

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

December 3, 2017

Come, thou long expected Jesus.
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

--Charles Wesley



First Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

11:00 am

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

BELLS

*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE *guests from Rhodes College*

*HYMN 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world. 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) *refrain*

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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Hearing the Word

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

Veni 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Come, Emmanuel"

Don Besig & Nancy Price

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Leader: For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God around us,
for the word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"An Arrival"

Rev. Dr. Kim Rodrigue; Dr. Noelle Chaddock

*HYMN 373

"O Day of Peace"

Jerusalem

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (106, v.1)

Bereden Vag For Herran

**Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, fore told in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all baptized people to receive communion today. This invitation is not reserved for Presbyterians, nor is it just for adults; it is for all baptized persons who wish to come. We receive communion by coming forward, taking a piece of bread from the loaf, then dipping it into the cup. The pastor will be offering wine; the elder will offer unfermented grape juice. All of the bread is gluten free.

“Access to the table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.” Book of Order, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN 347 (vs 1,2 & 4)

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Picardy

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.

The Prayer Continues

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

*HYMN 88 (vs 1,2,6 & 7)

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Genevan 42

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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



December 3, 2017
Leadership in today's service

PASTOR

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

USHERS

Diane Kleinfeldt

Henry Kleinfeldt

LITURGIST

Tracy Rene' Helms-Capasso

PIANIST

Aya Magavina

GREETERS

Gabriel Capasso

Luke Capasso

**We welcome our guests from Rhodes College
in Memphis, TN**

Dr. Noelle Chaddock, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for Diversity and Inclusion, PhD in Philosophy.

Dan Hatzenbuehler, a member of the Board of Trustees and alumnus from the early 1970's.

Thomas Mitchell, Rhodes Student Government President, class of 2018, Major in Political Science and Education Studies.

Dr. Milton Moreland, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Religious Studies and Archaeology .

Today after worship, the session of First Presbyterian Church will meet with the guests from Rhodes College.



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.
- 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 “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



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 4th, 5:30pm meet behind the church on S. Prieur St.
- Tuesday, December 5th, 7 -9am French Truck Coffee
4536 Dryades Street
- Wednesday, December 6th, 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 Advent Calendars were lovingly created by Cheryl Roberts, Ann



Philbrick, and Kim Rodrigue. We hope they will enhance your spirit & bring you joy this Advent. When you do your activity for the day, remember that others from your church are engaged in the same practice that day. So tomorrow, everyone will be praying for hope. There is one calendar per family

FPCNO THIS WEEK

Monday	1pm-3pm 5:30pm	Program of Hope Setup Kim's Group walk	Sanctuary meet behind the church on S. Prieur St.
Tuesday	7am-9am	Kim's coffee hours	French Truck Coffee 4536 Dryades Street
Wednesday	9am-10:30am 10:30am 2pm-4pm 5pm-7pm	Program of Hope POH Board meeting Kim's office hours Kim's beer hours	Sanctuary Session room First Presbyterian Church Oak (8118 Oak Street)
Thursday	6pm-7pm 7pm	Meditation Service Men's Night	Session room Room 102
Friday	4pm-10pm	Parents Night Out	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10am	Lesson & Carols rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday	9:30pm 11am 5:30pm 7pm	Adult Bible Study Sunday Worship Lesson & Carol, greening the sanctuary Caroling Christmas party	Session room Sanctuary In the neighborhood Helms-Capasso home



Prayer List

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



Bruce Robertson and Family

**Our Homebound members and friends.
Please visit them and remember them in Prayer.**

Mary Knight

Mina Crais

Gloria Boling

(Randy Boling'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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