

Experienced childcare for infants and toddlers (through age 4) is offered during worship in the upstairs nursery from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Christina and Patty are excited to welcome your children.

Catch FPC Worship Online: Traveling out of town? Can't make it to church? Got Internet? Visit www.firstchurchbrooklyn.org and click on Live Stream.

Online Donations: Go to www.firstchurchbrooklyn.org, click on *Serve* and select *Donate* from the drop-down menu. First-time contributors will need to set up an account, using the section you will see on that page. Once your account is established go to the next section to make or update your contribution, including setting up a recurring gift.

Flower Donations. We welcome flower donations of \$30 or more in memory or in honor of friends and loved ones. Call the Church Office at 718 624-3770, or see Barbara Cummings during fellowship hour.

Audio CDs of First Church at Worship. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, go to the sound booth for a free CD of the worship service.

Your prayers are asked for:

The mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and those who serve the church in mission around the world.

Joyce, a friend from Project Connect
Rev. Ben Smith

Lila Cohen, friend of Mei Li and Jane Francis
Marie Moore, niece of Stephanie Murphy

Rev. Diane Lacey and The Church of Gethsemane
Wendell Thorne, brother of Pastor Adriene

Keren Murumba's sister Beth
Sean Conner, Godson of Jane Quinn

Phil Golub, good friend of Ken Andrichik
Michael Pomarico
Jaqueline Jefferson

Todd Salen, brother of Kristina Salen
Wesley Holmes, brother of Sandy DeShong
Phil Lee, uncle of Merrie Lee

Alicia, Eric, Gabriella and Beth, friends of Jane and Terry Quinn
Jason Ocasio and his family, friend of Diane Greene
Sharon Greene, friend of Merrie Lee

Will and Dorothy Andrichik, parents of Ken Andrichik
Margaret Clarke
Peg Francis, mother of Jane Francis
Katie Arthur, sister of Stephanie Murphy

If you have prayer requests, please contact the Pastoral Care Team leader through the church office at 718-624-3770 or info@firstchurchbrooklyn.org

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn is an intentionally inclusive and diverse Christian community committed to serving God in our world.

As followers of Christ, we seek to:

- Be a fountain of spiritual and emotional comfort for all people;
- Glorify God through music and song;
- Be joyful participants in the worship and life of our community;
- Be ambassadors and activists for peace and justice in the world;
- Provide for the physical needs of those within our church, community and world;
- Be models for our children and youth to be compassionate citizens of the world; and
- Be stewards of our financial blessings and foster congregational growth.

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Mario Adorno
Ken Andrichik
Reeves Carter
Barbara Cummings
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Class of 2020

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Susan Schultz
Patrick Tirino
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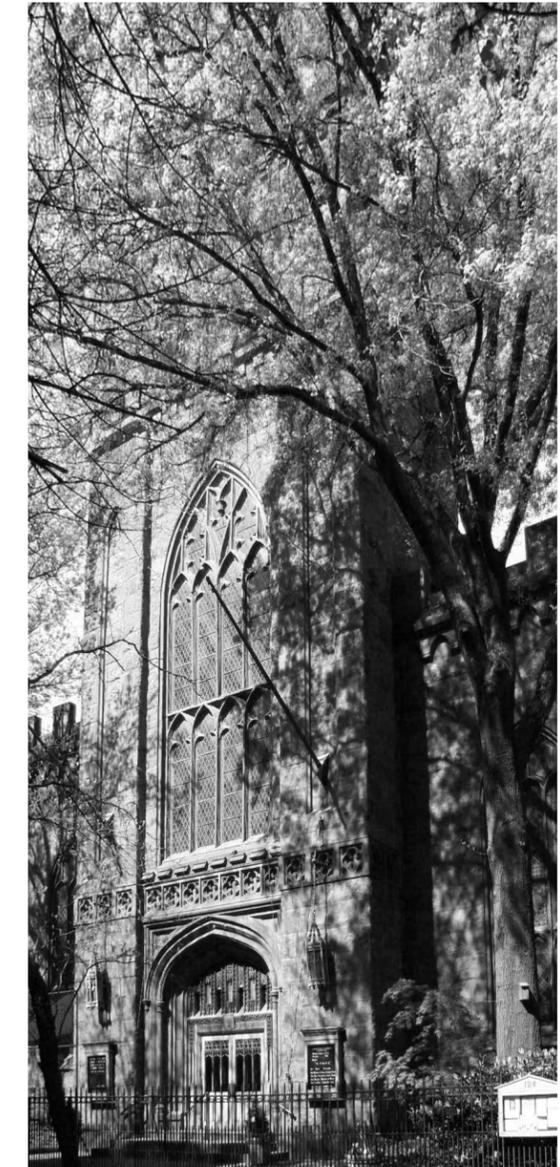
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BROOKLYN

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an intentionally multicultural congregation



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Morning Worship

Prelude

▲ Call to Worship Colette Foster

God is the only power in my life.
**Nothing from without can touch
 The perfect life of God Within Me.
 I am a Perfect Child of God.**

And nothing that anyone has ever done or said
 Can interfere with my Divine Inheritance.
**The power of God is greater
 Than any circumstance in my life.**

The strength of God is mine to use.
**Turning away from all feelings of inadequacy
 I discover that all that I need is within me right now.**

As I forgive the past, I find that I have
 Nothing to atone for and nothing to run away from.
**Casting off the old me I discover my True Self.
 I take dominion in my life.**

Old habits have no power over me.
Conditions have no power over me.

Personalities have no power over me.
**I take dominion.
 I am Whole...I am Free...I am Complete**

Now and forever more.
And so it is!

by Jack Addington

▲ Hymn 554 (Presbyterian Hymnal) "Let All Things Now Living"

▲ Prayer of Confession Dave Ehlke

God is many things to us: Creator, Father, Mother, Judge, Healer,
 Love, Mystery. We bring our confession to this God, trusting that the
 fullness of the divine will hear our plea and grant us mercy that makes
 us whole again. With that trust, let us pray, first in silent prayer:

(Moment for silent prayer.)

Let us pray:

**Holy God, we come before You in humility,
 For we do not live as we ought.
 We do not love You with our whole heart and mind
 and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.
 So we pray, in all humility, That You will change our
 hearts and minds, That You will show us again how to love
 others the way You love us, That You will put power and
 courage in our hearts to do your will.
 This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.**

▲ Assurance of God's Forgiveness The Rev. Adriene Thorne

▲ Sung Response *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Thorne

▲ The Peace Rev. Thorne

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
People may greet one another with signs and words of peace.
The Lord Is My Light

The Hebrew Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Jane Ehlke

Christian New Testament Reading Matthew 5:21-37 Rev. Thorne

Anthem *Sweet Jesus* Eric Thomas, Soloist

The Sermon Oriented Towards Love Rev. Thorne

The Offering Elder Marcia Smith

Offertory *We can be Kind* Elizabeth Nestlerode, soloist

▲ Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise God all creatures here below
 Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

▲ Prayer of Dedication Elder Smith

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts) Rev. Thorne

▲ Hymn 138 (African American Hymnal)
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

▲ Benediction Rev. Thorne

▲ Postlude
▲ Please stand as you are able

Action Items for this week

(pick one activity, even if it's small and add it to your week)

READ & PRAY:The Sermon on the Mount found in the Gospel of Matthew (Chapters 5, 6, and 7)
 -Five Invaluable Tips on How to Resist from a First-Time Activist
 -How to Stay Outraged Without Losing Your Mind: Self-Care Lessons for the Resistance

ACT—RSVP and attend :
The Rarer Action: A Panel on Virtue and Vengeance this Sunday 2/12 at 4:30 down at St. Ann's Warehouse.

-Attend the **Brooklyn Stands Together March and Rally** at Borough Hall on Thursday, 2/16 at 5:30 pm. I will be there to speak and represent First Church Brooklyn. Would love to be there with you.

-Join Elder Nate Dudley next Sunday, 2/19 after worship for an organizational meeting to discuss First Church plugging into the #GetOrganizedBK movement. How shall we as a community proceed?

Update on the 2017 Pledge Drive: Thus far we have received 112 pledge cards for a total of 330,431. Our goal this year is 110 pledges and a total commitment of \$343,000. Please help us meet our goal. Pledge today!

Today

The choir and band and their families are on retreat this weekend at the Grail, in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. We ask God's blessings upon them during this time of spiritual renewal and refreshment. We welcome Miriam Dali pianist from Brooklyn Heights Synagogue as our guest musician today.

Communion Table Covering : You may have noticed the beautiful cloth that covers our Communion Table during Black History Month. The handwoven fabric composed of cotton, silk, and rayon fibers originated in West Africa and is known as "kente cloth." Through a textile technique known as "stripweave", large numbers of thin strips of the cloth are sewn together to produce a finished fabric. The earliest evidence of this traditional technique dates to the 11th century. Originally it was a royal and sacred cloth worn by kings from the Akan people and by royalty from the kingdom of Ashanti. Over time, the use of kente cloth has become more widespread. The kente cloth on display is provided by Richard and Diane Greene.

A table will be set up during Fellowship after worship today, for writing notes of encouragement to people in prison who are members of Project Connect. This is part of our work with the Church of Gethsemane in Park Slope. Please stop by for more information and/or to add to our monthly letters.

The 2017 offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. If you would like to begin using or stop receiving envelopes please call the church office at 718-624-3770 or email Annie at info@firstchurchbrooklyn.org.

This Week

WEDNESDAY, February 15

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:30 am at Park Plaza Diner, 220 Cadman Plaza West.

Adult Education – The Elliott Room. Black HERstory: A celebration of Black women history-makers in context to current events and concerns. This week features Fannie Lou Hamer. We gather at 6:30 to share a pot luck meal, followed by the program from 7 - 8:30 pm.

THURSDAY, February 16

Food Pantry open at 10 a.m. Contact Jane Woland at jawol28@gmail.com

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the choir, contact aneuner@firstchurchbrooklyn.org.

Upcoming

Are you the parent of a teenager? Or are you watching anxiously as your tween moves towards teenage-hood? Whether you are in the stable time that precedes the change-over, or whether you are in it already, this class is for you.

Teens are doing developmentally necessary work to become adults and it can be an arduous experience for the parent(s) too. Come learn how to support your teen's growth and transformation. Come learn how to solve everyday challenges, develop respectful relationships and find solutions that are right for your family.

Positive Discipline classes provide parents with non-punitive methods to encourage and empower children, and to help them develop important life skills.

We'll meet on Sundays after the worship service. Take a few minutes for coffee time and then proceed to the gym. Classes will be held Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2, 23 and 30. There is a \$50 materials fee that includes handouts, and the book *Positive Discipline for Teenagers* - scholarship available, don't let the fee be an obstacle! Please get in touch with Mary Lynn Fiske or email the church at info@firstchurchbrooklyn.org to sign up. Mary Lynn Fiske is a Positive Discipline Parent Educator and a Positive Discipline Classroom Educator.