***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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 ***Women’s Day,******Sunday May 18, 2025***

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

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**FLATBUSH-TOMPKINS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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***Liturgist:*** Women’s Ministry

**Women’s Day - Sunday, May 18th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Praise & Worship**

#18 I Will Bless Thee, O Lord

#67 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

#69 His Name Is Wonderful

Insert I Love You, Lord, Today

**Prelude Whispering Hope *Winner/Cook***

**\*Opening Hymn** #153Siyahamba / We Are Marching *Blanchard*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We walk in the company of the women who have gone before,

 Mothers and sisters of the faith, both named and unnamed,

 testifying with courage and faith, to the Spirit of Wisdom and Healing.

They are the judges, the prophets, and the martyrs who are near to us in the shadow of awareness, in the crevices of our memory, and in the landscape of our dreams.

**Leader:** Deborah

**People: Who judged the Israelites with authority and strength.**

**Leader:** Esther

**People: Who used her position as Queen to ensure the welfare of her people.**

Leader: We walk in the company of the woman with the flow of blood.

**People: Who audaciously sought her healing and release.**

Leader: Mary Magdalene

**People: Who wept at the empty tomb until the risen Christ appeared.**

**Leader:** Sojourner Truth

**People:** **Who stood against oppression, righteously declaring**

**“Ain’t I a Woman!”**

**Leader:** Alice Walker

**People:** **Who named the lavender hue of womanish strength**.

**Leader:** Michelle Obama

**People:** **Who has withstood the arrows and attacks of darkness and persevered with dignity.**

**Leader:** Hon. Ketanji Brown Jackson

**People:** **Who with tenacity and hard work, became the first Black Woman to sit on the Supreme Court**.

**All:** We walk in the company of you whose names have been lost and silenced, who kept and cradled the wisdom of the ages. We walk in the company of the dynamic women of FTCC who continue to strengthen and be strengthened within our church.

They walk along with all the Mothers and sisters of Faith:

* Who teach us to resist evil with boldness
* To lead with wisdom and strength
* To heal with compassion and love

 We walk in the company of one another. In Jesus‘s name we pray. Amen.

**\*Introit** Alleluia *Sinclair \****Invocation & Lord’s Prayer** *(debt…debtors)*

**\*Psalter #721 Psalm 138**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Response** Only Believe  *Rader*

 **Offering**

 **Anthem** Deep Peace ***Thomas***

 Elisabeth Stevens & NicoleOsmolovskaya

**\*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**

**New Testament Lesson** (pew Bible p.983**)** John14: 15-27

 **\*Hymn of Preparation** *Insert* I Thank You, Jesus

 **Sermon I Need You, Jesus**

**Invitation to Christ**

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

 #418 Take Time to Be Holy

 #42 God Leads Us Along

**\*Closing Hymn #390 It Is Well With My Soul**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response** *Peace Be Still Cleveland*

 Malcolm Payne & The Chancel Choir

 **Postlude** O Happy Day *Hawkins/Hayes* Sevil Macmot

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

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**Music Ministry**

The Chancel Choir

Elisabeth Stevens, soprano Nicole Osmolovskaya, alto

 Diego Valdez, Tenor Malcolm Payne, Baritone

 Rose Vandyne, 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.

*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

Ralph McMillan – In hospital, NYU Langone\*

**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

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

We regret to announce the passing of Mrs. Enid Roberts, the mother of SistersAngella and Sharon Roberts and grandmother of Sister Dianne Stone.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Phillip Matthew, brother of our dear Peter Matthew. Please keep the Matthew family in your prayers.

Sister Lilllie Clachar is now residing at Signature Senior Living Home. The address is 631 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11230.

 **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.**

**I Love You, Lord, Today**

I love you, I love you
I love you Lord today
Because you care for me in such special way
That's why I praise you
I lift you up and I magnify your name
That's why my heart is filled with praise

My heart ,my mind, my soul belongs to you
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary
That's why I praise you, I lift you up and I magnify your name
That’s why my heart is filled with praise

**I Thank You, Jesus**

**(I thank You, Jesus) I thank You, Jesus.
(I thank You, Jesus) I thank You, Jesus.
I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord,
oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
a mighty long way.

(I thank You, Jesus) I thank You, Jesus,
(I thank You, Jesus) I thank You, Jesus,
I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord;
oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
a mighty long way.

(You’ve been my mother) You’ve been my mother,
(You’ve been my father) You’ve been my father,
You’ve been my sister, my brother too;
oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
a mighty long way.

(You’ve been my doctor) You’ve been my doctor,
(You’ve been my lawyer) You’ve been my lawyer,
You’ve been my teacher, my friend indeed;
oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
a mighty long way.**