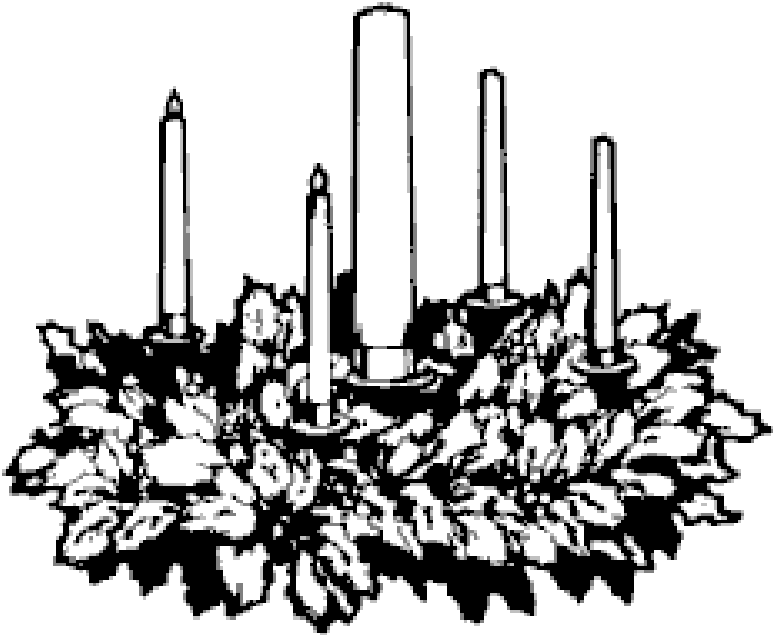


First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



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Lessons and Carols

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11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

INTROIT “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hal Hopson
Choir, Carrie Fisher and Dave Capasso, Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES The Boling Family

*HYMN 87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” Genevan
(Procession of the garlands)

FIRST LESSON Zephaniah 3:14-18a
The Prophet Zephaniah foretold great joy
Dee Boling, reader

HANDBELLS “People Look East” arr. James D. Kimball

Hearing the Word

A TIME WITH CHILDREN (88 v.1) Veni Emmanuel
(congregation singing)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

SECOND LESSON *The Messiah’s Reign will be Glorious* Isaiah 9:2-7
Wayne Hyder, reader

*HYMN 93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Truro
(Hanging the Chrismons on the tree)

THIRD LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

The Prophet Micah Foretells the Glory of Little Bethlehem

Wayne Lee, reader

*HYMN 121 (vv. 1 & 2)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

St. Louis

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:46b-55

Mary Sings a Song of Praise & Promises Change

Laura Fisher, reader

*HYMN 100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

Star of the County Down

Amanda Bennett, hand drums

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

The birth of Jesus

Luke Helms-Capasso, reader

(Lighting the Christmas Tree)

HYMN 115

“Away in a Manger”

Mueller

led by the Youth and Children

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

The Shepherds journey to the manger

Blaise Bennett, reader

HYMN 128
(choir v. 1; everyone v. 2)

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men follow the star and are led to Jesus

Mary Frances Brashears, reader

*HYMN 151 (vv. 1 & 2)

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Kings of Orient

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Wonderful Peace”

Gustaf Nordqvist

*DOXOLOGY AND DEDICATION (151)

Kings of Orient

Glorious now behold him arise;

King and God and sacrifice:

Alleluia, Alleluia,

sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of light,

star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding,

guide us to thy perfect light.

EIGHT LESSON

John 1:1-5, 14

John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation

Kim Rodrigue, reader

ANTHEM

“The Light Still Shines”

Natalie Sleeth

Choir and Randy Boiling, drums

CLOSING PRAYER

The Sending

*HYMN 134

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*ALL SINGING

“We Wish You A Merry Christmas”

bell accomplishment, from *Ring Along Christmas*, arr. by Freeman, A.



WELCOME VISITORS!

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.
- 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 “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.

EQUALITY



FOR ALL



December 10, 2017
Leadership in today's service

PASTOR

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

READERS

Dee Boling, Wayne Hyder,
Wayne Lee, Laura Fisher,
Luke Helms-Capasso, Blaise Bennett,
Mary Frances Brashears

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

MUSICIANS

Amanda Wadsworth,
Amanda Bennett, Randy Boling

USHERS

Diane Kleinfeldt
Henry Kleinfeldt

GREETER

Gabriel Helms-Capasso

PASTOR KIM AROUND TOWN

One of my commitments in my weekly work schedule is to have some set hours at a place outside the church building. Sometimes people are more comfortable talking with a pastor outside of the walls of a church. It may be a time for you to drop by or to bring a friend to visit. You don't have to have a particular need to stop by, but it is fine if you do. It's a time for conversation on anything from personal matters to church concerns to world peace – or anything else.

Pastor Kim's walk, coffee & beer hours:

- Monday, December 11th, 5:30pm meet behind the church
on S. Prieur St.
- Tuesday, December 12th, 7 -9am French Truck Coffee
4536 Dryades Street
- Wednesday, December 13th, 5-7pm Oak (8118 Oak Street)

I will be at the church on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 for anyone who wants to drop by. I'm glad to meet with you at another time, either at the church or someone else. Just call 504-866-7409 or email me at kim@fpcno.org to set up a time.

The FPCNO adult Bible study

Takes place every Sunday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Session room. Each week we read and discuss the current lesson from "The Present Word" Bible study series (published quarterly by PCUSA). Our Sunday morning gatherings are informal and typically consists of approximately 6 to 8 participants. All are welcome to attend.

This Sunday, Dec. 10, 5pm-7pm - Annual Christmas Caroling (meet at FPC and we will group together and go caroling in the neighborhood. **Christmas party** will follow at the Helms-Capasso's home. Please bring something to share.

Order Your Christmas Poinsettias! - Please place your orders for Christmas poinsettias today using the envelope enclosed in the bulletin! **The deadline is by the end of the day on Wednesday, December 13th** and the poinsettias will be available for pick up on Christmas Eve after the Candlelight service. On the form, please let us know who your poinsettia is in honor of (if the person is alive) or in memory of (if the person is deceased).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS CD - "A First Presbyterian Christmas" was recorded and produced by the members of First Presbyterian in 2003. Traditional and original holiday favorites recorded live in the sanctuary and in the studio featuring piano, organ, handbells, flute, and a capella voices. 19 selections including readings and songs by the children of the church. Now available for download on iTunes. 99 cents per song or \$9.99 for the whole CD. <http://goo.gl/8UdoZ>



FPCNO THIS WEEK

Sunday	11am worship	Lessons & Carols, greening the sanctuary	
	5:30pm	Caroling	In the neighborhood
	7pm	Christmas party	Helms-Capasso home
Monday	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Kim's Group walk	meet behind the church on S. Prieur St.
Tuesday	7am-9am	Kim's coffee hours	French Truck Coffee 4536 Dryades Street
	6:30pm	Session meeting	at Kim's home
Wednesday	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope	Sanctuary
	<i>(worship and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>		
	2pm-4pm	Kim's office hours	First Presbyterian Church
	5pm-7pm	Kim's beer hours	Oak (8118 Oak Street)
Thursday	6pm-7pm	Meditation Service	Session room
Sunday	9:30pm	Adult Bible Study	Session room
	10am	Youth & Children choir practice	room 208
	11am	Youth & Children's choir singing	Sanctuary
	11am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary



Prayer List

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



The Big Easy AA Group and other 12-step groups.

Alex Zenetos – niece of Peter Cho.

Bruce Robertson and family

Our Homebound members and friends.

Please visit them and remember them in Prayer.

Mary Knight; Mina Crais; Gloria Boling (Randy's mom)

Adrian (Tudy) Manson; Joyce Kleinfeldt (Henry's sister)

Prayers for the homeless

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

Please keep them in your prayers.

**Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for one month unless you
request that it continue to be listed.**



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