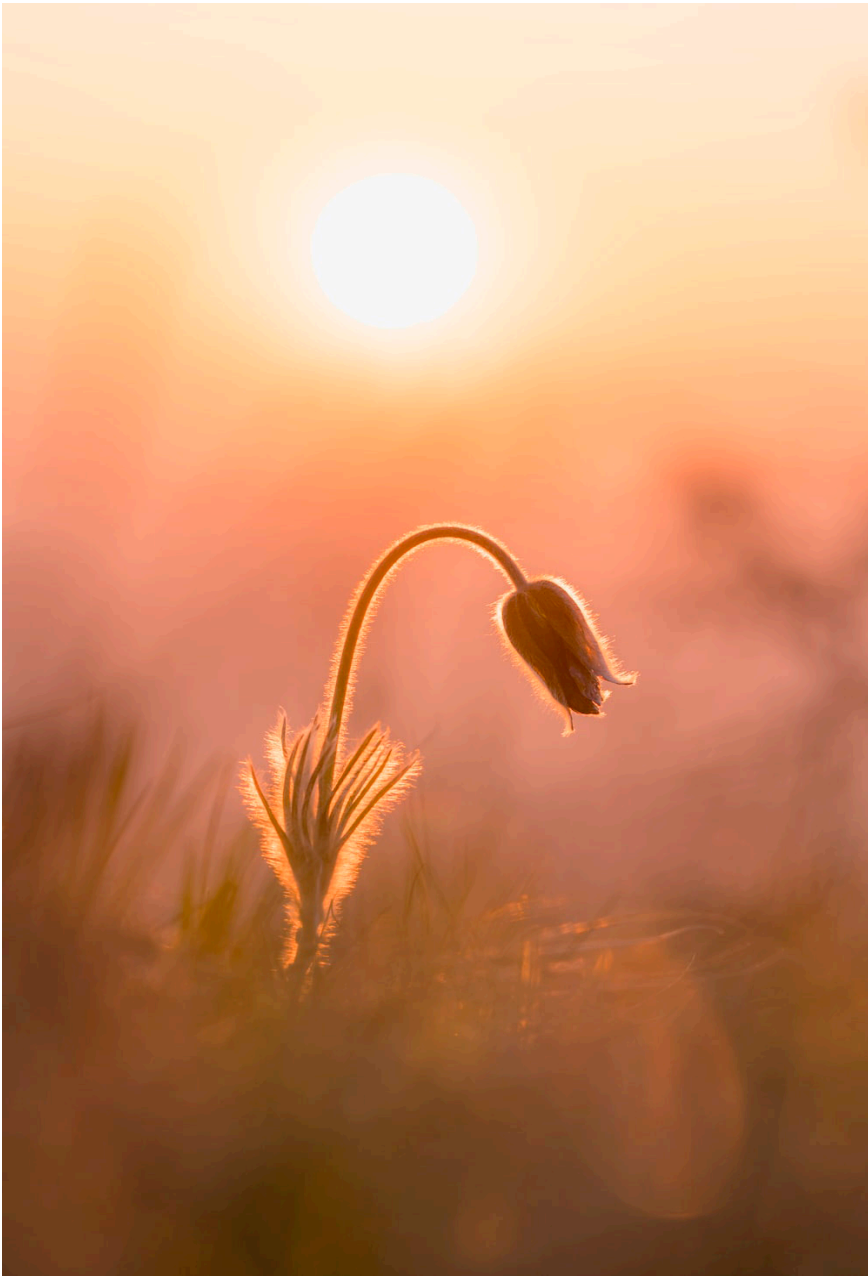


The First Presbyterian Church *in the City of New York*

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Service for the Lord's Day
November 6th, 2022



Daniel Mirlea, *Spring Moments - Mountain Pasqueflower*, 2020.

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

Worship begins in silence.

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

INTROIT

*Requiem aeternam
dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

*Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem;
exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.*

*Requiem aeternam
dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

from *Requiem, Op. 9*

Eternal rest
give to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion,
and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem;
O Lord, hear my prayer,
all flesh shall come to Thee.

Eternal rest
give to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Maurice Duruflé

HYMN 326

Please stand in body or spirit.

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

arr. Carol Anne and Sterling Procter

CALL TO CONFESSION

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Duruflé

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in every age you have called men and women to live in faith.
We confess that we are often indifferent to your call.
We remain silent when we should speak.
We are idle when we should act.
We are afraid to move when we should step forward.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage and strength to follow in your way,
that joined with all those present
and those from ages past,
we may serve you in faith, hope and love.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE AND SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:28-31
pew Bible, Old Testament page 818/large print, Old Testament page 668

MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

"Elegy, Op. 58"

Edward Elgar

COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, you created all that was;
You nurture all that is; you imagine all that will be....
.....Forgive the times when we have fallen short in each of these relationships.
We have forgotten at times what binds us together.

**Help us hear your voice more clearly than ever,
calling us back into healing, into relationship,
into your presence that lifts us up. Speak to us
in this time of grace and your promises of new life
even in the most difficult times.**

Remind us that we are not alone at this table.

We join our voices, as always, with all the saints whom you have called, from all times and places, who forever rejoice, saying:

*Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
pleni sunt coeli
et terra gloria tua.*

Hosanna in excelsis!

*Benedictus, qui venit in
nomine Domini.*

Hosanna in excelsis!

Holy, Lord God of hosts.
The heavens and the earth
are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who cometh in
the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our host and our guest at this table.

**Through his birth, you took on flesh,
affirming he goodness of our bodies and our world.
Through his life, he took on suffering,
sharing the truth of hope in despair.
Through his death, you took on death,
revealing the depth of your love for us.
Through his resurrection, you gave us a bold new creation,
embodying the promise of the life everlasting.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that as we share in this meal.....
....Hear our prayers as we remember before you now, these loved ones who died in this past year:

Ron Ackles	Patricia B. McNamara
Virginia Olsen Baron	Frances Mergo
Maurice Blacknall	David Thomas Moody
Mary Alvord Biette	Sally Mosely
David M. Brown	Nnena Patricia Nkongho
Jerry Mac Clay	Jack Penrod
Diane Dow Cox	Ivan Roscishewsky
Jaclyne Eckles	Marie Sheldon
Christopher Richard Flint	Jim Smith
Daniel Peter Freda	Rose Tuchscherer
Wayne Haile	John R. West
Logan Franklin Kennedy III	Paul Zasky
Donna Davis Lerulli	

Eternal God, our hearts ache with the loss of life in our world this year....
....Now let us pray together that prayer which Jesus taught the disciples:

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

The congregation is invited to come forward by the center and side aisles at the direction of the ushers. At the table, juice, bread (please tell your server if you need gluten free bread), will be distributed.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

*Lux aeterna
luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
quia pius es.*

*Requiem aeternam
dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Lamb of God,
who take away the sins of the world:
grant them eternal rest.

May light eternal
shine upon them, O Lord,
with Thy saints forever,
for Thou art kind.

Eternal rest
give to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Durufié

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of glory, in this holy meal you have made us one with you,
with Christ, with the great multitude of the faithful.
Lead us in the paths of righteousness
and guide us to springs of water of life,
that we might bask in your presence all the day long.
Amen.**

SENDING

HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

SLANE

Please stand in body or spirit.

arr. Sterling Procter



1. Lord of all — hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all — eag - er - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all — kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all — gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your — hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at — our — wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at — our — lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at — our — hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at — our — sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

BLESSING

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Durufié

*In Paradisum
deducant Angeli
in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam
Jerusalem.*

*Chorus Angelorum te suscipit
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the angels
receive them in Paradise,
at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee
and bring thee into the holy city
Jerusalem.

There may the chorus of angels receive thee,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may thou have eternal rest.

POSTLUDE

“Aria”

Emma Lou Diemer

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

The cross which leads the procession today is dedicated
“In memory of all those who died from AIDS in our church and community.”
Our cross-bearer today is Jack Griem.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday

8:30 a.m. 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School concludes study of generosity today in the Parlor during worship.

Join us for Bible Study this Wednesday, November 9th. On Zoom and in the library at 12:30 p.m. This week's study will focus on the Book of Lamentations.

Prayer Writing continues this Thursday, November 10th at 8:30 a.m. 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.

The Elder Committee will host their monthly "Senior Luncheon Program" on November 10th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor. November's theme is "What's Next in Healthcare?" All are welcome!

Composting Matters: Join us on Sunday, November 13th at 1:00 p.m. for the second of our Earth Care Seminar series. Food scraps account for one-third of what New Yorkers throw away. Composting organic waste instead of landfilling can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than half. Join us to learn how to compost easily in NYC. Take home a composting container and meet NYC Solid Waste Advisory Board member(s). Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Interested in becoming a member or just learning more about our church? Join us for our Inquirers Class on November 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

We invite you to join us for worship on November 20, 2022, 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.

SAVE THE DATE - Dec. 2, 3, and 4, A Tartan Christmas Fair, our church's largest fund raiser. Donations for the Silent Auction are now being accepted until Sunday, November 20th. Goods and services, tickets, gift certificates, small valuable items, are always popular. All proceeds benefit Bank Street Head Start School on E. 5th Street.

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*
Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*
Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

The First Church Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

SOPRANO Christina Angelopoulos, Katherine Brown, Ellen Hagopian, Samantha Noonan,
Elizabeth White-Pultz, Shanelle Woods, Kathie Young
ALTO James Brown, Elizabeth Hubbell Riggs, LouAnne Gilleland, Anne Gray,
Maggie McGovern, Hannah Nacheman, Maggie Tigie
TENOR Jesse Darden, Ryan Bauer-Walsh, Michael Martin, Mark Robertson, Samuel Rosner
BASS Evan Henke, Joey LaPlant, Andrew Martens, Keith Sisterhenm, Danny Tatsenko,
Joel Zeltzer

The Orchestra

VIOLIN I Jorge Avila, *concertmaster*, Maxim Moston, Ragga Petursdottir,
Susan Dominguez, Tallie Brunfelt
VIOLIN II Ellen Jewett, *principal*, Elizabeth Nielsen, Valerie Levy, Katherine Hannauer
VIOLA Sarah Adams, *principal*, Alissa Smith, Kristina Giles
CELLO Arthur Fiacco, *principal*, David Bakamjian
BASS Roger Wagner, *principal*
ORGAN Colin Fowler
CONTRACTOR Sato Moughalian

MUSIC NOTES *The Requiem, Op. 9* of Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) blends old and new – ancient chants of the church dating to the 14th century, with the 20th century musical language of French impressionism – into a work of transcendent power and beauty. Completed in September 1947, the *Requiem* began as a suite for organ based on the chants for the mass of the dead. Duruflé had difficulty writing the suite, commenting “it was difficult to separate the [words] from the Gregorian [chant] to which they are so intimately connected.” A commission from his publisher allowed him to change course and compose a larger work for choir and orchestra. “This *Requiem* is not an ethereal work which sings detached from worldly anxiety. It reflects, in the unchangeable form of the Christian prayer, the anguish of man facing the mystery of his last ending. It is often dramatic, or filled with resignation, or hope.....it tries to translate the human feeling in front of their terrifying; inexplicable or consoling destiny. [It ends with] the ultimate response of faith to all the questions, by the flight of the soul toward Paradise.”

In 1897, Edward Elgar (1857-1936) began a friendship with August Johannes Jaeger, head of the British music publishing firm Novello. Jaeger was a critical, yet supportive ear to Elgar. Elgar’s 1899 *Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 36* includes the well-known *Nimrod*, a musical portrait of Jaeger. Following Jaeger’s death in 1909, the Worshipful Company of Musicians commissioned Elgar to write the serene *Elegy, Op. 58* as a memorial to Jaeger.

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) is a Professor Emeritus of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and is organist emerita of First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. She has had music in publication for almost sixty years, from hymns and songs to concertos and symphonies. The lyrical *Aria*, composed for organ in 2002, is arranged for string orchestra by the composer.

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