

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

September 25th, 2022 | 11 a.m.



Still Life with Vessels, Francisco de Zurbarán, c.1650, 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

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

“Cantabile”

César Franck

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

INTROIT

Spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! Hold my hand..... Stand by me..... Search my heart....
-Traditional

HYMN 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

God, help us to change.

To change ourselves, and to change our world.

To know the need for it.

To deal with the pain of it.

To feel the joy of it.

To undertake the journey without understanding the destination.

The art of gentle revolution...

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.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS, CHILDREN'S PRAYER 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.**

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
pew Bible, Old Testament page 736/large print, Old Testament page 900

ANTHEM

Be still, and know God. -Psalm 46:10

Rick Bassett

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19
pew Bible, New Testament page 210/large print, New Testament page 257

SERMON

"Backup Tech for God's Future" Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!
This we believe. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Paul Langston

God of grace and god of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts that long have bound us; free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set all free. Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee! Amen.

-Harry Emerson Fosdick

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

SENDING

HYMN 766

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

MC KEE

Please stand in body or spirit.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fantasia on ST. DENIO”

Gordon Cameron

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

NEW MEMBERS

Brett W. Cochrane
Caroline Cochrane
Kristen Elise Cochrane
Caroline Hayes Cleary
Carol Beth Drummond
Mark Allen Drummond
Ingrid Figueiredo
Anna Marie FitzGerald-Larrison
Barron McGinnis Flood
Gregory Allen Framke
Noushin Darya Framke
Arthur King Fullerton
Meredith Lemmon
Alice Wen
Adam David Zoia

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*
Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter, *Associate Pastor*
Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

The First Church 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

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Writing

Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

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

Next Sunday

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Art at First invites you to a reading of Saltwater Farm a new play by Ann Timmons on Sunday, October 23rd at 2 p.m. in The Great Hall Gallery with a reception to follow. For more information, email art@fpcnyc.org.

Conversational Spanish is back! Do you want to improve your Spanish while learning about the culture and history of Spanish-speaking countries? Starting this Wednesday, September 28th at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom, this conversational class is open to students of all levels!

Bible Study will resume on October 5th! There is no class this week on Wednesday, Sept. 28th but Bible Study will return next week.

Join us for prayer writing on Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom through September 29th. This is a great way to start the day! Writing is not shared, and all levels of writers are welcome!

Join us for Coffee and Theology before Sunday worship on Zoom and in-person at 9:30 a.m. until October 2nd. This series is studying the seasons and readings for the church year.

Church School for all children is back! We are teaching from a new curriculum called “Follow Me” which will educate children on Bible stories connected with Christian practices. Join us this fall for our new series “Be a Peacemaker!”

The deadline for CWS donations is September 30th. Toiletry donations can be dropped off in the lobby of the **Mellin-Macnab Building** and we will deliver them to Jersey City.

Art at First invites you to the reception for the STOP THE INVASION Art Show on Sunday, October 2 from noon to 4 p.m.! Gallery hours will run on Sundays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in The Great Hall Gallery until October 30th.

Join us for the finale of the Young Adults Action Group's fall movie series. We will screen Ghostbusters on October 28th. The event starts at 7:30 p.m. on the north lawn, with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn and refreshments are on us! Just come in your best Halloween costume.

The First Presbyterian Church Nursery School is now accepting applications for admission for the 2023-2024 school year! The option of Early Decision notification is offered to applicants whose parent(s) are active Church Members, and who have joined the Church by October 2020. For more information visit fpcns.org/admissions.

ATTENTION!



First Church is a mask welcoming congregation

*Masks will not be required on church
grounds but individuals are welcome
to wear one based on their personal
preferences and health needs*



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