



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BROOKLYN

REV. ADRIENE THORNE, PASTOR

July 12, 2019

People of First Church,

Thank you for all that you've done to make spring at First Church Brooklyn a joyous and uplifting season! More than 600 friends, old and new, joined us for a powerful Easter worship – so powerful in fact that one person wrote to tell Pastor Adriene that she came to faith in Christ after years of struggle. Our youth led a superb Pentecost worship complete with a Holy Spirit dance that they choreographed. News12 featured our Pride Month celebrations on local TV stations, and our turnout at the Brooklyn Pride parade more than doubled this year. You are making God's love real for so many people. You are making our beloved Church the vibrant, all-welcoming place that uplifts and grounds God's people at the same time. There's nowhere like First Church Brooklyn, and we are grateful to you for your presence, talent, and financial support.

Together, we offer worship that challenges, instructs, and inspires. Together, we feed the food insecure in our neighborhood. Together, we teach and engage children and their families. Together, we love and support one another during our fellowship hour. Together, we support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated communities, and recently, we returned from a successful mission trip to our sister churches in Cuba. The Spirit is truly alive in us. God's love and our works are making a difference in Brooklyn and beyond.

For those who submitted estimates of giving for 2019, we thank you, and we ask you to check the enclosed record for accuracy. **Please also maintain your regular support throughout the summer, when attendance and financial support historically dips. Consider automating your giving through regular bank transfers or electronic payments via fpc.church. In fact, given substantial and unexpected building expenses this spring, supplemental gifts or accelerated giving ahead of schedule would be helpful and greatly appreciated.**

We know that financial circumstances change. If you are in a season of plenty, increased gifts would greatly help the church. If you are ready to talk about planned giving and gifts of non-cash assets, we are ready too. If you are unable to give at the level you estimated, please let us know by contacting our church administrator, Annie Solages, at 718-624-3770, or email her at info@firstchurchbrooklyn.org. We will protect your financial privacy, and also offer our prayers and support. We and Reverend Adriene are always happy to speak with you about giving, your relationship with the Church, and how the Church can better serve you.

We wish you a glorious summer, and, again, thank you for your support of our beloved church and its ministries. See you in church!

Very truly yours,

David Jones and Odette Perriel
Stewardship and Spiritual Growth Committee co-chairs