August 25, 2019

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’

Jeremiah 1:5
Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In God we take refuge.
People: God hears us and saves us.
Leader: God is our rock and our fortress.
People: God is our hope.
Leader: And so we come, seeking God’s peace.
People: We come, offering God praise.
All: We gather together in worship.

*HYMN 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
You have set before us the path
but we have wandered on our own
to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers
and we hear Your call and come back.

Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,
demanding to be cut loose and set free,
not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often we think we are adults
and have figured it all out and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.

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Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Jesus said “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” This is Christ’s commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are restored. Go, and love one another. Care for the earth God has given us. Repair the breach. Restore what has been lost. Reconcile where you can, and live into Christ’s ways of love, justice, and peace. 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!”

*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 (GTG 175) “Seek Ye First” Lafferty
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

ANTHEM “Lord, Speak to Me” Gregg Sewell

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
New Testament Reading Hebrews 12:18-29
Liturgist: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10
Preacher: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON
“Chosen to Serve” Rev. Lynn Hyder

*HYMN 69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” Here I Am (Schutte)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Apostles’ Creed
Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal pg. 35

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY
Avery and Marsh
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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (concluding with the Lord’s Prayer)
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” I’m Gonna Live

*BENEDICTION
Leadership in Today’s Service:

**Preaching:** Rev. Lynn Hyder

**Liturgist:** Elder Bruce Robertson

**Piano:** Aya Magavina

**Offertory:** Sydney McMath

**Children’s moment:** Rev. Lynn Hyder

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**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.

**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 Diane and Henry Kleinfeldt for the refreshments for this Sunday, August 25.*

**Those who have signed up are listed below.**

- September 1 Lamar Williamson
- September 8
- September 15 Lynn Hyder
- September 22
- September 29
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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.

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.

Kristen Everley – bestfriend of Sydney McMath.

*All those struggling with addictions.*

*Prayers for the homeless*

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

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Adrian (Tudy) Manson
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Class of 2018
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Class of 2019
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Class of 2020
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