

FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Creating Community | Connecting to God | Committed to the City

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Make Your Annual Pledge

As our new year begins, **we want to invite you to partner with us** in the good work that God has called us to in Upper Manhattan. Your financial commitment ensures that FWCC can continue to offer a variety of dynamic programs for children, youth, and adults as a source of hope and healing for our community.

Please prayerfully consider what you and your family can pledge to give in the upcoming calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 2017) and commit to our Capital Campaign (active through Dec. 2018). Your pledge plays an important role helping to guide our church's planning and budgeting in the New Year.

Why pledge?

While FWCC is blessed with a generous endowment as our foundation, our ministry programming and outreach is completely dependent on your tithes and offerings. No matter what the amount of your weekly or monthly commitment, your response helps us to plan and budget for 2017 – our children and youth programs, our music ministry, small-groups, outreach, and more! We encourage you to pledge today! We understand financial circumstances sometimes change, and if at any time you need to make an adjustment to increase or decrease your pledge, simply let us know. Thank you for making a commitment to the Fort Washington Collegiate Church family.

How to pledge

Online: www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/pledge At church: Fill out a pledge card found at the front entrance (vestibule) and place it in the offering plate.

Fort Washington Collegiate Church

February 19th, 2017 | 11:00 AM | Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to turn the other cheek,
**so we will seek to be vulnerable
in our lives of faith and service.**

We are called to go the extra mile,
**so we will walk with those around us
in the journeys of hope as well as fear.**

We are called to love those who make that so hard,
**so we will rely on the One who loves us
to fill us with that special grace.**

HYMN: Spirit of the Living God
Red Hymnal #297

St. Agnes

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are the Lord,
Master Builder,
so holy, we cannot understand,
**yet you turn the pages
of your heart, so we
might learn to love;**
so creative, we stand open-mouthed
in awe and wonder,
**yet you teach us the words
which can bring hope
to those who need it most.**

You are the Lord,
Wordsmith of new sayings,
so gentle, we think you weak,
**yet you dare to love
those who confront you
(even us);**
so tolerant, we think you naive,

**yet you are wise enough
to always let us make
fools of ourselves.**

You are the Lord,
Gifter of wisdom,
so exalted in glory, we lower our eyes,
**yet you move into
our hearts in order
to renovate our lives;**
so perfect in wonder, we tiptoe away,
**yet you stick with us
until we are all
grown-up in faith.**

You are the Lord,
God in Community, Holy in One,
and we worship you. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy
Red Hymnal #2

Nicaea

Knowing You

Kendrick

Verse 1

**All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain
I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to
this:**

Verse 2

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness**

Verse 3

**Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die**

Chorus

**Knowing You Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord love You Lord**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Because we belong to God, we can turn our gaze away from all that tempts us, and see the One who loves us always. Let us turn our hearts towards God, as we speak of our foolishness and failures. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool you, Wise God. We tell lies about others, and profane your name. We hold onto grudges as if they were the most precious of jewels. We steal another's identity when we ridicule who they are, and we boast about all we are without a nod toward you, who have blessed us.

No matter how often we hurt you, God of grace, you show us your merciful nature. As you seek to teach us your ways, may we pay close attention. As you love us despite our foolish choices, may we be more compassionate toward others. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be willing to go as far as he will take us, even into that place of hope and peace, which is the realm of your heart.

Brief silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: we belong to Christ. He is the One who comes bringing life and hope to all.

Because we belong to Christ, we belong to God. The Holy One is also the Merciful One, who fills our hearts with love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

ANTHEM: Daybreak in Alabama
Alison England, *Soprano*

Ricky Ian Gordon/Langston Hughes

CHILDREN'S TIME

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Please greet one another with the words – **The peace of Christ is with you!** Response – **And also with you!** (Children will join their teachers for worship and learning activities.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Matthew 5:38-48

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "*Loving Our Neighbors*"

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

HYMN: There is Room in God's Great Welcome

Gillette

**There is room in God's great welcome; See! The doors are open wide!
Here on earth as in God's heaven, hear the call to come inside!
There is so much room for difference — men and women, gay and straight.
In God's love, the rooms are countless, but there is no room for hate.**

**There is room in our good nation if we stand on justice-ground.
God has made a good creation; colors, cultures all abound.
Welcome, sister! Welcome, brother! All those yearning to breathe free!
There is room for one another but no room for bigotry.**

**There is room for understanding, for the outcast and the poor;
For the Christian, Jew and Muslim — there is room for these and more.
For the people on the fringes, for the ones with long career,
There is room for building bridges, but there is no room for fear.**

**There is room in faithful churches for the wounded and oppressed:
Women who've been told they're worthless, refugees who feel distressed,
Immigrants who fear the future, people scorned and pushed and shoved.
God, may we seek what you treasure: may we all make room for love.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(from the Book of Common Prayer)*

**Our [God] in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN.**

INVITATION TO SHARE

In the Scriptures, God commands us to be mindful
of the poor and needy in our community,
and to make provisions that tend to their needs and respect their dignity.
When all are afforded the chance to live and work in justice,
we find that we have not lost anything,
but rather that we have gained more than we could have imagined.
As we place our gifts on this altar, we imitate God and God's generosity with us.

**Give online at www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/give
Pledge at www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/pledge**

OFFERTORY: Brother

The Brilliance

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

In thanksgiving for what has been shared, we sing as one body:
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, all heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, in grace you freely give,
and in love you joyfully command us to imitate you.
Let these gifts bear witness to the justice for which you long
and offer a faithful response to the loving care
that you have first given us in your law, your prophets, and your Son. Amen.**

HYMN: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Red Hymnal #576

Anonymous

SENDING

Go now, beloved of God!
We will go to love all we meet.
Go now, followers of Jesus!

**We will go the distance with
the One who shows us the way.
Go now, companions of the Spirit!
We will go, sharing peace and hope
with the world.**

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Fort Washington Collegiate Church; a place of diversity, hospitality and grace. We open our doors to everyone! We welcome all people regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, social or economic status. As a church family we celebrate our diversity and our connection to God. We seek to follow Christ's example and exemplify the love of Christ; therefore, as a faith community, we value grace over judgment. Although we represent many cultures and points of view, our diversity does not drive us apart, but gives us the opportunity to be enriched by the gifts and leadership of all. Together, by word and deed, we proclaim the good news that there is new life in Christ.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP AT FORT WASHINGTON CHURCH

***Parent/Guardian Reminder:** All children 8 years old and under, require parent escort throughout the building. Please help us keep your children safe by accompanying them to rehearsals, Godly Play and other activities in the building and on church grounds.*

Join Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony on Sunday, February 26th for “BRUNCH WITH BRIDGET.” Bridget will be providing updates about her most recent trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe. Light refreshments will be served – Room 209, 10am.

SWERVE is the social justice action group for all youth ages 12-17. We meet once a month to discuss and participate in local community action projects. This group will feed directly into the Mission Trip taken during the summer of 2017. The next full meeting for SWERVE will be **February 26th, 2017** immediately following morning service in Room 209. Please see or email Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony for more information.

Nursery Care: The nursery is open and care is available for infants and toddlers between ages 0-3 in the nursery just behind the Sanctuary. Care is available before and during worship (10:30am - 12:15pm)

Godly Play®: After the Children's Time and during the Passing of the Peace, children 4 years of age through 4th grad are invited to the Second Floor for Godly Play® in Classroom #208. **Caregivers and parents are invited to pick up their children after service.**

Children's Choir: All children who love to sing are invited to rehearse with Eric Alderfer in the Second Floor Meeting Room #205 from 10:00am-10:45 am.

Sunday School: All youth (grades 5th - High School) are invited to join the Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony upstairs in Room #209 after the Passing of the Peace.

Fall Playgroup: All children and caregivers are welcome free of charge on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:30am for songs, games and time to play in Fellowship Hall or in the yard (weather permitting). Crawlers are invited to a time of free play on the jigsaw mat set up in the atrium as Mr. Eric accompanies on the keyboard.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sonia Alston
Anna Svahn
Faight Family
Brenda Jon
Sonia Ashmeade
Sandra Catena
Louise Tatum
Rosalyn Cuzco
Evelyn Day
Sylvia Rodriguez

Joe Tigner
Margarita Vince- Allen
Barbara Marin
Alderfer Famiy
Angela Espinal
Gwen Wood
Jane Wai
Violetta Proano
Mesina Family
Branco Family

Vaughn Family
Jorge Mantorell
Marco Antonio & Marilyn
Calderon
Joan Bovers
Tobin Smith
Carolyn Bray
Porfirio Figueroa

Our prayer partner today is: a member of the Congregational Care Team

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a prayer concern please contact Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake at skenefake@fortwashingtonchurch.org or Bridget Anthony at banthony@fortwashingtonchurch.org or call (212) 568-4014

+NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need nursery volunteers willing to help with childcare in both the morning and evening service.

NOON PRAYER

Noon prayer will meet on Wednesdays in the North Room, led by Devora Jones

INFORMATION & PRAYER CARDS IN PEWS

If you would like to share your information with us or share a prayer request; please fill out the white information card or the green prayer cards.

EVENSONG SPEAKER (REFLECTORS)

Needed for March 5, 12, 19, & 26

GOD TALK

Join us Wednesday nights for dinner and a lively discussion. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm, followed by a Scripture reading and discussion at 7pm. The full schedule for 2016-2017 is on our website. Next meeting is on March 1st.

JOIN THE NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR

Come enjoy a time of beautiful singing and fellowship with congregants and neighbors. Enroll at www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/choir

SHARE YOUR MUSIC, ART, AND DANCE

Interested in the arts? We want you! Now is a great time to join our Sunday morning choir, the Joyful Voices (rehearses Thursdays at 7:30). All ages and experience levels are welcome. Do you play an instrument, love to dance, read poetry, act, paint, draw, program C++? Reach out and get plugged in! Email Chris Whittaker at cwhittaker@fortwashingtonchurch.org

CONSISTORY MINUTES ONLINE

Minutes of monthly Fort Washington **Consistory Minutes* and bi-monthly ***Collegiate Church Consistory Minutes* can be found on our website: www.fortwashingtonchurch.org

HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!

We need your volunteer and financial support to keep all of our excellent community, fellowship, and educational programs healthy and strong. If you have any questions regarding volunteering or making a financial gift, please speak with Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake, or Associate Minister Bridget Anthony. We thank you for your support!

NEW GIVING KIOSK

You can now give digitally with our new Giving Kiosk located in the Pavilion.

2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

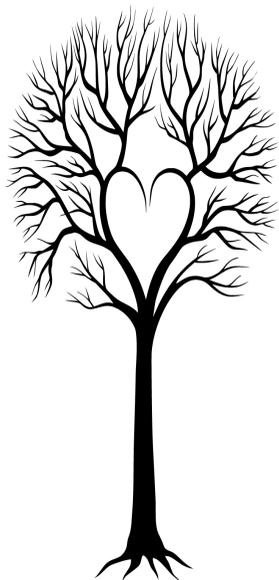
Pledges for 2017 are now being received. Have we received yours? Electronic Pledge Cards and on-line giving can be found on our website at:

<https://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/pledge>

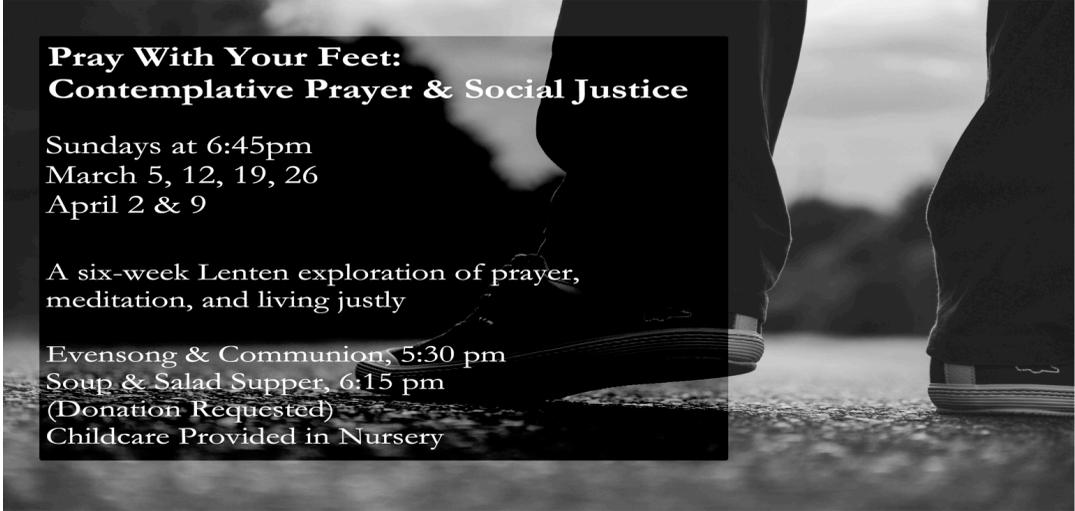
Paper copies are available in the entrance to the sanctuary (vestibule).

DONATE

Your generosity helps to ensure our church remains a vital and robust part of our uptown community. Make a donation to Fort Washington Collegiate Church today. You can make a one-time gift or set up reoccurring contributions on our website Sunday, <https://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/give/>



We would like to thank Devora Jones, Jessie Matei, Connie Acquah, the Fellowship Theatre Project, Lazaro Rodríguez, Wilfredo Serrano and all of the people who contributed the delicious food and everyone who offered their talents and gifts: You made our Black History Month Celebration Amazing!



**Pray With Your Feet:
Contemplative Prayer & Social Justice**

Sundays at 6:45pm
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2 & 9

A six-week Lenten exploration of prayer,
meditation, and living justly

Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm
Soup & Salad Supper, 6:15 pm
(Donation Requested)
Childcare Provided in Nursery

NEW MEMBER/INQUIRER'S CLASS

Sunday, March 12th, 9:15 am, Rm. 209

Interested in finding out more about the Mission and Ministry of Fort Washington Collegiate Church and what it means to be a church member? Interested in Baptism for yourself or a child in your family?

Please join Rev. Kenefake and some members of the Consistory for a lively discussion where all questions are gratefully received.

Light breakfast Served

Childcare available in Nursery

Talk to Rev. Kenefake, Bridget Anthony, or call or email the Church Office to reserve your spot!

TEAR OFF BELOW TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT ALL OF OUR EVENTS

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? _____

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 19th, Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, 11 am
Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm; Reflector: Genevieve Tatum

Sunday, February 26th, Last Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration, 11 am
Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9; “*Spiritual Transformation*”
Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, preaching
Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm; Reflector: Louise Tatum

Wednesday, March 1st, Ash Wednesday
Ashes to Go, 7-9 am, Glass Pavilion
Brief Worship Service with “*Imposition of Ashes,*” 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, March 5th, First Sunday in Lent/Holy Communion, 11 am
Matthew 4:1-11, “*The Temptation of the Christ*”
Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, preaching
Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm; Reflector:

Sunday, March 12th, Second Sunday in Lent, 11 am
John 4:5-42, “*Nevertheless, She Persisted*”
Bridget Anthony, preaching
Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm; Reflector:

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 26th, 12:15 pm

Church members will be asked to ***affirm*** (by a simple majority vote) the October 3rd, 2016, decision of the Larger Consistory to ***add*** a denominational affiliation with the United Church of Christ (www.ucc.org). This will not change our longstanding affiliation with the Reformed Church of America (www.rca.org).

Background information is available via hardcopy in the Sanctuary and Pavilion and has also been emailed to those we have addresses for.



GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday, March 19th, 11 am

Rabbi Jill Jacobs

Executive Director of T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Theme: *The Global Immigration & Refugee Crisis*

www.truah.org

See Rabbi Jacob’s bio at:

<http://www.truah.org/about/our-people/staff/>

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Interim Senior Pastor • **Bridget Kelso Anthony**, Associate Minister • **Eric Alderfer**, Director of Children’s Ministry • **Chris Whittaker**, Director of Music • **Laurrinda Hatcher**, Treasurer • **Diana Morales**, Administrative and Operations Manager • **Mary Lora**, Parish Administrator • **Lazaro Rodríguez**, Sexton • **Amable Morales**, Evening Receptionist • **Wilfredo Serrano**, Sexton

CONSISTORY

Elders: • Victoria Dillard • Beverley Sheares

Deacons: • Lorenzo M. Alsberry • Brian Plane • Zoe Reyes

Intersections Ministry Deacons: Anna Svahn

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