

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

January 21, 2018

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn.
You reach the morning to waken the earth.

**People: GREAT IS YOUR NAME.
GREAT IS YOUR LOVE.**

Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
The trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**People: GREAT IS YOUR NAME.
GREAT IS YOUR LOVE**

Leader: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
The poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

**People: GREAT IS YOUR NAME.
GREAT IS YOUR LOVE**

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**People: GREAT IS YOUR NAME.
GREAT IS YOUR LOVE**

*HYMN 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!”

Hymn to Joy

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: God of life, do not darken your light to us.

**People: God of life, do limit your joy in us,
God of life, do not shut your door to us,**

Leader: God of life, do not refuse us your mercy.

Leader: O God of life,
eternity cannot hold you,
nor can our little words catch
the magnificence of your kindness.
Yet in the space of our small hearts

and in silence
you can come close and repair us.

(silence)

Leader: O God of life,
Grant us your forgiveness

**People: FOR OUR CARELESS THOUGHTS,
FOR OUR THOUGHTLESS DEEDS,
FOR OUR EMPTY SPEECH
AND THE WORDS WITH WHICH
WE WOUND.**

(silence)

Leader: O God of life,
Grant us your forgiveness.

**People: FOR OUR FALSE DESIRES,
FOR OUR HATEFUL ACTIONS,
FOR OUR WASTEFULNESS
AND FOR ALL WE LEFT UNTENDED.**

(silence)

Leader: O loving Christ,
hanged on a tree
yet risen in the morning,
scatter the sin from our souls
as the mist from the hills;
begin what we do,
inform what we say,
redeem who we are.

**All: IN YOU WE PLACE OUR HOPE,
OUR GREAT HOPE, OUR LIVING HOPE,
THIS DAY AND EVERMORE
AMEN.**

*RESPONSE (*GTG 591*)

Halle, Halle

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON (*GTG 175, v.1*)

"Seek Ye First"

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Simple Gifts" Arr. Mark Schweizer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

A Reading from the Epistles

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Bringing Gifts" Rev. Kim Rodrigue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Declaration of Faith)

We serve humankind

**by discerning what God is doing in the world
and joining in this work.**

We risk disagreement and error

when we try to say what God is doing here and now.

But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past

and promises for the future,

as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

*HYMN 693

"Though I May Speak"

Gift of Love

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Special Music Anton Constance

*DOXOLOGY

Avery and Marsh

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;

Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

A-men (*sing 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 539

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

We Will Go Out With Joy

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet each other in the love & forgiveness of Christ; saying
“Peace be with you!” and responding “and also with you!”

January 21, 2018
Leadership in today’s service

PASTOR

Kim Rodrigue

LITURGIST

Carrie Fisher

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

PIANIST

Aya Magavina

Resources used in today’s worship service include:
A Wee Worship Book; The Book of Common Worship

Worship Committee meeting - will be held today after worship
at 12:30pm in the conference room.

Session meeting - will be held today at 2pm in room 102.

Pastor Kim Rodrigue will be on vacation beginning this Tuesday
and returning the following Tuesday. **Kathy Crichton is on call
for pastoral emergencies while she is gone.**



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



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!

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. Coffee and refreshments are served.

FPCNO THIS WEEK

Monday	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
Wednesday	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope	Sanctuary
<i>(worship and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>			
Thursday	6pm-7pm	Meditation Service	Session room
Sunday	9:30pm 11am	Adult Bible Study Sunday Worship	Session room Sanctuary



Prayer List

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



**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 Kleinfeldt's sister)

Prayers for the homeless



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