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**Our Mission Statement**

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Founded in 1822
an intentionally inclusive congregation

**First Sunday in Lent**

March 1, 2020 at 11 a.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Welcome

Words of Assurance

Prayer of Confession

Hymn 726

Call to Worship

Prelude

Δ Call to Worship (responsive)

Leslie Synn

O Wise God, You have come to us in the form of a vulnerable child;
You teach us that the last are first and the first, last;
Truly your wisdom is different than ours!

How hard it is to enter God’s kingdom.

We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.

Meet us in this place and teach us your foolish wisdom
and your vulnerable power;
give us joy to receive it fully
and courage to live it foolishly.

Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord,
to receive your word for us.

Δ Hymn 726 (inset) Will You Come and Follow Me

Δ Prayer of Confession

Emily Phillips

Money talks and power makes the world go around, or so they would have us believe; let us tune our hearts to God’s heart as we make our confession this morning, first in silent prayer.

SILENCE

Let us pray:

Merciful God, we become so enamored of the glitz and glitter of the world. It is as though our lives were lived in “catalog shopping” design. We have so much and want so much more. We listen to the pitches in the media about the latest and best of everything, and rather than striving to serve you more faithfully, we strive to gather more and more possessions. Forgive our crass materialism. Break the bonds and chains striving to serve you more faithfully, we strive to gather more and more

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Δ The Peace

Rev. Thorne

People may greet one another with signs and words of peace

Hebrew Bible

Psalm 19:7-10

Makadele Jazwiecki

[Page 488 in the Red Bible and Page 499 in Blue Bible]

Christian New Testament Reading

Mark 10:17-31 (Dramatic Reading)

[Page 923 in the Red Bible and Page 45 in Blue Bible (New Testament Section)]

Δ Anthem

Δ Sermon

Δ The Offering

Steven Mwase

If I Can Help Somebody

Harriette Mandeville, soloist

Δ 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

Δ Prayer of Dedication

Mr. Mwase

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (inset)

Rev. Thorne

Δ Closing Hymn 317 (African American Hymnal)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Rev. Thorne

Δ Benediction

Δ Postlude

Δ Please stand as you are able

Baptism Dates

Please contact the church office to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child.

- Sunday, April 12 (Easter) | Baptist class April 5th after worship
- Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost) | Baptist class May 10th after worship
- Sunday, August 2 | Baptist class TBD

New Member Gatherings

Membership Matters

One of the most counter-cultural things you can do is become an engaged member of a faithful local church. Please attend Sunday mornings or Thursday evenings. Same content at both.

Sundays | 9:45 - 10:15 am   OR   Thursdays | 8:30 - 9:30 pm
March 15, 2020      March 12, 2020
March 22, 2020      March 29, 2020
April 5, 2020       March 26, 2020

Joining Sunday for both groups April 5, 2020 at 9:45 am

Today

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. We have resources for ALL AGES to help you observe this deeply spiritual season - come visit the tables at the front of the sanctuary or after Worship.

Parenting class: please come to the Woodman Room (the gym) at 12:45 p.m. for Intro to Positive Discipline, a fun approach to raising responsible, capable children. Mary Lynn Fiske, Positive Discipline Parent Educator, will facilitate. All are welcome.

Youthful Fellowship Bible Study following worship in Thurman Room. Ekama Eni, Seminary Intern, leading.

First Presbyterian Church Brooklyn Men’s Group launches campaign to support our mission partner Eastern Farm Workers Association (EFWA) - to protect their farm workers from ticks that transmit Lyme disease. Please donate checks or cash for the men’s group to do the purchasing. Our campaign ends today.

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. Our caregivers are Darryshin and Sarah.

Pastoral Care: If you are in crisis, have a prayer need or a joy to share, look for the First Church Care Ambassadors wearing the white buttoniere or email the Care Team at pastorcare@firstchurchbrooklyn.org.

Food Pantry: If you need food, our food pantry is open for you every Sunday after church. Please stop by.

This Week

Wednesday, March 4

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:30 am at Park Plaza Diner, 220 Cadman Plaza West. The men’s group is reading “Running Against the Devil” by Rick Wilson. Join us for breakfast and enjoy a lively conversation.

Thursday, March 5

Food Pantry opens 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 aneener@firstchurchbrooklyn.org.

Power Hour — 10 O’clock Bible Study

For the next three Sundays, March 8th, 15th, and 22nd: Exploration of Little-known Women of the Bible led by Elder Marta Nelson.

Lent at First Church Brooklyn

We will offer healing prayer following worship every Sunday in Lent. Look for prayer leaders at the front of the sanctuary.

Sermon Conversation Question:

During Lent, we will have time during the sermon to discuss with a neighbor our experiences of faith and faith. This week’s question is below.

What possesses you, and what steps will you take during the Lenten season to move it aside?