

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

April 2, 2017



When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?

John: 11:20-25

First Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

**Congregation: Fill us with your Spirit, that we may
celebrate your glory and worship you in
spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.**

All: Amen.

*HYMN 663

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

Morning Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION, PARDON & ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: As we come to this time of Confession, let us
remember these words from Matthew 11.
“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily
burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Let us
rest in God’s mercy as we pray together our Prayer
of Confession.

**Congregation: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek
and save the lost. We confess that we have
strayed from you and turned aside from your
way. We are misled by pride, for we see
ourselves pure when we are stained, and
great when we are small. We have failed in
love, neglected justice, and ignored your
truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our
sin. Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Liturgist: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet each other in the love & forgiveness of Christ; saying
"Peace be with you!" and responding "and also with you!"

*GLORIA PATRI (*GTG 300*)

They'll Know We Are Christians

**All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,
and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.**

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Death of Lazarus – John 11:1-45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "I Am the Resurrection"

Ray Repp

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Gospel Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT pg. 806)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Resurrection Happens" *elder*, Tracy Rene' Helms-Capasso

*HYMN 2139
(*Sing the Faith*)

"Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"
African American spiritual

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed
Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal pg. 35

Sharing the Word with the World

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Avery and Marsh

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here be-low;
Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.
A-men (*sing 7 times*)**

*HYMN 821

“My Life Flows On”

How Can I Keep From Singing

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*GTG #748*)

Tallis Canon

"Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you."

PASTORS/SPEAKERS

April 2 *elder*, Tracy Rene' Helms-Capasso
April 9 (*Palm Sunday*) Rev. Kathy Crighton
April 16 (*Easter Sunday*) Rev. Crawford Brubaker
April 23 Rev. Crawford Brubaker
April 30 Hymn Sing

LITURGISTS

deacon, Carrie Fisher
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deacon, Justin Wood

Please fill out the Easter lily envelope inside of your bulletin and put in the offering plate. The lilies will be placed in the church on Easter Sunday.



WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are a visitor or guest please sign the visitor/guest register which is located in the Narthex and sign the guest/visitors card located in your bulletin and put in the offering plate.

We welcome you to historic, progressive First Presbyterian Church this morning! Here are a few things to get you up to speed.

- A bathroom is available (with a changing table) at the back of the church in the left hand alcove as you face the entrance doors.
- We take the passing of the peace near the beginning of the service seriously, so don't be surprised if you get offered hugs!
- Please plan to stay after worship for a few minutes to share refreshments at the back of the church; it's an extension of our understanding of communion and a chance to share God's hospitality.



- We are the only full “More Light Congregation” in New Orleans which means we welcome not only the membership, but the leadership and talents of all genders, abilities, races, and sexual orientations. We appreciate the spiritual and financial support your attendance brings. You may put cash or a check in the offering plate that will be passed towards the end of the service, or give using your smartphone to scan this code--->
- Even if you are just visiting the city, we want you to feel welcome in our community and to involve yourself in the life of this place. Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule before you go and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/fpcno and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/fpcno! We also have a Yahoo Group (go to www.fpcno.org and click on the Yahoo Group connection) that will keep you up to date on all the fun activities and service opportunities with the church.

WHAT’S UP?

Don’t forget to check out the updated First Presbyterian Church website www.fpcno.org to catch up on breaking church news, events and links to the wider world of mission! Also, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

Today, April 2 @ 4pm-7pm, at First Presbyterian Church in the sanctuary. **Screening of Netflix Documentary ‘13th**. In collaboration with New Orleans Council for Community & Justice, we’re hosting a movie screening of the documentary ‘13th’ in the sanctuary followed by a discussion afterwards as to how to move forward in the world doing good and resisting the draconian/fascist policies of the current administration. The film is based around the enforcement of the 13th Amendment, which formally abolished slavery, except as punishment for a crime. The documentary ‘13th’ explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration. It analyzes the criminalization of African Americans and the US prison boom. Netflix has rated the film TV-MA. There will be food available for a \$5 donation.

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Come join one of the Book Groups
The book reading and discussion will be:

America’s Original Sin “Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America”

The readings will last for 6 weeks and there are four groups you can join.

Bruce’s group will meet during the adult Sunday School @ 9:30am.

Wayne’s group will meet on Sundays @ 12:30pm in the conference room.

Hoy’s group will meet on Tuesdays @ 7pm in room 207.

Tracy’s group will meet on Wednesdays @ 6pm in room 207.

APRIL SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

Monday, April 10, 7pm – Square Dancing. (All are Welcome to Come dance and meet new friends).

Saturday, April 29, 12pm – 7pm - “Big Easy” AA Group special meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – 11:00 am worship, April 9th.** Join us as we celebrate Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem with worship and communion.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY–7:00 pm Thursday, April 13th.** A service of communion to end with the Passion scriptures including extinguishing of candles in a traditional Tenebrae manner. Service will be led by Rev. Kathy Crighton
- **GOOD FRIDAY Private Meditation–12pm to 3pm Friday, April 14th.** In the sanctuary.
- **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - 7 am, Sunday, April 16th**
Join with Parkway Presbyterian Church at the main shelter in Lafrenière Park in Metairie. They ask that you please bring a lawn chair with you.
- **CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT– 10:00 am, Easter morning, Sunday, April 16th.** We ask that you bring either plastic eggs or a bag of candy to put in the eggs...for the children. Bring your children and grandchildren for the fun!
- **EASTER SERVICE of THE RESURRECTION - 11am Easter Sunday, April 16th.** Bring your family and friends for this joyous Communion service, led by Rev. Crawford Brubaker.
- **EASTER MONDAY—April 17th** the church office will be closed in observance of Easter.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT FPCNO

Sunday	9:30am	Adult Bible Study	Session room
	10:15am	Children's Sunday School	Room 207
	11am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	(America's Original Sin) <i>(Wayne Lee book reading and discussion group)</i>	Session room
	6pm-9pm	Cuban Salsa <i>(Bookoo Rueda all are welcome)</i>	Fellowship Hall
Monday	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
Tuesday	7pm-9pm	(America's Original Sin) <i>(Hoy Hughes book reading and discussion group)</i>	Room 207
	7pm-10pm	"Big Easy" AA Group <i>(Anyone needing guidance is welcome to come)</i>	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope <i>(worship, and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>	Sanctuary
	7pm-9pm	(America's Original Sin) <i>(Tracy Rene' book reading and discussion group)</i>	Room 207
Thursday	6pm-7pm	Meditation Service	Session room
	6pm-8:30pm	Metropolitan Church	Fellowship Hall
Friday	8pm-11pm	Tango dancing	Fellowship Hall



Prayer List

Please keep this list with you
this week and pray for...

Healing Prayers for:

Linda Robertson sister – had a fall and hit her head on the concrete floor. She was taken to a hospital in Lafayette (from Jennings) and is under the care of a neurosurgeon. She bruised her brain and is under observation for a few days. Please, prayers.

Diane Kleinfeldt – Diane is in recovery from leg surgery at Ochsner Hospital.

Mina Crais – Mina's is having various health problems. She is at home and hope to be in church on Easter Sunday.

Joyce Kleinfeldt – She was in a minor car accident recently. She is doing fine.

The family of Karla Cotez – who is the academic advisor for Delgado's Business Division. She has lost her 16 year old son after battling a severe acute illness.

Peter and Louanne – many of their friends are stricken with cancer.

Don Robertson – brother of Bruce Robertson has COPD and having many difficulties. He is on oxygen constantly, has very little strength, uses a walker around house, but doesn't move around much. Must use a wheelchair if he goes out, but must be pushed.

Graham Parker - a friend of both Randy and Lamar, who was diagnosed with gall bladder cancer.

Hoy Hughes **Dad** - was in a coma, he came out of it but with residual effects. He is almost deaf. As a result of this he doesn't have many friends and doesn't get out much. Besides Hoy's dad illness his dog died. Please pray for Hoy's dad and the Hughes family.

Mark McLachlan the nephew of May and Larry Ball who is dealing with cancer issues.

Margaret Maier – a longtime member and sister of Eleanor Maier, was in a car accident and suffered 4 broken ribs. Margaret is home and doing much better. She is still skeptical about driving.

K.C Carmichael - is getting better at home. Keep her in your prayers for God's healing.

Nancy Mann – Carolyn Graetz's cousin, had surgery for ovarian cancer.

Arthur and Etta Myers – Arthur had cancer related surgery. His wife Etta is suffering from health issues and being the caregiver for her husband.



**Our Homebound members and friends.
Please visit them and remember them in Prayer.**



Mary Knight

K.C. Carmichael

Gloria Boling (Randy Boling's mom)

Adrian (Tudy) Manson

Joyce Kleinfeldt (Henry Kleinfeldt sister)

Prayers for the homeless

Many people come through the Program of Hope for guidance and help.

Please keep them in your prayers.



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WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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