

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

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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Service for the Lord's Day*

January 24, 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

“Tocatta in F, BuxWV 157”

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

**The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?  
For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
Come, let us worship God!**

HYMN 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all the ages,  
we gather in worship week by week, hoping to encounter your presence.  
But we confess it's not easy to hear your voice.  
Sometimes we get distracted by what's happening around us.  
Sometimes we get confused by conflicting views of what you expect from us.  
Sometimes we feel challenged and resist a new word from you.  
We confess it is hard to turn our lives around  
when we think we already know where we're going.  
Lord, forgive us; Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.

## SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER

### ANTHEM

Henry Loosemore

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith, endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience. In all my adversity, Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

-1662 Book of Common Prayer

Christina Angelopoulos, Samantha Noonan, Hannah Nacheman,  
Arri Lawton Simon, and Andrew Martens

## HEARING THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

SERMON

“Those Who Trespass”

Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

from the New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit**

**Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all.**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven.**

**The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

HYMN 444

“Forgive our Sins as We Forgive”

DETROIT

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God’s image  
to live as one community.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Albert Hay Malotte

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

HYMN 816

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” WER NUN DEN LIEBEN GOTT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, BWV 642”

J.S. Bach

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

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