

# First Notes

The First  
Presbyterian Church  
in the City of New York

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## It was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. . . (Psalm 139:13)

A friend recently wrote to me saying that she is having short term memory loss and that her doctor has prescribed a CAT scan for her. She says she is not sure that she wants to know the results. I consider that pretty clear thinking for someone who fears she is losing her ability to reason and remember. My own mother died after she had suffered for a dozen years with Alzheimer's disease. I watched her decline over those years, first forgetting what year and month and day it was, then where she was, and finally, who all these other people, including me and my sisters and brother, were. It was a frightening process to see the unraveling of such a sharp mind.

This summer I spent much of my time trying to locate things I misplaced. I scoured the house in Delaware wondering where I had misplaced a book I was sure I had taken there for my summer reading. (I had, and I found it.) I couldn't locate letters, papers, or a money clip that I was sure I had left in Chicago (but which showed up in a pair of pants I had worn there but had not yet taken to the cleaners). I lost the keys to the car repeatedly. I thought I was losing my mind. I am in fact about the age when my mother first started showing signs of her illness, so every memory lapse seems like a warning signal. Like Bill Cosby, whose grandfather told him not to worry about Alzheimer's because by the time it was setting in he wouldn't remember that it had, I wonder if the same malady that beset my mother may beset me. Regularly scheduled colonoscopies have helped me avoid the form of cancer that killed my father, but I secretly wonder whether family medical histories only mislead you into dodging bullets that are not coming your way. Nevertheless, I feel less concerned about colon cancer than about the seditious prospect of losing my mind. A summer searching for the keys has not given me much reassurance.

Nevertheless, there is spiritual encouragement for the medically nervous like my friend and me to ponder among the

words of the 139<sup>th</sup> Psalm. Long before Alzheimer's could be documented on a scanner or even had a name, or colons could be scoped and broadcast in living color, the psalmist understood the most important thing there is to know about the human body: "It was you, O God, who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. And in your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. (Psalm 139 sel.) In spite of the way some anti-abortion activists have commandeered this passage to justify their political position, the psalmist has not written these words for political purposes but for spiritual encouragement. The words of the psalmist invite us to rest in the assurance that our bodies are fearfully and wonderfully made. That every sinew and muscle, every blood vessel and cell has been carefully and lovingly wrought by a God who means well for us and who loves us beyond what words can describe. This is not to say that we may not lose our mind, or that cancer cells may not mutate, nor even that we will live free of medical maladies, but it does suggest that while our days may be numbered, they have been numbered by a God who is with us and from whom we cannot and will not be abandoned. The same God who has given us the physical body in which we live has blessed us for the living of our days, and will not leave us, even though this body be destroyed. Someone has written that while we all owe God one death, we only owe God **one** death, and if we live in constant fear of dying, or of the destruction of our body, we die repeatedly as we give in to the power of death's empty threats.

In Christ we have the assurance of eternal life, in that time when our bodies are left behind and we return to God who gave us life in the first place. The challenge then, is for us to

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# Grant us Wisdom

## ***FIRST KIDS: FRIDAY NIGHTS***

**Friday, October 13, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

*Dinner & Evening Program*

Families will gather for a big group dinner sponsored by *First Kids* (a freewill offering is appreciated). Families will then split up—the kids will stay with Faye Timmer, Director of Children's and Youth Music, to learn about hand chimes. Parents will gather for a seminar on "Allowance, Savings and Stewardship" led by The Rev. Barbara Davis.

*First Kids* offers faith, fellowship, and service opportunities for FPC kids and their parents throughout the church school year. This program is for kindergarteners through 7th graders and allows families to share their faith through community service and discussion – and food! This year, *First Kids* will be focusing on the Biblical principles of Psalm 24:1 – "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it."



## **YOUTH COME TOGETHER**

**Saturday, October 21, at 6 p.m.**

*Dinner & Movie Discussion DaVinci Code*



**The *DaVinci Code***

You've read the book — You've seen the movie — Now come discuss the hype and the issues! Please RSVP to [bdavis@fpcnyc.org](mailto:bdavis@fpcnyc.org) by Thursday, October 17.



## ***"FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS"***



The theme of this year's adult education program is taken from the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory," where we are reminded of the strength needed to live in these days. The Adult Education Committee hopes you will take advantage of the many programs we have planned for this month, including joining us on October 8 for our kick-off celebration of this year's program!

## **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

October 8 & 15 *Books that Didn't Make It Into the Bible and Why*, The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

October 22 *The Gospel of Judas: Recent Discoveries, The Bible and Tradition*, The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

October 29 *Saving Jesus: Section One*, The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

## ***"Aging Well"***

**Adult Education and The Geriatric Outreach Committee** will begin their *Aging Well* series on Thursday, October 5. Join us in the second floor Parlor for supper at 6:30. Our discussion begins at 7:00. The first topic will be "Do you remember what's-her-name?": *The aging brain and fear of Dementia*. The leader will be Emma Schulman, LCSW and Gerontologist from the Silberstein Center for Aging and Dementia at NYU. Please R.S.V.P. by signing up in the lobby of the Melin-Macnab building or by calling 212-675-6150 by October 3rd. Pick up a flyer for more information!

## **THIRD TUESDAYS @ FIRST**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2006**

*Third Tuesdays at First* is a monthly event beginning at 7 p.m. with a light supper (sandwiches, salads, and beverages) followed by a program from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To RSVP for supper please sign up in the church house lobby or contact the Rev. Barbara E. Davis at [bdavis@fpcnyc.org](mailto:bdavis@fpcnyc.org) or 212-675-6150.

**There are many on-going education programs for children, youth, and adults at First Presbyterian Church. Please see the 2006-2007 Family Ministries Calendar and the upcoming 2006 Fall Adult Education Brochure for additional information.**



## Stewardship 2007

The message of the Stewardship Canvass for 2007, is “Rejoice in Hope,” from Romans 12:12-13. The larger passage reads “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.”

Here at First Presbyterian Church the signs of hope are everywhere. Those signs can be seen and heard in the pitter-patter of little feet at Sunday morning worship, in the Nursery School, and PS 226 that fill the building on a daily basis. There are other signs as well: a trip to Nicaragua to build homes for those in need, the joy of friendship for aging neighbors present in the Caring Community, the warm bed on a cold night that we provide for someone without a home. You can see hope in the personal faith we gain from coming to know God’s love through Christian Education. It’s there in our attendance on Sunday morning and willingness to help out when called upon, in seeing our church filled with energy and life, bursting at the seams, and needing to grow. All of these are signs of hope. Signs of God’s love at work in our lives. So step back and imagine for a moment, if First Church were not here. What would you miss? What are those things that the church brings to your life that might easily be taken for granted? A break from the chaos of city life? A community of friends? A touchstone in times of crisis? What does First Church mean to you?

Thankfully it *is* here, and has been for a community of faithful believers since 1716. Isn’t that something to think about! We continue in 2006 to be a church known for its great preaching, renowned choir, inspiring worship, and vibrant and positive image within the community. We rejoice because all that we have: our life, our health, our family and friends, are treasures given to us as a blessing. Our lives then are a response of thankfulness to these gracious gifts, and we respond with hope and thankfulness as we live out our daily lives.

As budget season rolls around we need to think about our Church’s “mission in numbers.” Last year, \$1,139,400 was needed from our members and friends to support local expenses, as well as the work of the church through its mission, ministry, and outreach to others. In 2007, in order to meet our growing needs and challenges, our campaign pledge goal is \$1,250,000. Reaching this goal will support our growing mission and provide greater support from the living membership of the church.

We pledge our support to the church as an expression of hope and trust, our trust that God will sustain us in the future as God has in the past. We know that giving makes not only our lives more meaningful, but gives others hope as well.

Please give prayerful thought to your commitment for the coming year. And keep in mind Sunday, October 29, 2006 – “Fall on the Lawn” church-wide Stewardship Celebration, and November 12, 2006 – Stewardship Commitment Sunday.

Ingrid and Douglas Ladendorf  
2007 Canvass Co-Chairs

## SPA FOR THE SOUL

**Saturday, October 21, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

**At First Presbyterian Church**

The Adult Education Committee is pleased to announce the third annual Spa for the Soul, which promises to be an soul-lifting day with workshops in movement, music (including organ music), meditation, and a delicious lunch. The keynote speaker this year is Andrea Frisch Hara, a music therapist who will speak about the freeing and often healing qualities of music in our spiritual lives. A \$30 registration fee (scholarships available) is payable upon sign-up or at the door. Please register in the lobby of the Melin-Macnab Building on Sundays after worship, or email the Adult Education Committee at [education@fpcnyc.org](mailto:education@fpcnyc.org) with your name, address, phone, email, and whether or not you need a vegetarian lunch. Men and women are encouraged to attend; we are limited by space and encourage you to register early.



# First Presbyterian Church

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

<p><b>1</b> 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/World Communion</p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Study                      10:00 Youth Discussion            10:45 Child Care            11:00 Worship♥ Communion/Peacemaking Offering Dedicated            Dr. Walton preaching            11:20 Church School            12:00 Children's Choirs Rehearse            12:30 Coffee Hour♥</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:30 First Press Conference</p>	<p><b>2</b> Yom Kippur</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P. S. 226 Closed            Nursery School Closed</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>6:00 A.A. Groups            6:30 Buildings &amp; Grounds            Committee            6:30 Nominating Comm.</p>
<p><b>8</b> 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ACE Sunday</p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Study            10:45 Child Care            11:00 Worship♥ Minute for Mission—Adult Education Fall            Rev. Davis preaching                      Program            11:20 Church School            12:00 Children's Choirs Rehearse            12:30 Adult Ed            12:30 Coffee Hour♥            3:30 Wedding (Dr. Walton) Cheung/Ty</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Staff Holiday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Columbus Day</i>  <i>Observed</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stewardship Mailing No 1</p> <p>6:00 A.A. Groups            6:30 Personnel Committee</p>
<p><b>15</b> 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Note: Pledge Cards in the Pews.</p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Study            10:45 Child Care            11:00 Worship♥ Minute for Mission on Stewardship            Dr. Walton preaching            11:20 Church School                      12:30 Inquirer's Ed. Part 1            12:00 Children's Choir Rehearsal            12:30 Coffee Hour♥            12:30 Mission Fair</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>7:15 N. S. Workshop</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>6:00 A.A. Groups            7:00 Third Tuesday at First            Dinner and Program</p>
<p><b>22</b> 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Choir Recognition Sunday</p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Study                      12:30 Inquirers' Ed. Part 2            10:45 Child Care            11:00 Worship♥ Receive New Members            Rev. Fenimore preaching                      Children's Choir Singing            11:20 Church School            12:00 Children's Choirs Rehearse                      12:30 Children's Choir            Art and Recital Showcase            12:30 Coffee Hour♥            12:30 Pre-baptism Meeting            1:30 Literary Group</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>7:15 N. S. Workshop</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>6:00 A.A. Groups            6:30 Nominating            Committee</p>
<p><b>29</b> 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Reformation Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stewardship Emphasis Sunday</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Bible Study                      12:30 Stewardship Celebration            "Fall on the Lawn"            10:45 Child Care            11:00 Worship♥ Baptism            Dr. Walton preaching            11:20 Church School            12:00 Children's Choirs Rehearse                      3:00 Bailey House            12:15 Coffee Hour♥            3:00 Wedding (Dr. Walton) Johnson/Tun-Chiong</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>7:15 N. S. Workshop</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>6:00 A.A. Groups</p>

# OCTOBER 2006

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:00 APNC            9 to 5 Caring Community♥            10:30 Staff Meeting            12:00 Midday Prayers            6:00 Vespers            6:30 Fellowship Supper            Committees meet            6:30 Tartan Fair Crafts            in Brick Room</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>6:30 Nursery School Board            6:30 "Aging Well" Series</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥            12:00 Sanctuary Open            4:00 Wedding Rehearsal            Lambert/Ramirez            5:00 Wedding Rehearsal            Cheung/Ty            6:00 Wedding Rehearsal            Ryan/Munzer            6:00 D.A. Group</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>11:00 Wedding            (Dr. Walton)            Lambert/Ramirez</p> <p>4:45 Wedding            (Dr. Walton)            Ryan/Munzer</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>8:00 APNC            9 to 5 Caring Community♥            10:30 Staff Meeting            12:00 Midday Prayers            6:00 Family Ministry            Comm.            6:30 Nominating Comm.            6:30 Design &amp; Construction            6:30 Tartan Fair Comm.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>6:30 Joint Finance Comm.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥            9:30 N. S. Workshop</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>6:00 D.A. Group            6:00 First Kids            6:00 Wedding Rehearsal            Cochran/Klau</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:30 Inquirers' Class            12:00 Session Lunch with            Inquirers            10:00 Tartan Fair Work Day</p> <p>4:00 Wedding            (Dr. Walton)            Cochran/Klau</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8:00 APNC            9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">First Notes and Calendar Deadline</p> <p>10:30 Staff Meeting            12:00 Midday Prayers            6:30 Deacons/Trustees            6:30 Tartan Fair Crafts</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>6:30 Nominating Comm.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥            9:30 N. S. Workshop</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open</p> <p>6:00 D.A. Group</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Presbytery Day (off site)</b></p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">SPA for the Soul 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>10:00 Tartan Fair Work Day            6:00 Youth Fellowship</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>8:00 APNC            9 to 5 Caring Community♥            10:30 Staff Meeting            12:00 Midday Prayers</p> <p>6:00 Taizé Service            (Great Hall)            6:30 Session            6:30 Tartan Fair Crafts</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥</p> <p>10:00 First Notes Mailing            Team♥</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥            9:30 N. S. Workshop</p> <p>Stewardship Mailing No 2</p> <p>12:00 Sanctuary Open            6:00 D.A. Group            6:00 Wedding Rehearsal            Johnson/Tun-Chiong</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Health Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>10:00 Tartan Fair Work Day</p>

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**Indicates Volunteer Opportunity♥**

**All data subject to change without notice.**

**Check with Church Receptionist at (212)675-6150**

# Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome to the **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR**, published monthly to let you know of events where you can help.

- ☛ **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING** – Hosts, coffee pourers, and greeters are needed for Coffee Hour after church. To volunteer, call **JOHN COX** at (212) 260-3094.
- ☛ **USHERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES** – Volunteers are needed to usher for **Sunday morning services**. To volunteer, please call **JOAN RYAN** at (212) 765-2141, or **SUZANNE FREEMAN** at (646) 827-4559.
- ☛ **FIRST NOTES** – Volunteers are needed to help assemble and label **FIRST NOTES** mailings. For the next mailing, volunteers will meet at the Church at 10:00 a.m. and work until about 1:00 p.m., on **THURSDAY, October 26**. Call **PAULETTE GRIEFEN** (212) 226-2531 to help.
- ☛ **BAILEY HOUSE** – Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the evening meal to residents of Bailey House on the 5th Sunday of the month. Call **LIZ HUBBELL-RIGGS** to help (212) 247-0355. Next date is **Sunday, October 30th**.
- ☛ **LAY READERS** – Those interested in participating as lay readers in worship are asked to call **DENISE JACKSON** at (212) 675-4366.

- ☛ **CROSS BEARER** – To explore the possibility of carrying the processional cross at worship, please call **PAT PENICK** at (212) 242-6916.
- ☛ **HEALTH FAIR** – Volunteers needed to help with Health Fair, October 28, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Please call **BETTY JONES** (212) 677-3629 or email [bcjones1@rcn.com](mailto:bcjones1@rcn.com).
- ☛ **IN THE KITCHEN** – If you can help with *Vespers*, please call **James Hollander** at 646-335-2969 or e-mail [hollander-james@yahoo.com](mailto:hollander-james@yahoo.com). For all other events call **Jackie Fike** 914-793-4017 or e-mail [jackief@verizon.net](mailto:jackief@verizon.net)

**Wednesday, October 4—Vespers Fellowship Supper**  
 Sunday, October 1—12:30-3:30 p.m. Preparation  
 Wednesday, October 4—3:00-8:00 p.m. Preparation,  
 Serve, Cleanup

**Saturday, October 14—Inquirers Class Luncheon**  
 Friday, October 13—11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Prep.  
 Saturday, October 15—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Prep.,  
 Serve, Cleanup

**Wednesday, November 1—Vespers Fellowship Supper**  
 Sunday, October 29—12:30-3:30 p.m. Preparation  
 Wednesday, October 31—3:00-8:00 p.m. Prep.,  
 Serve, Cleanup

## WHITE ELEPHANT?

Whatever in the world IS that? Simply put, it is something you have at home that still does what it is supposed to do and/or looks good — but you just don't want it anymore. **It's too good to throw out, but not quite what you want to keep.** Got it? Then bring it for the White Elephant sale at the Tartan Fair! Bring your gently used elephants to the church any weekday from 9am-9pm or on Sundays from 9am-4pm **Remember, we want toddler clothes but NO adult clothing or computer components.**

## SILENT AUCTION?

The items we need here are much higher ticket donations: art work, antiques, jewelry, a weekend in your summer house, two tickets to hear Renee Fleming at the Met, two tickets to the Knicks, the Rangers, the US Open, etc., personal services like dog walking, computer lessons, or a home-cooked dinner party for six. Be creative! Call **Susan Schubert** at (212) 228-9367 with questions.

## CRAFTS?

We started our weekly **Craft Nights** on Wednesdays this summer and will be gathering in the Brick Room at church every Wednesday at 6:30pm until the Fair to work creative magic. We began with Christmas stockings to hang by the chimney with care! There are sewing projects, painting projects, and, of course, Christmas ornaments to decorate. All skill levels welcome, and there will be pizza for all! Call **Annie Jeffrey** at (212) 367-7077 with questions, ideas, or to let her know you will be there.

## VOLUNTEERS?

On Saturday mornings anytime from 10 -2pm the non-crafty among us will **sort and price** those White Elephants mentioned above. Come help us find those treasures to offer for sale. And our **Production & Set-Up Team** needs you to help coordinate the mounting of this best-ever Tartan Fair. If you have production experience in the theatre, Film, or television – **please contact Joan Ryan** at (212) 765-2141 or [joanryan@aol.com](mailto:joanryan@aol.com)

*A Tartan  
 Christmas*



## It was you who formed my inward parts;.....(cont. from page 1)

keep our hearts and minds fixed on the God who gives us life, who has intricately wrought us in our mother's womb, and whose eyes beheld our unformed substance even before our numbered days began to be counted. It may not be the answer to all our medical anxieties, but it may just be significant comfort for us as we search the house for the keys.

Jon M. Walton

## Literary Group



The Literary Group meets monthly, September through June, on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 at the church, and everyone is welcome to attend these interesting and challenging book discussions. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Beth Godat at (212)929-6425, or email: vgodat@aol.com. Listed below are the dates and books selected for discussion in 2006-2007:

- October 22—*Cry, The Beloved Country*, Alan Paton  
 November 19—*Anthony and Cleopatra*, Shakespeare  
 January 21—*Rising Tide*, John M. Barry  
 February 25—*Dubliners*, James Joyce  
 March 25—*Beloved*, Toni Morrison  
 April 29—*Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, Mark Twain

## DEACONS FOR THE MONTH

Rita Rochford (212) 254-2697

David Earle (917) 334-6336



## Health Fair

The annual Health Fair will be held here at First Church from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2006. There will be an opportunity for free flu shots, glucose testing, blood pressure, and nutritional counseling, and to meet representatives from community agencies.

Volunteers are needed. If you are a doctor, nurse, health care professional, lawyer, social worker, or one to just help, please call Betty Jones at (212) 677-3629 or email bcjones1@rcn.com.

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE FROM THE APNC

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee continued to work throughout the summer to identify a faithful candidate to serve as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission. As part of the process we have prepared an advertisement (pictured below) that will soon appear in Presbyterian Outlook, Presbyterian Today, and Christian Century.

The committee is working diligently to carefully consider all qualified candidates. If you have names of any pastors who might be considered by the APNC, please submit their names to the committee as soon as possible at rryan@fpcnyc.org or speak to a member of the committee.

The committee recognizes the importance of its mission and is confident that it will be led to the right candidate. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely,

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Reade Ryan, Chair  
 Stuart Buice  
 Sally Collins  
 Marge Henning  
 Donna Hurley  
 Su Pak  
 Albert Picallo  
 Ryan Sudol  
 Larry Tallamy



*A Sanctuary for the Spirit  
in the Heart of the Village*

Seeks to call an **Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Mission** to:

- ❖ Embrace a vibrant, diverse and growing urban church community
- ❖ Engage with a dynamic team of caring and committed pastors and lay leaders
- ❖ Enrich a passionate, intellectually curious congregation through ministry and leadership
- ❖ Enhance fellowship, service and mission for an open and inclusive church

We invite you to see our CIF at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org), visit our website at [www.fpcnyc.org](http://www.fpcnyc.org), and to send your PIF to our email address at [apnc@fpcnyc.org](mailto:apnc@fpcnyc.org), or to The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, 12 West 12th Street, New York, NY 10011, Attention of Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

PIF's received by November 30, 2006 will be given priority.

# A Month of Sundays

## *Worship This Month at First Presbyterian*

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Communion Sunday**

Scripture: Psalm 124 Mark 9:38-50  
Sermon: Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching on *"Too Many Jurists and Not Enough Poets"*  
Sacrament: Communion  
Music: O All Ye nations, Praise the Lord, Schütz  
Agnus Dei, Barber

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Adult Christian Education Sunday**

Scripture: Mark 6:30-37a Luke 10:38-42  
Sermon: The Rev. Barbara E. Davis preaching on *"The Only Thing"*  
Music: Mary was the Queen of Galilee, Spiritual  
Like as the Hart, Howells

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Scripture: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Hebrews 4:12-16  
Sermon: Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching on *"Dropped Call"*  
Music: O God be Merciful Unto Us, Tye  
Let the People praise thee O God, Mathias

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Choir Recognition Sunday — Commissioning of church choirs**

Sermon: The Rev. Edee Chase Fenimore preaching  
Pastoral Rite: New Members Welcomed

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**Stewardship Emphasis**

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21  
Sermon: Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching on *"Rejoice In Hope"*  
Sacrament: Baptism  
Music: I will extol you, O Lord, Psalm 30, Palestrina  
Fugue in E-flat, Bach

**December 3, 4:00 p.m. — Worship Service of Music**

**Handel's "Messiah"**

**Soloists, Choir and Orchestra of First Presbyterian**  
**William Entriken, Director**

# *First Notes*

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

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*Return Service Requested*

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