

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 23rd, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.



Before the Fog Burns Off, Elizabeth de Sherbinin.

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.

Gender-neutral restrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary as well as through the wooden doors at the front of the sanctuary on the south side. More restrooms can be found in the lobby on the north side of the sanctuary.

GET INVOLVED



GIVE



**INTERESTED IN
MEMBERSHIP?**



GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Tiento de Cuarto Tono”

Antonio de Cabezón

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2

Please stand in body or spirit.

O Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

singing joyful songs of praise!

HYMN 267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move

and have our being,

whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Forgive us our offenses,

let our hearts be reverent and humble

that we may draw near to you,

confessing our faults,

confiding in your grace,


and finding refuge in your strength...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA; TANZANIAN MELODY



Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful
sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sin for - giv - ing,
al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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.**

ANTHEM

O sing unto the Lord a new song! Hallelujah! Sing unto the Lord all the whole earth! Hallelujah!

Henry Purcell

-Psalm 96:1

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35
pew Bible, New Testament page 90/large print, New Testament page 109

SERMON

“Stay With Us”

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 737

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

LES PETITES SOEURS

Please stand in body or spirit.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God’s purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

OFFERTORY

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.
-William Cowper

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please stand in body or spirit.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God all crea - tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 257

Please stand in body or spirit.

“The Risen Christ”

WOODLANDS

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Jubilate”

Fela Sowande

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

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*

Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Emily Brewer, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Emma Gritsch, *Seminary Intern*

The First Church Choir

Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee and Theology continues next Sunday, April 30th at 9:30 a.m. The topic of this session is *Americans in Iran – 150 years of History*. As a result of the Second Great Awakening, Americans began arriving in Iran in 1833 for mission work. Over the next hundred years, the words Presbyterian and American were synonymous as Presbyterians were the only American presence there. FPCNYC member Noushin Framke who is originally from Iran and attended a Presbyterian mission school there will take us through this history using many archival photographs.

Church School continues the *Love God, Neighbor, Enemy* curriculum today in the Parlor during worship. Childcare is available on the third floor for children under three years old.

Join us today for a family-friendly neighborhood clean-up event to celebrate Earth Day Sunday! Meet us on the North Lawn at 12:30 p.m. and let's make our community a cleaner and greener place.

Join Art at First today from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the Great Hall Gallery for the closing reception of the *7 Days: Artists View the Creation* exhibit.

Bible Study continues Wednesday, April 26th at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom and in the library with a study of 2 Thessalonians.

Interested in learning more about our church or becoming a member of our congregation? Join us for an Inquirers Class on April 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. For more information email Aileen Caba (acaba@fpcnyc.org).

Prayer Writing returns Thursday, May 4th at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to this time of quiet prompts for meditation and prayer, no writing experience necessary! We will utilize the poetry of Mary Oliver for our writing prompts.

Beginning on May 7th, a group of FPCNYC teens will be offering tech support to seniors on the first Sunday of each month during coffee hour. Seniors who need help with technology can bring their phones, laptops, iPads, and other devices to church, and the teen tech squad will work with them one-on-one. No need to sign up in advance - just show up! Members who are unable to attend church or require immediate assistance may request a home visit. Please email Jonathan Metzler (jonathanpmetzler@gmail.com) if you are a senior interested in these services or a teen interested in volunteering with tech support.

Spring is the time to bring your new and gently used items to church for the Tartan Fair Yard Sale, Saturday, September 23rd. Children's clothing, books, and "white elephants" are now being accepted. Drop off at the front desk during the week or on Sundays. Help sort and price on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Jane Ritter (jmr719@aol.com) or Joan Ryan (joanryan@aol.com) for more information.

Join us in the sanctuary on June 25th at 11 a.m. for our Pride Sunday service. It's a day to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and show our support. After the service, we will pass out water to participants in the parade. If you're interested in volunteering, please send an email to Emily Brewer (ebrewer@fpcnyc.org).

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Theology

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:15 a.m. Church School

12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship

12:30 p.m. 7 Days:

Artists View the Creation Closing Reception

12:30 p.m. Earth Day Clean-Up

2:00 p.m. Make It Meaningful

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish

Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Inquirer's Class

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

Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Theology

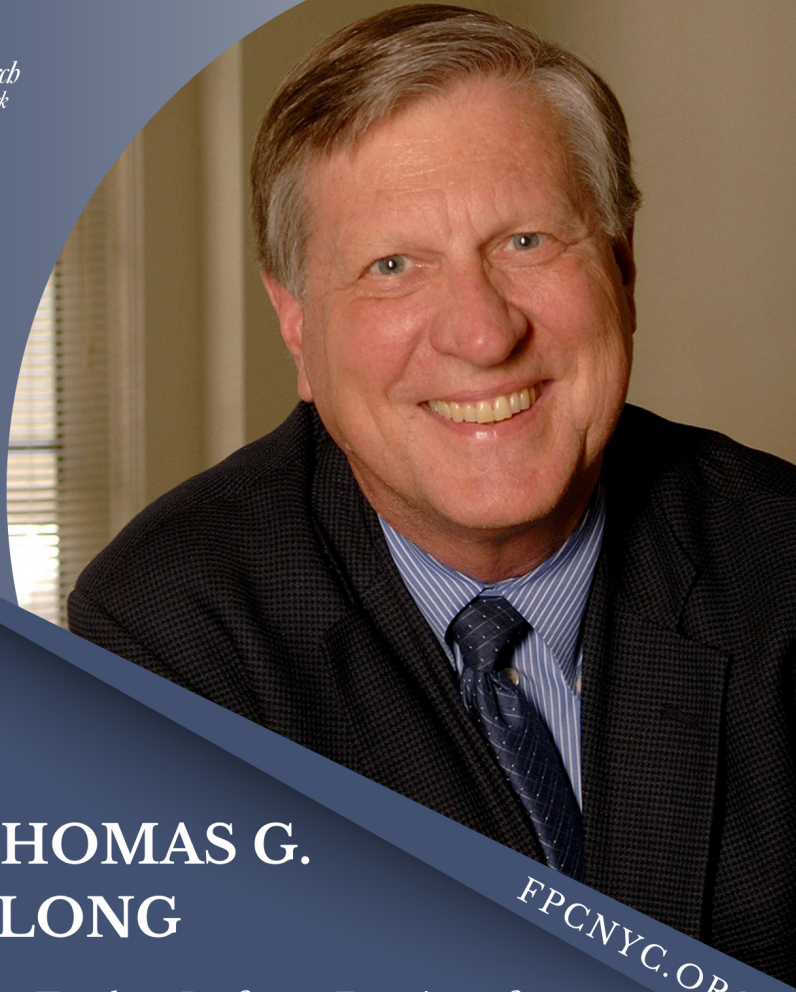
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DR. THOMAS G. LONG

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Presbyterian Teacher, Professor Emeritus of
Preaching at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta,
keynote speaker, and author

Join us in worship on May 7th at 11 a.m.
when we welcome Dr. Long to the pulpit

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