

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service for the Lord's Day

November 13th, 2022 | 11 a.m.



Cueva de las Manos (Cave of Hands), 7,000 BC, Santa Cruz, Argentina

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

“Folk Tune,” from *Five Short Pieces*

Percy Whitlock

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 89

Please stand in body or spirit.

We will sing about the wonders of God’s love forever.

We will proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations!

We will declare that God’s love stands firm,

that God’s faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above!

Blessed are those who know God,

for they walk in the light of God’s presence!

HYMN 386

“Come, Worship God”

O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we recognize the gift of Jesus’ life in your Church.

We know our calling to bear the fruit of the Spirit.

Yet, so often we put conditions on our love—

and joy and peace are difficult to discern

when our words and actions deny their presence.

Forgive us, O God.

Cleanse our hearts and minds

of all that prevents us from loving you

and loving our neighbor.

May our lives be marked by faith active in love

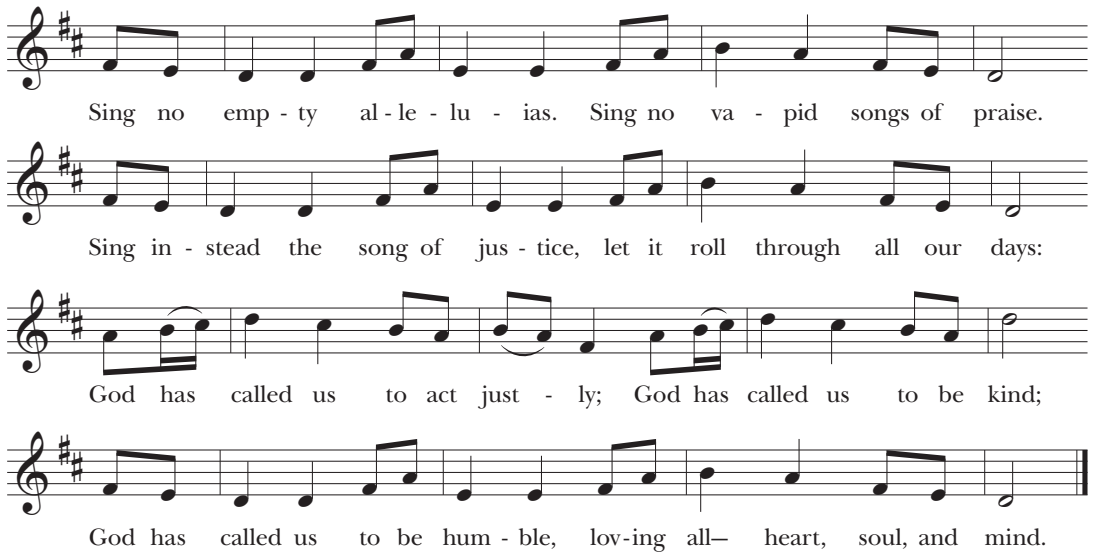
as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more...

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

FIRST LESSON

Romans 5:1-5

pew Bible, New Testament page 155/large print, New Testament page 188

ANTHEM

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God. Who was and is to come; sing holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below. For Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come. And night shall be no more. They need no light, no lamp, nor sun. For Christ will be their All!

-Ruth Manz, based on Revelation 22

SECOND LESSON

Lamentations 3:20-23

pew Bible, Old Testament page 766/large print, Old Testament page 937

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

Please stand in body or spirit.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

Sidney Campbell

Sing we merrily unto God our strength, make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day. For this was made a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob. Alleluya. -Psalm 81:1-4

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 372

Please stand in body or spirit.

“O for a World”

AZMON

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“We All Believe in One True God, BWV 650”

J.S Bach

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

TODAY WE BAPTIZE

Madison Hayes Cleary

Daughter of Caroline Hayes Cleary and Michael Joseph Cleary

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
1:00 p.m. Earth Care Seminar
Part 2: Composting Matters

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Prayer Writing

Friday

7:00 a.m. Current Events

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Inquirers Class
10:15 a.m. St. Joe's Soup Kitchen

Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Theology
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, FPCNS 70th
Anniversary Celebration
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School starts the study of hope today in the Parlor during worship.

Composting Matters: Join us today in the Parlor at 1:00 p.m. for the second of our Earth Care Seminar series. Food waste consumes 61 million cubic yards of landfill space each year, equivalent to 60,000 square miles at 1 foot depth. With landfilled trash, New York City alone emits 1 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year. Composting organic waste rather than dumping it in a landfill can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than half. So do your part and join us today to learn how to compost in NYC. In addition, whether you pass or fail the Solid Waste Advisory Board quiz, you will receive a countertop composting container. At 12:30 p.m., a light lunch will be served.

Join us for Bible Study this Wednesday, November 16th. On Zoom and in the library at 12:30 p.m. This week's study will focus on the Book of Isaiah.

Prayer Writing continues this Thursday, November 17th at 8:30 a.m. This session will focus on *All About Love, chap. 1 "Give Love Words."* All are welcome to this time of quiet prompts for meditation and prayer, no writing experience necessary! Please contact Sam Ogundare (sogundare@fpcnyc.org) or Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis (bdavis@fpcnyc.org) for Zoom information.

For those who would like to contribute flowers this holiday season in honor or in remembrance of loved ones, we invite you to return the Christmas Flower Donations form, along with your contribution, to the church reception desk in the Mellin-Macnab Building. Please make your check payable to "**First Presbyterian Church**" and memo it "**Christmas Flowers: Attn: Lisa Polite.**" Print clearly the name(s) in whose memory the gift is given. All contributions must be received by **Tuesday, December 13th** to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You can find the form at the reception desk and in the latest First Matters newsletter.

Interested in becoming a member or just learning more about our church? Join us for our Inquirers Class on **Saturday, November 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. For more information contact Lisa Polite at lpolite@fpcnyc.org.

We invite you to join us for worship on November 20th, at 11 a.m. as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Nursery School. Since its inception in 1952, the Nursery School has made a significant difference in the lives of our community's families with young children. We are delighted to commemorate this milestone and remember the special memories your family made at the school.

A Tartan Christmas Fair is Dec 2nd - 4th. Volunteers needed! A sign-up table will be in the lobby after worship. Auction and craft donations are accepted through Sunday, November 20th. **TODAY** is the last day for wreath and poinsettia pre-orders. Order today and save - tartanfair.org/greenery.

Join us for Vespers Service of Music for Advent on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Magnificat, Mary's song of praise from the Gospel of Luke, has long inspired composers. Hear two glorious versions – Johann Sebastian Bach's *Magnificat* and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Dixit et Magnificat* – in this special service with the First Church Choir and orchestra.

Join us for our Candlelight Carols service on Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 p.m. With the Sanctuary bathed in candlelight, the First Church Choir leads this beautiful service of lessons and carols, this year based on the Great 'O' Antiphons – seven ancient ascriptions for Christ: *Wisdom, Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Radiant Dawn, Ruler of the nations, God with us.* A festive carol sing on the north lawn (weather permitting) follows the service.



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