Sam Ogundare at sogundare@fpcnyc.org.

October is Tackling Hunger Month, and FPCNS is collaborating with FPC on a community food drive. Over the next month, families are encouraged to donate canned or boxed food to the Church of Gethsemane in Brooklyn, NY. All donations are accepted in a shared receptacle in the 12th Street lobby of our church.

On October 13th, the Elder Committee will relaunch the "Senior Luncheon Program," which will be held 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Mezzanine Room. The program's theme is "What's Next," and the first meeting will focus on the ever-changing world of technology.

Join us for Wednesday Bible Study on October 5th. On Zoom and in the library at 12:30 p.m. This week's study will focus on the Book of Joshua.

Coffee and Theology resumes on October 16th before Sunday worship on Zoom and in-person at 9:30 a.m. There will be no class on October 9th.

Facing Racism invites you to a hybrid congregational event titled, *The Painful American History of Reconstruction, Jim Crow and Forced Segregation* led by David MacDougall on Sunday, October 9th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Library. This session will look at how sharecropping tied people to the land, how Jim Crow laws reduced African Americans to a second-class status, and African Americans migration to the north.

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