

The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Service for the Lord's Day

May 23, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

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.

GATHERING

The peace candle represents our prayers for peace in a broken world. The congregation is asked to offer prayers of intercession for one another and for those who lead in these times of remote worship.

PRELUDE

“Gabriel's Oboe”

Ennio Morricone

arr. Mark McGurty, adapt. Wilma Jensen

“Festival Prelude on THAXTED”

Gustav Holst

arr. David Howard Pettit

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body or spirit.

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the living God.”

This is the day when we rejoice in God's act of creation.

We rejoice in Christ's resurrection.

We give thanks that once more,

God has brought us together!

Peace to all who enter here,

blessing to all who go from here on their way,

in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA
arr. Rick Bassett and James O'Donnell

1 God of grace and God of glo-ry, on thy peo-ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e-vil round us scorn thy Christ, as-
 3 Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion to the e-vils

pour thy power; crown thine an-cient chur-ch's sto-ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con-trol; shame our wan-ton, self-ish glad-ness, rich in
 we de-plore. Let the gift of thy sal-va-tion be our

bud to glo-rious flower. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
 glo-ry ev-er-more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,

for the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour,
 for the liv-ing of these days, for the liv-ing of these days,
 lest we miss thy king-dom's goal, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal,
 serv-ing thee whom we a-dore, serv-ing thee whom we a-dore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFSSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHORAL ACCLAMATION

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

-Traditional liturgical text

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S PRAYER AND 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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Craig Phillips

-Edwin Hatch, alt.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Kind of Church?”

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand in body or spirit.

**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.**

The Apostles' Creed

**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

Victor Pilgrim, arr. Patrick Prescod

sung in Spanish

Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. O God be gracious and bless us, and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known on earth and all the nations learn your saving help. The earth has yielded its fruit, for God, our God, has blessed us. May God still give us a blessing, till all of the earth revere the Lord. Let all the nations be glad and exult, for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. You guide all the nations upon the earth.

—Psalm 67, Spanish trans. Luis Olivieri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

HYMN 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”
stanzas 1, 2, and 5

AURELIA

Please stand in body or spirit.

All 1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
Choir only 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
All 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Hymn Improvisation on *God of Grace and God of Glory*”

Paul Manz

arr. Jonathan Crutchfield

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

Remain seated until you are directed to leave your pew. Join us on the lawn to greet one another.

LEADING THIS MORNING

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