

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

---

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Service for the Lord's Day*

October 16th, 2022 | 11 a.m.

---



*Sword of the Spirit*, Wei Chao, 2020, photograph.

# 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

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, BWV 731” Johann Sebastian Bach  
“Processional” Robert A. Harris

## PEALING OF THE CARILLON

## WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Almighty God,  
Your word is a lamp to our feet,  
our guide through the dark,  
the wisdom and truth that we follow each day.**

**Your word is sweeter than honey,  
yet sharper than swords,  
is healing and justice and ours to obey.**

**Your word is our understanding  
of grace, peace and love,  
the reason we gather  
to worship today!**

## HYMN 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for all the ways we have fallen short of your glory.  
Forgive our sins, help us to live in your light  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior...**

## 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.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND 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.*

**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

### PSALM

Psalm 121

*pew Bible, Old Testament page 571/large print, New Testament page 702*

Setting: Anglican Chant; Henry Walford Davies

### LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-5

*pew Bible, New Testament page 212/large print, New Testament page 260*

### SERMON

"I Have Good News and.. Good News" Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

Kenneth Jennings

With a voice of singing declare ye and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth, Alleluia.  
The Lord hath redeemed his servant, Jacob. Alleluia. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye  
lands. Sing for the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

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.

–Isaiah 48:20b, Psalm 66:1-2, and the Lesser Doxology

### 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 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

MUNICH

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

“Postlude, Op. 5, No. 6”

Charles Villiers Stanford

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

## TODAY WE BAPTIZE

Ford Norman Figueiredo and Philip James Figueiredo  
sons of Ingrid Goerss Figueiredo and Robert Assis Figueiredo

## LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Senior 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  
12:30 p.m. Earth Care Action Group Seminar  
2:00 p.m. Art at First Stop the Invasion Art Gallery

### 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

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Theology  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship  
2:00 p.m. Art at First Stop the Invasion Art Gallery

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee and Theology continues this month** before Sunday worship on Zoom and in the Morrow Room at 9:30 a.m. Our study will focus on Lectionary readings and the gospel of Luke, chapters 18-19.

**Church School begins study of generosity.** There will be a special program for older children, on October 23rd about the First Church History Project, led by Nayda Robinson.

**Join us for the first installment of the Earth Care Action Group's four-part seminar series** today in the Parlor. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by a screening of "The Story of Plastic" at 1 p.m.

**Art at First invites you to visit the STOP THE INVASION Art Show** in The Great Hall Gallery. Gallery hours will run on Sundays, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. until October 30th.

**Join us for Wednesday Bible Study** on October 19th. On Zoom and in the library at 12:30 p.m. This week's study will focus on the Book of Ruth.

**Join us on Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in The Great Hall for our Fall Family Craft Day.** Come and help us make crafts to sell at this year's "A Tartan Christmas Fair." There's something for everyone, only for ages 3 to adult.

**Join Eric Hilton and Sorrel Ann Alburger in the sanctuary** at 12:15 p.m. on October 30th for a brief tour highlighting the history of our church building and its plaques. A time for questions and discussion will follow in the Alexander Chapel.

**Join the First Church Choir on November 6th at 11:00 a.m.** in-person or online for All Saints Sunday and Communion. This special service of worship will remember and give thanks for the lives of those from our church community who have died in the last year.

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

**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 Mel-lin-Macnab Building.

**Art at First and the Earth Care Action Group invite you to participate in a project to save the planet** by collecting plastic and creating beautiful art out of it. You can help by collecting bottle caps and depositing them in the jar near the church's front desk. We'll collaborate on a lovely mosaic next spring.

## Hurricane Season 2022



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support this hurricane season. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Storms are becoming more frequent and more severe, and this early in the hurricane season we must prepare for these broad and anticipated catastrophes that have not yet formed. Give today to enable our response, from emergency needs through the long-term recovery phase.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the “GAP” for the people affected by these catastrophic hurricanes? — **Give. Act. Pray.**

**GIVE:** PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. Gifts can be made online at [pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES](https://pcusa.org/GIVE-HURRICANES), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with “DR000194” written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



**ACT:** Assemble Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to [pcusa.info/heart](https://pcusa.info/heart).

**PRAY:** *We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams.*

.....  
☐ \$500   ☐ \$125   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$25   ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation/PIN \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



HS22-BI

PERMISSIONS *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, BWV 731.* Public domain. *Processional.* © 2001 Birnamwood Publications. Used under ONE LICENSE #73497-A. *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim.* Public domain. *Sing No Empty Alleluias.* © 2021 GIA Publications, Inc. Used under ONE LICENSE #73497-A. *Psalms 121.* Public domain. *With a Voice of Singing.* © 1964 Augsburg Publishing House. Used under ONE LICENSE #73497-A. *Doxology.* Inclusive Words © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg. Used by permission. *O Word of God Incarnate.* Public domain. *Postlude, Op. 5, No. 6.* Published by Stainer & Bell Ltd. Used under ONE LICENSE #73497-A. Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Used by permission. All rights reserved.



*This paper contains 100% post-consumer waste content, is made with windpower and made carbon neutral.*

Mohawk Loop is certified by Preferred by Nature for FSC® standards. NC-COC-000668

12 W 12th Street, New York, NY 10011  
212.675.6150 • [fpcnyc.org](https://fpcnyc.org)