

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

February 26, 2017



Listen to Him!

Matthew 17:1-9

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen to him.

Matthew 17:5

First Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration of the Lord

February 26, 2017

11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth,
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!

**Congregation: For the Lord is a gracious God,
Whose mercy is everlasting;
And whose faithfulness endures
to all generations.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God by joining together to sing
our opening hymn.

*HYMN 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

St. Denio

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION, PARDON & ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: The grace of God overflows for us through
Christ Jesus.
Who came into the world to save sinners.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Congregation: Almighty God,
You love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you,
and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

Liturgist: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Congregation: 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!"

*GLORIA PATRI (*GTG # 2 vs. 4*)

Italian Hymn

**To thee, great One in Three, E-ter-nal prais-es be,
Hence ev-er-more! Thy sov-ereign maj-es-ty may we in
glo-ry see, and to e-ter-ni-ty love and a-dore.**

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "My Lord! What a Morning" Traditional Spiritual

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Exodus 24:12-18 (OT pg. 70)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9 (NT pgs. 18, 19)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Time to Love One Another Right Now..."
deacon, David Capasso

*HYMN 193(*vss. 1,3 & 5*) "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"
Unser Herrscher

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

Sharing the Word with the World

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Avery and Marsh

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here be-low;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
A-men (sing 7 times)**

*HYMN 192 *(uss. 1 & 3)*

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shinning”

Shine, Jesus Shine

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(GTG #748)*

Tallis Canon

**"Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every
coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives
may be our gift to you."**

PASTORS/SPEAKERS

LITURGISTS

February 26

David Capasso

Amanda Bennett

March 5

elder, Steven Strength

Bruce Robertson

March 12

Rev. Kathy Crighton

Dee Boling

March 19

Justin Wood

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March 26

Rev. Crawford Brubaker



WELCOME VISITORS!

"If you are a visitor or guest please 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 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 full "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.

EQUALITY



FOR ALL



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.

WHAT'S UP?

Don't forget to check out the updated First Presbyterian Church website www.fpcno.org to catch up on breaking church news, events and links to the wider world of mission! Also, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

Lenten time is near.

There are a selection of Lenten Daily Meditation booklets out for distribution in the narthex. There is no cost for them, and there are several to choose from. There is one that, although meant for families, would also be good for individual use.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES @ FIRST PRESBYTYERIAN

Wednesday, March 1 @ 9am-11am the Program of Hope will have distribution of ashes by pastor Sarah along with a short service in the sanctuary. King cake and coffee will be served after in the narthex of the church. All are Welcome to come.

Wednesday, March 1 @ 7pm First Presbyterian Church and Metropolitan Church will have a joint Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary lead by Pastor Alisan of (The Metropolitan Church). All are welcome to come and receive your ashes.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT FPCNO

Sunday <i>(will resume March 5)</i>	9:30am 11am 6pm-9pm	Adult Bible Study Children's Sunday School Sunday Worship Cuban Salsa <i>(Bookoo Rueda all are welcome)</i>	Session room Room 207 Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Monday	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
Tuesday <i>(interested in joining Contact Hoy Hughes @ 504-452-5856, hoy.hughes@gmail.com)</i>	7pm-9pm 7pm-10pm	(Adult Bible Study) "Big Easy" AA Group <i>(Anyone needing guidance is welcome to come)</i>	Session room Fellowship Hall
Wednesday <i>(worship, and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope	Sanctuary
Thursday	6pm-7pm 6pm-8:30pm	Meditation Service Metropolitan Church	Session room Fellowship Hall
Friday	8pm-11pm	Tango dancing	Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **Monday, February 27** – Vamonos Day Camp.
- **Tuesday, February 28** – Mardi Gras Day (Church Office CLOSED).

MARCH SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **Saturday, March 4, 9:00am** – Women United in Prayer.
- **Sunday, March 5, 2:00 pm** – Session meeting.
- **Sunday, March 12, after worship service** – Congregational meeting to elect deacons to serve for 2018 and presentation of the budget.
- **Monday, March 13, 7:00pm** – Square Dancing, meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come.



Prayer List

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

Healing Prayers for:

Sister Marcy Romine, O.S.F – a tireless advocate for people with HIV/AIDS through her work with Project Lazarus and the NO/AIDS Task Force, died unexpectedly February 14. Prayers are requested for her family and friends. She was a longtime friend of Mina Crais and had been bringing her to church, most recently on the Sunday before her death.

The family of Karla Cotez – who is the academic advisor for Delgado's Business Division. She has lost her 16 year old son after battling a severe acute illness over the past two weeks.

Peter and Louanne – many of their friends are stricken with cancer.

Justin – a friend of Mary Buard, died recently. Healing prayers for his family and Mary,

Don Robertson – brother of Bruce Robertson has COPD and having many difficulties. He is on oxygen constantly, has very little strength, uses a walker around house, but doesn't move around much. Must use a wheelchair if he goes out, but must be pushed.

Roz Bailey – coworker of Dee Boling, will have spinal surgery at the beginning of February followed by a long convalescence.

Graham Parker - a friend of both Randy and Lamar, who was recently diagnosed with gall bladder cancer.

Myra Schlieshman - a Hynes teacher who has a broken hip will have in June 2017.

Hoy Hughes **Dad** - was in a coma, he came out of it but with residual effects. He is almost deaf. As a result of this he doesn't have many friends and doesn't get out much. Besides Hoy's dad illness his dog died. Please pray for Hoy's dad and the Hughes family.

Mark McLachlan the nephew of May and Larry Ball who is dealing with cancer issues.

Margaret Maier – a longtime member and sister of Eleanor Maier, was in a car accident and suffered 4 broken ribs. Margaret is recovering at Chateau du Notre Dame in room 103. Pray for God's healing.

K.C. Carmichael – K.C. had to have surgery after a fall, she is at home. Keep her in your prayers for God's healing.

Nancy Mann – Carolyn Graetz's cousin, she had surgery for ovarian cancer.

Arthur and Etta Myers – Arthur had cancer related surgery. His wife Etta is suffering from health issues and being the caregiver for her husband.



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

Gloria Boling (Randy Boling's mom)

Adrian (Tudy) Manson

Joyce Kleinfeldt (Henry Kleinfeldt 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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WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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MUSICIANS:

MAY BALL; AYA ALVAREZ;
AMANDA WADSWORTH; SYDNEY MCMATH

WEDDING COORDINATOR:

SUE YOUNG

WEBSITE TECHS:

TERRY RUPPEL; CARRIE FISHER

SEXTONS:

REV. TODD & LADONNA VANDEGRIFT

THE SESSION

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CANDICE BELLAU, TREASURER

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