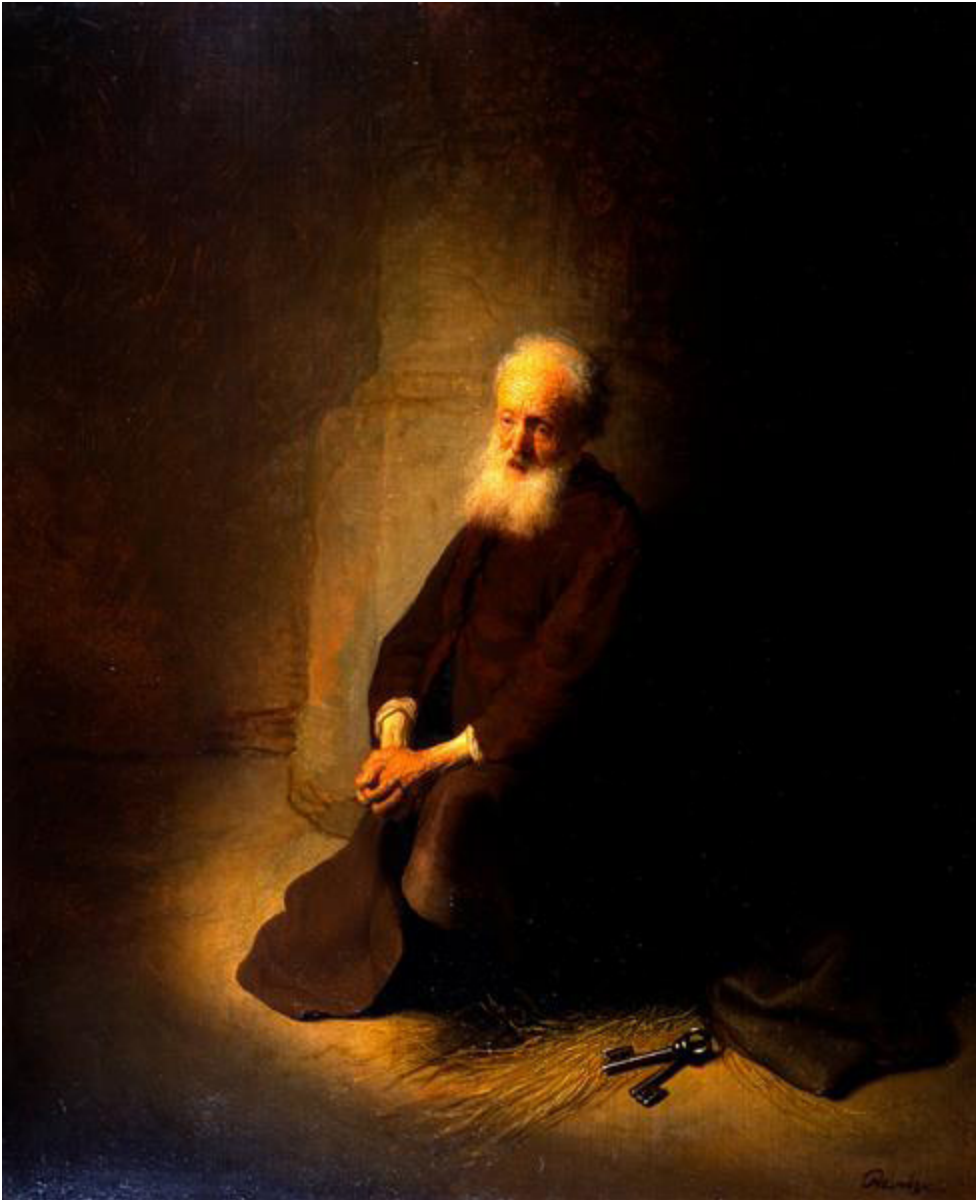


The First Presbyterian Church *in the City of New York*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

October 9th, 2022 | 11 a.m.



Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, *St. Peter in Prison*, 1631, oil.

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

“Praise the Lord, BWV 650”

Johann Sebastian Bach

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

INTROIT

Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. —Psalm 149:1-2

HYMN 485

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ENGLEBERG

Please stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, love, and community,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul, and mind;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments,
stray from your ways,
and follow other gods.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name...**

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 66:1-7

pew Bible, Old Testament page 528/large print, Old Testament page 649

ANTHEM

John Gardner

Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God’s good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek God’s face; life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. Cast care aside; upon thy Guide lean, and God’s boundless mercy will provide; trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove, Christ is its life, and Christ its love. Faint not, nor fear, God’s arms are near; God changeth not, and thou art dear; only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

-John Samuel Bewley Monsell

LESSON

2 Timothy 2:8-15
pew Bible, New Testament page 212/large print, New Testament page 259

SERMON

“The Word Unchained”

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

Alessandro Scarlatti

Exultate Deo, adjutori nostro. Alleluia. Jubilate Deo Jacob.

Sing aloud to God our strength. Alleluia. Shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

-Psalm 81:1

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 718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

TOULON

Please stand in body or spirit.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Marche, from Trois Pièce pour Orgue, Op. 7”

Augustin Barié

*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, *Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter, *Associate Pastor for Stewardship and Mission to the Corporate World*

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
12:30 p.m. Facing Racism Event

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

Thursday

12:00 p.m. Senior Luncheon Program

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
12:30 p.m. Earth Care Action Group Seminar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Join us for the first installment of the Earth Care Action Group's four-part seminar series on October 16th 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.

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 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 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! If you're not able to meet in-person and would like your pet blessed virtually, contact Sam Ogundare for the Zoom link.

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

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.

Church School will begin the study of generosity next Sunday, October 16th. This is the last week of study of peacemaking.

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.

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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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.



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