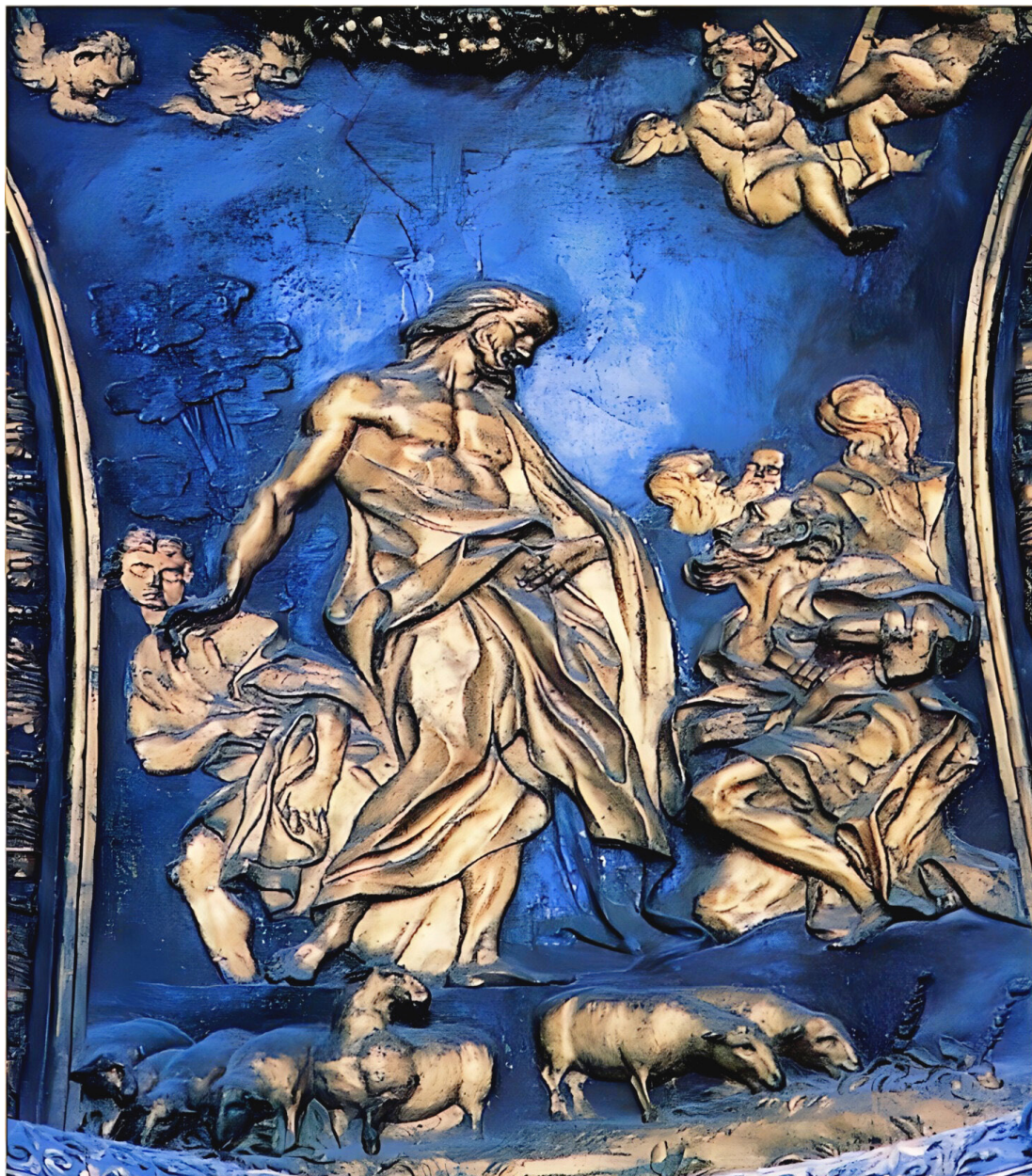


The First Presbyterian Church *in the City of New York*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 11th, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.



Feed My Sheep, Gian Lorenzo Bernini, Bronze back panel from *Cathedra Petri*, Italian, c. 1657-1666, Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica.

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

“Hallelujah has been restored” and
“The Peace may be exchanged” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 130

Please stand in body or spirit.

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love forever.

HYMN 664

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow
the freshness of your grace to enter:

God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities
of healing and reconciliation.

Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us,
and cling to the security of what we know
instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

God have mercy. Hear our prayer...

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.

PRAYER AND RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

ANTHEM

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

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; sung in Latin

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-17

pew Bible, New Testament page 141/large print, New Testament page 142

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Sacred Chefs”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BABILONE

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.**

OFFERTORY

arr. John Rodgers

The text may be found at *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*, 649.

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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SENDING

HYMN 610

Please stand in body or spirit.

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“The people respond - Amen!” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

*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*

Rev. Emily Brewer, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Jenny Bennett, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*

Caroline Cochrane, *Lay Reader*

The First Church Summer Choir

Mary W. Huff, *Guest Musician*

CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES

High School Graduates

Alexandra Cacciarelli

Sam Snoddy

Maci Franklin

Pria Gadkari

Wynant Hubbard

Harry Stovell

Eloise Valero

College Graduates

Ginger Gordon, *University of
Southern California*

Diana Hewitt, *Williams College*

Caroline Hubbard, *American University*

David Pultz, MPhil, *City University of
New York Graduate Center*

Anna Schiff, *Georgetown University*

Wyatt Schiff, *Vanderbilt University*

LiLi White, *Haverford College*

MUSIC NOTE This morning we welcome Mary Huff, Associate Director of Music and Artistic Director of the New York City Children’s Chorus at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, as our guest musician. As a conductor, pedagogue, and organist, Mary has extensive experience working with musicians of all ages: professional and volunteer, children and adults, chamber ensembles and large choruses alike. Her choirs have appeared on major television networks including appearances on *SNL*, *Good Morning America*, *TODAY*, and Amazon’s *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. She has prepared or conducted children’s choirs for orchestral performances on the major stages of NYC, nationally and internationally, and for NYC neighbors in retirement homes, nursing and rehabilitation centers, and homeless shelters. Born in Greenville, SC, Mary graduated from Furman University and Yale University, and continued post-graduate studies in music education at Westminster Choir College focusing on the training of children’s choirs. We welcome Mary to First Church!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Graduation Sunday! During worship, we will celebrate all children, youth, and adults ending their school year and transitioning from one grade to the next, paying very special attention to our graduating seniors. All are invited to stay after worship for a party with cake and lawn games!

Summer Family Worship Space: While Church School breaks for summer, families with young children are welcome to enjoy the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Parlor. A screen will display a livestream of the service, and there will be puzzles, games, snacks, and art supplies as you worship in a relaxing and open space! Any children up to 5 years old are welcome, and they must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you today!

Join us for Pride Coffee and Theology today and June 18th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. We will discuss Queer Liberation Theology – what is it? Where/how did it start? How can it shape our faith? Whether you're queer, straight, or neither of those labels fit; there's a place for you in this time of mutual learning and sharing as we celebrate God's love for everyone.

Introduction to New Testament mini-virtual series will take place on Tuesdays, June 13th and 27th at 7 p.m. Contact the Rev. Barbara Davis (bdavis@fpcnyc.org) for more information.

Bible Study continues Wednesday, June 14th at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom and in the library with a study of the book of Joel.

Creatives Create! Bending the Arc Toward Justice exhibition continues in the Great Hall Gallery from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. each Sunday. Join us next Sunday June 18th at 2:00 p.m. for the closing of this exhibition and part two of performances. A reception will follow. For more information email (creativescreate@fpcnyc.org).

The First Church Choir invites you to join them for The Summer Choir! The Summer Choir will meet every Sunday, starting today June 11th through July 30th, at 9:30 a.m. to prepare music for 11:00 a.m. worship. Participation is flexible – sing one or more Sundays of your choosing. To learn more about this special opportunity, contact Michael Shake today! (mshake@fpcnyc.org).

Join us on Thursday, June 22th at 6:30 p.m for our Pride Cocktail Party. Meet us in the garden for music, drinks and hor d'oeuvres, and a recognition of our AIDS Walk team. All are welcome and we hope to see you there! For more information email Jeff Nichols at (jfnichols@gmail.com).

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 march. If you're interested in volunteering, please send an email to Emily Brewer (ebrewer@fpcnyc.org).

Surprise Us With Your Yard Sale Donations! The Yard Sale Team looks forward each week to seeing the new donations we've received! Your gently used household items, books and children's clothing can be brought to the church lobby on Sundays or during the week. The Tartan Fair Yard Sale is Saturday, September 23rd. If you would like to help price and sort on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., contact Jane Ritter (jmr719@aol.com) or Joan Ryan (joanryan@aol.com). A book lover or two to help price and sort books is especially needed.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Graduation Sunday
11:00 a.m. Summer Family Worship Space
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. Creatives Create:
Bending the Arc Toward Justice Exhibition
12:30 p.m. Coffee & Theology

Monday

Qigong & Yoga at First

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Introduction to Bible
for the Novice and Experienced (virtual)

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study Spanish

Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

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

Next Sunday

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Juneteenth
11:00 a.m. Summer Family Worship Space
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Coffee & Theology
12:30 p.m. Literary Group
2:00 p.m. Creatives Create: Bending the Arc
Toward Justice Performance/Closing Reception



PRIDE SUNDAY

LOVE
EQUITY
JOY
RESILIENCE
HOPE
JUSTICE

JUNE 25 - 11AM
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