August 11, 2019

SHARING in the BODY of CHRIST
First Presbyterian Church

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 11, 2019

Writing in **bold** is for the congregation response.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Around the Word

Music for Meditation

Welcome

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 50)*

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

People: Before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

Leader: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

People: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

*HYMN 260*  
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”  
Hyfrydol

Call to Reconciliation

As we prepare our hearts to come to Christ’s table this morning, we may feel unworthy to take part. Yet he welcomes us even in our brokenness to share in this meal. Let us bring our concerns to him now.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Beloved Christ, we come here to worship today with hearts full of all sorts of emotions. We are happy, we are sad, we are mixed up, we are on our way, or we don’t know where we’re going. You know all that is in our hearts. In spite of our messy lives, in spite of all the mistakes we’ve made that we can’t undo, you welcome us to your table with open arms. You invite us to eat and drink, doing these things in remembrance of you. Thank you for loving us so much that you died for us on a cross.

*Silent Prayer*
Assurance of Forgiveness (from Psalm 103)
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who revere him. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

*Response (GTG 582)
"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me!”

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**
**and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**
**and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Hearing the Word

Announcements

Children’s Moment
Connell Reports by Youth of First Presbyterian

Anthem
“Without Seeing You”

David Haas

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading
Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 1:14-18

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Sermon Scripture
New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

Preacher: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Sermon
“Faith”

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*Hymn 817
“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Dunlap’s Creek

Sharing the Word with the World

Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen. (repeat 7 times)

COMMUNION LITURGY:
Parts of today’s liturgy are based on Communion Service B from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...
...So gladly we join our voices
to those of earth, sea, and sky,
in the universal hymn of praise
which echoes through time and eternity:

(All sing:)

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,
Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One.

Leader: Come now, O Christ,
forever bound to us in promise and mystery...
...We proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Leader: Let us say what we believe, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

The Apostles’ Creed (p. 35 in Glory to God hymnal)
The Lord’s Prayer

Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, we have been guests at your table. Come with us wherever we go, and be present in all we share. Summon in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth’s barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope, and love. Amen

Hymn 729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I Want to Be a Christian

*Benediction

Leadership in Today’s Service:

Preaching: Rev. Kathleen Crighton
Liturgist: Elder Tracy Renee’ Helms-Capasso
Piano: Amanda Wadsworth Offertory: Sydney McMath
Children’s moment: Youth of First Presbyterian

Children’s and Youth Sunday School

will resume September 1 at 10am.

Thanks to those for volunteering to help with the children on Sundays. There is a Biblical story book in the room, please read one story to the children then they can have free time inside or outside.

Monthly Schedule:

- 1st Sunday Lydia and Gabe
- 2nd Sunday Carolyn and Chris/Ken
- 3rd Sunday Lydia and Gabe
- 4th Sunday Mary Frances/David and Tracy Helms-Capasso
- 5th Sunday Lydia and Tracy/Angela

If you can’t do your Sunday no worries we will all fill in for each other. Just mark your calendar for your Sunday. If there is a back slash/with your name and someone else you alternate that Sunday with them doing every other month.

Pumpkin Patch Meeting after today’s worship service for 12:30pm.
All are WELCOME to attend.
Come share your inputs and ideas.
REFRESHMENT FOR AFTER WORSHIP SIGN-UP.
If you would like to provide refreshments for after worship on any Sunday, please use the sign-up sheet that is on the refreshment table.

Many thanks to Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt for the refreshments for this Sunday, August 11.

Those who have signed up are listed below.
August 18 Cheryl Roberts and Chris Roberts
August 25 Lamar Williamson

FPCNO THIS WEEK

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WELCOME VISITORS!
We Are Glad You Are Here.

If you are a visitor or guest we invite you to 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 care about you and want to know who you are.

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 seriously, so don’t be surprised if you get offered hugs! If you’re not comfortable with this, you may remain in the pew during this time.
- 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 were the first “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! also

• We 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.

Prayer List
Please keep this list with you
This week and pray for...

Peggy Brown Boardman & family – mother of Alexis Boardman Bounds and friend of Bruce Robertson.

Bruce Robertson and Family – Bruce’s aunt Mrs. Yvonda died.
  Sandy Sarr - friend of Dee Boling.
  Michael Caine – friend of Randy Boling.
  Leah Eskine – friend of Dee Boling.
  Abey Colon – friend of Peter Cho.

Marianne Hutton – Sherri Hutton’s stepmom.

*All those struggling with addictions.*

*Prayers for the homeless*

Our Homebound family. Please visit them and keep them in your prayers.

Mary Knight
Adrian (Tudy) Manson
Joyce Kleinfeldt
Marshall Fisher
Where All Are Welcome

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Terry Ruppel; Carrie Fisher

Sextons:
Veronica and Walnica Gipson

The Session
Clerk of Session, Diane Kleinfeldt

Class of 2018
Diane Kleinfeldt
Christopher Roberts

Class of 2019
Mary Aslan
Tracy Rene’ Helms-Capasso

Class of 2020
Ken Allen
Wayne Lee

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