***Calendar***

**Baptisms.** *. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .* 3rd Sunday

 *(To arrange a Baptism, please speak to Phyllis Cardwell or call the church office)*

**Bible Study Classes:**

 Adult Sunday School . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . *. .*Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

 Sunday School *(classes for youth)* . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . . . . . .Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

 *(To sign up please add name to calendar in the first floor kitchen)*

**Committee Meetings:**

Board of Trustees . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .*. .. . . . . ..* . . .3rd Saturday

 Membership Committee……………………………………………………….4th Sunday

 Men’s Christian Fellowship……………………………………………….. 1st Sunday

 Music Committee . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ... . . . . . . .. . . . . .. ..3rd Sunday

 Standing Committee . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2nd Sunday

 Youth Meeting *(for high school seniors)* . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Fridays, 7 p.m.

**Communion** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .1st Sunday and Maundy Thursday

**Reception of New Members** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .1st Sunday

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Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon . . . . . . . . . Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Weekdays 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

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**Contact Information**

**Weekday Office Hours for the church:**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 11:00am – 5:30pm**

**Office (718) 282 - 5353 Fax (718) 940 - 0988**

**Rev. Forde has office hours on Wednesdays -10:00 – 4:00pm**

**(929) 519 - 3242**

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Interim Minister

The mission of this church is to provide a place to worship and learn the

will of God; to share in Christian fellowship showing encouragement and

love to each other, gaining spiritual strength for our personal needs

and, as disciples of Christ, to communicate our love to all people

by deeds and actions.

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 ***Mother’s Day,******Sunday May 11, 2025***

 ***at 11:00 a.m. in the morning***

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**FLATBUSH-TOMPKINS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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***Liturgist:*** Sonia Clarke

**Mother’s Day - Sunday, May 11th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Praise & Worship**

#554 Holy Ground

#556 Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

#555 Sanctuary

#557 I Just Came to Praise the Lord

**Prelude** Blessed Is Our God*R. Kaufman*

**\*Opening Hymn** #534Fill My Cup, Lord *Blanchard*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: On this day of celebrating mothers,

We remember and lift up our mothers to the Lord.

Mothers of young children, :rst-time mothers,

Working mothers, and single mothers

**People: We see you and honor you today.**

**Leader:** Grieving mothers who have lost a child too soon,

And those who desire to be mothers

**People: We see you and honor you today.**

**Leader:** All those who are missing their mothers,

And mothers who are missing their children

**People: We see you and honor you today.**

Leader: Mothers who did not give birth to us biologically,

But have raised us and brought life to us in countless other ways

**People: We see you and honor you today**.

Leader: In times of full joy and abundance,

In times of empty nests and empty cradles,

In all these God tends his Dock like a shepherd

And carries the lambs close to his heart.

**People: As a mother comforts her child, so will God comfort us.**

 by Sara Kyoungah White

**\*Introit** Alleluia *Sinclair*

**\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** (debts……debtors)

**\*Responsive Reading**

**Excerpt from PROVERBS 31**

A wife of noble character who can find?
 She is worth far more than rubies.
**Her husband has full confidence in her**She brings him good, not harm,
    all the days of her life.
**She selects wool and flax
    and works with eager hands.**She considers a field and buys it;
 out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
**She sets about her work vigorously;
    her arms are strong for her tasks.**She opens her arms to the poor
  and extends her hands to the needy.
**She is clothed with strength and dignity;
    she can laugh at the days to come**.
She speaks with wisdom,
  and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
**She watches over the affairs of her household
    and does not eat the bread of idleness.**Her children arise and call her blessed;
  her husband also, and he praises her:
**“Many women do noble things,
    but you surpass them all.”**Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
  but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
**Honor her for all that her hands have done,
    and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.**

**\*Gloria Patri** *H.W. Gatorex*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Response** Only Believe  *Rader*

 **Offering God’s Amazing Grace *R. Martin***

 **Anthem**  The Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow, *Lasst uns freuen* Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!

 Praise Him above the Heavenly Hosts,

 Praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost.

 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

 **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Reading**

**Old Testament Lesson** (pew Bible p.933**)** Luke 2: 15-19

 **\*Hymn of Preparation** #27 How Great Thou Art

**Sermon A Mother’s Heart**

**Invitation to Christ**

**Hymn of Invitation** #415 Search Me, O God

 #418 Take Time to Be Holy

 #42 God Leads Us Along

**\*Closing Hymn** #283 Now Thank We All Our Go**d** *Nun Danket*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response** *The Gift of Love Hopson*

 **Postlude** Hear His Word *R. Kaufman* Sevil Macmot

 \**congregation standing (Please remain seated until after the Postlude is finished.*

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**Music Ministry**

Elisabeth Stevens, soprano Nicole Osmolovskaya, alto

 Diego Valdez, Tenor Malcolm Payne, Baritone

 The Chancel Choir

 Rachel Kaufman, Pianist

**Thank you to the Tech Ministry for all their work.**

**The greeters this morning are Elizabeth Melbourne and Veronica Erskine.**

**Church Notes**

We welcome you to our service of worship this morning. We are so

 pleased that you have come to fellowship with us today. We encourage

 you to greet each other and join us for fellowship after service. The men of the church have prepared lunch for the women today.

**The flowers today** are donated by Laura Harris to the Glory of God in recognition of Mother’s Day.

**Benevolence Committee: Scholarship Day will be June 1st. Applications are due by Sunday, May 25th.**

**Women’s Day** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18th. All are invited to worship with us and join us in the Parlor for a luncheon. The color of the day will be Shades of Purple.

*Behind all words and gestures, behind all thoughts and feelings, there is*

 *an inner center of prayer where we can meet and help one another in*

 *the presence of God. Let us remember in prayer –*

Lion Alkebulan, requested by Davida Davis Ella Brandon\*

J.W. Eady, uncle of Sylvia White Mary and Floyd Mitchell*\**

Wilbert Mills\* Lillie Clachar\* Anthony Davis*\**

Janet Baugh, a friend of the Matthew Family Joycelyn McCalla\*

Thelma Borden Patsy Gordon,\*for healing

James Brannon, nephew of Janice Thomas Avenal Haynes\*

Linell Adrienne Booker\*

Collins Jacobs, father of Desiree Jacobs Munnelly Rev. Joe N. Brown

Audrey Mills, wife of Wilbert Mills Cathleen Reid\*

Demetrice Mills, brother of Wilbert Mills Florence Robinson\*

Edris Sewell,\* for healing Enid Williams\*

Laura Harris\* and family Joan Regis\*

Nancy Van Raalte, aunt of Rachel Kaufman Nora White

Jean Jackson, sister of John Jackson Kaylani Best Creese Roderick Applewhaite

Claudia Rollins-Carrington Cynthia Hall\*

Iotha Floyd\* Colville Young

William Stevens, brother of Elisabeth Stevens Richard Franza

 Barbra Quick

Bishop Carl Bellamy, Cousin of Wilbert Mills

Luciano Granato Rachel Kaufman

Anderson Haynes- Brother of Annette Strawder and Sonia Clarke Joshua Bagwell

**Happy Birthday** to our May birthday celebrants.

Joycelyn McCalla 5/1, Sonia Clement 5/7, Cecile Cuffley 5/ 7,

Starasia Carvey 5/9, Elizabeth Jordon 5/ 17, Rosemary Cuffley 5/23,

Thelma Borden 5/27

 **Adult Sunday School:**

The Adult Sunday School will meet each Sunday from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in

 the large parlor on the main floor. Lessons are available as you enter. The

 zoom link is on the back of the bulletin. Come on in and join us.

 **Pastor’s Bible Study**

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Reverend Forde’s Bible Study will be every Thursday at 7 p.m. We meet

 via Zoom. The Meeting ID is 962 8600 6608 Pass code is 197420.

 **Pennies for the Building Fund:** You are invited to deposit your pennies

 into the large bottle on the table at the East 19th Street entrance

 **For all meeting requests on Zoom, please notify the IT Committee by Email at IT@flatbushtompkins.org.**