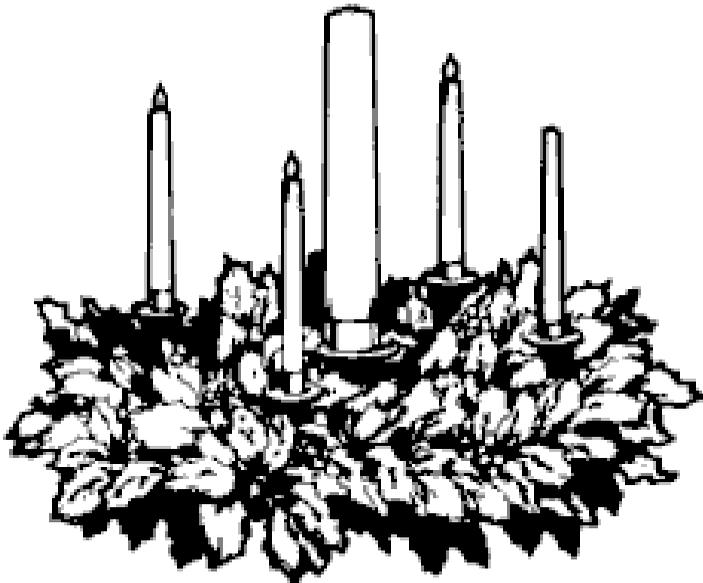


# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

**December 17, 2017**

## Third Sunday of Advent



First Presbyterian Church  
*Third Sunday of Advent*

December 17, 2017

11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

\*Writing in **bold** is for the congregation response.  
Please stand as you are able.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Emma McAlister

WELCOME

BELLS

\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt;  
David Rabinowitz

\*HYMN 106

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Bereden Vag For Herran

LITANY FOR ADVENT

Leader: O Wisdom,  
coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
pervading and permeating all creation,  
you order all things with strength and gentleness:  
Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Adonai,  
Ruler of the house of Israel,  
you appeared in the burning bush to Moses  
and gave him the law on Sinai:  
Come with outstretched arm to save us.

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Root of Jesse,  
rising as a sign for all the peoples,  
before you earthly rulers will keep silent,  
and nations give you honor:  
Come quickly to deliver us.

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Key of David,  
Scepter over the house of Israel,  
you open and no one can close,  
you close and no one can open:  
Come to set free the prisoners  
who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light,

Sun of justice:  
Come, shine on those who live in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.**  
Leader: O Ruler of the nations,  
Monarch for whom the people long,  
you are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity:  
Come, save us all,  
whom you formed out of clay.

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.**  
Leader: O Immanuel,  
our Sovereign and Lawgiver,  
desire of the nations and Savior of all:  
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.**  
Leader: God of grace,  
ever faithful to your promises,  
the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming  
and looks forward with longing  
to his return at the end of time.  
Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes,  
for he is Lord forever and ever. **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 (113)

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***  
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Gloria

## Hearing the Word

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME WITH CHILDREN (*congregation singing*) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
**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.**

ANTHEM “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Children & Youth Choir

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1-9

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“An Impossible Possibility”

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

\*HYMN 123

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Carol

## Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Emma McAlister

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (143)

Regent Square

**All creation, join in praising God the Father,  
Spirit, Son, ever more your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ the newborn King**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*traditional*)

**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 155 (*sing several times*) “Raise a Song of Gladness”

Jubilate Deo

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the love of God surround you everywhere,  
everywhere you may go.**

Resources use in today's worship service include:  
*Book of Common Worship.*

**December 17, 2017**  
**Leadership in today's service**

**PASTOR**

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

May Ball

**USHERS**

Diane Kleinfeldt  
Henry Kleinfeldt

**LITURGIST**

Sherri Hutton

**MUSICIANS**

Emma McAlister  
Children & Youth Choir  
Amanda Wadsworth

**GREETERS**

Gabriel Helms-Capasso  
Luke Helms-Capasso



**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](https://facebook.com/fpcno) and follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/fpcno](https://twitter.com/fpcno)! We also have a Yahoo Group (go to [www.fpcno.org](http://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



## PASTOR KIM AROUND TOWN

I am taking a break from my out of office hours until the New Year. I am still glad to meet you at the church, for coffee or a beer, or for a walk during that time. Just call 504-866-7409 or email me at kim@fpcno.org to set up a time.

**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>

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## FPCNO THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	12noon 4pm-8pm	WHO DAT GAME DAY Parents Night Out	Room 102 Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday</b>	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday</b>	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope	Sanctuary <i>(worship and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	6pm-7pm	Meditation Service	Session room
<b>Sunday</b>	5pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight service	Sanctuary
<b>Monday</b>	CHRISTMAS DAY	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Church Office Closed		

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## **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.





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