

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

October 23rd, 2022 | 11 a.m.



The Rose Window, 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

“Air”

Gerre Hancock

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

INTROIT

Knut Nystedt

Never by might, never by violence or might do you rule us, but by your mercy, yes, by your merciful hand and compassion. Never with sword, never with fire or with sword do you force us, but with your vision, yes, with the gaze of your love do you draw us. Never by fear, never by terror or fear do you drive us, but by your gladness, yes, by our souls filled with joy do you lead us. Never by threat, never by menace or threat do you sway us. Urge us to seek you, filling our hearts with your hope and your longing.
—Sverre Therkelsen; tr. Maggie Hamilton

OPENING PRAYER

St. Clement of Rome 99AD

Please stand in body or spirit.

**O God Almighty,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Grant us, we pray,
to be grounded and settled in your truth
by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.
That which we know nor, reveal;
that which is wanting in us, fill up;
that which we know, confirm;
and keep us blameless in your service;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 663

“Awake My Soul, and with the Sun”

MORNING HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

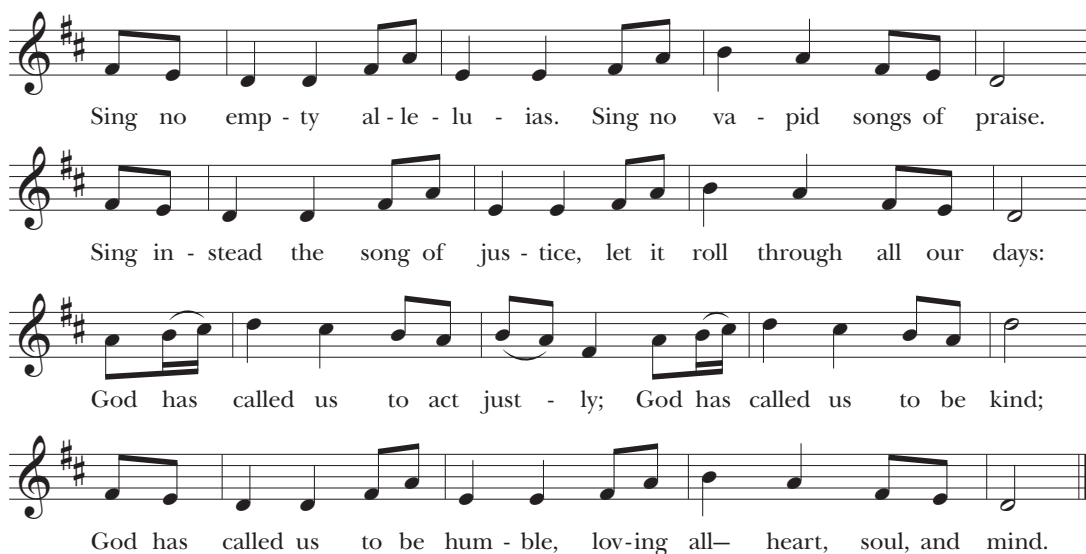
**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful 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 AND THE LORD'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 65

pew Bible, Old Testament page 527/large print, Old Testament page 649

ANTHEM

Anton Bruckner

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaeestimabile sacramentum; irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without fault.

—for the dedication or anniversary of a church

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 846

“Fight the Good Fight ”

DUKE STREET

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

William Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain’t-a that good news! *I’m-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross. Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain’t-a that good news!* I got a harp up in-a that kingdom, ain’t-a that good news! *I’m-a gonna lay down.....* I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain’t-a that good news! *I’m-a gonna lay down.....* I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain’t-a that good news! *I’m-a gonna lay down.....*
-African American spiritual

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.

SENDING

HYMN 463

Please stand in body or spirit.

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Nachspiel”

Anton Bruckner

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

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
2:00 p.m. Art at First Stop the Invasion Art Gallery
12:15 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

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

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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 is holding a special program for older children today about the First Church History Project, led by Nayda Robinson. We are also continuing our study of generosity.

Art at First invites you to the closing of the STOP THE INVASION Art Show on October 30th at 12:00 p.m. in The Great Hall Gallery.

Bible Study will resume on November 2nd with the Book of Jeremiah. On Zoom and in the library at 12:30 p.m. There will be no Bible Study on October 24th.

Art at First and Facing Racism invite you to a reading of Saltwater Farm, a new play by Ann Timmons, today, October 23rd at 2 p.m. in The Great Hall Gallery.

A youth service day will be held at St. Joe's Soup Kitchen at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 5. Please email Barbara at bdavis@fpcnyc.org to sign up if you haven't already!

Join the Young Adults Action Group on the north lawn on October 28th at 7:30 p.m. for a screening of Ghostbusters! All you need to do is come dressed in your best Halloween costume, and we'll supply the popcorn, candy, and refreshments.

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.

As we prepare for winter, we are collecting warm coats to distribute to new refugees in the New York City area. We accept both new and gently used coats. If you prefer to donate, we will use the money to purchase new jackets. We will distribute the coats on November 5th.

All Saints Sunday Worship and Communion, November 6th at 11:00 a.m. Join us as we remember and give thanks for the lives of those from our church community who have died in the last year. This special service will include movements from Maurice Duruflé's transcendent *Requiem*, sung by the First Church Choir with orchestra.

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.

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, 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.

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.*

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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.



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