

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

April 23, 2017



Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way'

Mark 10:51-52

I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

Isaiah 43:13

With great power the apostles gave their testimony
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:33

First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist:

O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

Congregation: Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Liturgist: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

Congregation: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Liturgist: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

Gelobt Sei Gott

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION, PARDON & ABSOLUTION

Congregation: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Liturgist: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregation: 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 240*)

refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord,

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the liv-ing God, joy-ful-ly sing to our Sav-ior.

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Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "We Are Called" David Haas

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:8-19 (OT pg. 672)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

New Testament

Mark 10:46-52 (NT pg. 47)

Acts 4:32-35 (NT pg. 122)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "A New Worshiping Community" Rev. Crawford Brubaker

*HYMN 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Go Tell It

*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 bless-ings flow;

Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

A-men (sing 7 times)

*HYMN 767 "Together We Serve" San Anselmo

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (GTG #748)

Tallis Canon

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev-ery com-ing day, that in your Spir-it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

| | PASTORS/SPEAKERS | LITURGISTS |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| April 23 | Rev. Crawford Brubaker | May Ball |
| April 30 | <i>deacon</i> , Justin Wood | Mary Frances Brashears |
| May 7 | <i>elder</i> , Bruce Robertson | |
| May 12 | Rev. Kathleen Crighton | |
| May 21 | Wayne Lee | |
| May 28 | <i>deacon</i> , Justin Wood | |



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.

EQUALITY
FOR ALL



- 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!

Rev. Shirley R. Frazier – September 2, 1939 – April 18, 2017

She died Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Please pray for her husband Dave and keep her family in your prayers. Rev. Frazier will be missed, but we can find comfort in knowing that she is eternally with our Lord in heaven. A funeral is scheduled Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Hippensteel Funeral Home in Lafayette, IN. A memorial service will held at Faith Presbyterian Church in Harvey, La. at a later date.

Mrs. Gloria DeValcourt Marcotte - December 10, 1926 - April 4, 2017.

She died peacefully on Tuesday evening April 4 at the assisted living facility in California where she has lived since 2011.

There will be a memorial service on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:am at the chapel of the Greenwood Funeral Home, 5200 Canal Blvd. In her instructions (*written in February 2011*), she had asked that her friends from First Presbyterian be invited and that the minister or other lay elder of the church preside. Mrs. Gloria Marcotte was a member of First Presbyterian from 2006-2011.



The Tulane Concert Band is presenting its annual spring concert on April 26 with a program of all Latin music. This free event starts promptly at 7:30pm, in Dixon Hall on Tulane University's uptown campus. Please invite your congregation to join us: the hour-long concert will be followed by a 'milk & cookies' reception for audience members to meet our band students! Children are welcome & the facility is fully accessible. No tickets or rsvps are required!

Come join one of the Book Groups

The book reading and discussion is:

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 session room.

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

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

Give Nola Day, Tuesday, May 2, 2017

GiveNOLA Day is a 24-hour, online giving event organized by the Greater New Orleans Foundation to ignite the giving community in Southeast Louisiana. The goal is to inspire the community to come together for 24 hours to contribute as many charitable dollars as possible to support the work of local nonprofit organizations. Last year's event raised \$4 million from 28,000+ donations across the nation. This year, we hope to do even more! GiveNOLA Day is based on other successful giving days hosted by community foundations across the country.

Why give on May 2nd through GiveNOLA.org?

While we encourage you to support your local nonprofits with year-round giving, we are creating a special event on May 2 – a charitable holiday. It's our day to

celebrate the Greater New Orleans region's spirit of generosity and support the work of our nonprofits. Plus, your dollars during the 24-hour period will be amplified by proportional "lagniappe funds," as well as possible awards and hourly prizes.

APRIL SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **Wednesday, April 26, 7:00pm** – Session meeting.
- **Thursday, April 27, 6:30pm** – Men's Night. The Men of the Church will be meeting at the church.
- **Saturday, April 29, 12pm – 7pm** - "Big Easy" AA Group special meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

MAY SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **Monday, May 8, 7:00pm** – Square Dancing. Come have some fun in the Fellowship Hall.
 - **Tuesday, May 15, 7:00pm** – Metropolitan Church board meeting in the conference room.
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WEEKLY EVENTS AT FPCNO

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| Sunday | 9:30pm | (America's Original Sin) <i>(Bruce Robertson book reading and discussion group)</i> | 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 |
| | 6pm-8pm | (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:

Lynn Crisp, Amanda Bennett's stepsister passed away early Sunday morning after a long battle with breast cancer. Please remember the whole family in your prayers.

Clayton Robertson – Clayton's dog (Cinco) died recently. Cinco was his best friend for 13 years.

Louanne's mother, Lucy - fell recently. She broke her arm and dislocated her elbow. She is scheduled for surgery soon.

The Marcotte Family – Gloria Marcotte a member of First Presbyterian from 2006-2011, died peacefully on Tuesday evening April 4, 2017. Prayers and healing strength for the family.

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.

Diane Kleinfeldt – Diane is in recovery from leg surgery at Chateau De Notre Dame. She would love to have visitors come and spend some time with her.

Mina Crais – Mina is having various health problems.

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.

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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