

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16th, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.



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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.

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

“*Sarabande*, from Partita No. 1, BWV 82”

J. S. Bach

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body or spirit.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

HYMN 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we
have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways. Amen.

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 INFANT BAPTISM

ANTHEM

Jane Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, Thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me; my day, with thee beside me, Beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; Thy word my nurture given to bring me on toward heaven.
-Paul Gerhardt

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:1-13

pew Bible, New Testament page 10/large print, New Testament page 12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Traditioning”

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 475

Please stand in body or spirit.

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA), 1983

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

OFFERTORY

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.
—John 3:16-17

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 295

Please stand in body or spirit.

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“*Allegro*, from Italian Concerto, BWV 971”

J. S. Bach

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

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY

Jack Robert Bruce
Son of Robert Bruce & Katie Bruce

LEADING THIS MORNING

Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*
Rev. Emily Brewer, *Interim Associate Pastor*
Jenny Bennett, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*

The First Church Summer Choir
Colin Fowler, *Guest Musician*

MUSIC NOTE Colin Fowler is the music director for the Mark Morris Dance Group. Hailed by the New York Times as “invaluable” and “central to Morris’ music,” he has performed over 50 pieces with the company on almost every keyboard instrument possible. A versatile musician and conductor, Colin works in many areas of the music scene in New York City. He is a veteran of numerous Broadway shows, including the Tony Award winning musicals 42nd Street, In the Heights, and Jersey Boys. A seasoned sacred musician, he has previously served as the Music Director at the Park Avenue Synagogue and Calvary Baptist Church. A Kansas City native, Colin earned the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from The Julliard School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jaune Quick-to-See Smith Exhibition Tour at the Whitney Museum Join Presbyterian Women and Art at First on Friday, July 21st at 1:30 p.m. as they sponsor a guided tour of the Whitney Museum's exhibition showcasing the extraordinary work of Jaune Quick-to-See Smith! Please RSVP with Barbara Sherman at (sherman.barbara@gmail.com).

Join us for our virtual Prayer Writing sessions every Thursday in July at 8:30 a.m. Using Camille Dungy's book, *Soil*, as inspiration, we'll explore the joy of writing and its connection to prayer. All are welcome as no writing experience is necessary, you can express yourself through writing without any pressure to share your work. Let's nurture our creativity together and enjoy the beauty of prayer in this space for personal reflection. Contact Barbara for more information at (bdavis@fpcnyc.org).

Bible Study continues on July 19th at 12:30 p.m. with the The New Testament in Ninety Minutes! Join us for a hybrid experience, on Zoom or in the library. In just 90 minutes, we'll explore the key teachings and stories of the New Testament. Contact Barbara for more information at (bdavis@fpcnyc.org).

Join us for our "For the Beauty of the Earth" series at Coffee and Theology, taking place Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through July 30th. We will explore various aspects of nature's wonders in the Bible. Come and join these engaging sessions as we delve into appreciating the bountiful beauty of our planet through the lens of familiar and lesser known Bible stories! Next Sunday, we will focus on Fish Tales: A Theology of Ocean Life! Contact Barbara for more information at (bdavis@fpcnyc.org).

Join us this Summer in reading and discussing "How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America." Starting in his home-town of New Orleans, author Clint Smith documents his journey to monuments and landmarks around the country speaking with guides and visitors to learn how our history is shared and heard. Hybrid group readings will be hosted by Rev. Emily Brewer (ebrewer@fpcnyc.org) on July 14th and August 17th from 12-2 p.m. with virtual discussions moderated by Suzanne Mecs and LouAnne Gilleland via Zoom 6:30-8 p.m. on July 26th and August 23rd. The book is widely available, and a few copies will be at the front desk of the church to borrow. RSVP with Suzanne Mecs at (sdhmecs@yahoo.com).

Volunteers needed for the upcoming A Tartan Christmas Fair, December 1-3rd and Yard Sale September 23rd! We are seeking both year-round and day-of-event volunteers to assist with various roles. For the Yard Sale, we require Book Team Members, as well as volunteers for Set-up and BreakDown and the Bake Sale Team. At the Tartan Christmas Fair, we need Foodies for the Café Team and a Leader, as well as Silent Auction Team Members and a Leader. Additionally, a Photographer is needed for the Photo with Santa event.

Thanks to everyone for the steady stream of donations of gently used books, household items, and children's clothing for the Yard Sale. Keep them coming! And if you are a book lover with time on Tuesday afternoons, the Yard Sale Team would love your help to price and sort books. We meet most Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Email tartanfair@fpcnyc.org for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Today

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Theology: Birds of the Bible
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Summer Family Worship Space
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. Confirmand Reunion

Monday

Building closes at 3 p.m.

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Prayer Writing
Building closes at 3 p.m.

Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

Saturday

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

Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Theology: Fish Tales:
A Theology of Ocean Life
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Summer Family Worship Space
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship

Star-Gazing for Presbyterians



July
9th

Birds of the Bible



July
16th

For the Beauty of the Earth

Coffee & Theology Summer Series



July
23rd

Fish Tales: A Theology of Ocean Life



July
30th

The Trees of the Fields Will Clap Their Hands:

Nature's Joy and How to Pay
Attention to It

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