

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

January 28, 2018

**The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet
like me from among your own people;
you shall heed such a prophet.**

Deuteronomy 18:15



First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 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

ONE: For us there is only One God and Father
from whom streams all creation
and for whom we exist.

**MANY: Praise God! I will give thanks to God
with my whole heart.**

ONE: And we have one Master
through whom all things are made new
and for whom we exist.

**MANY: I will give praise among fellow believers,
I will join with the congregation.**

ONE: And we have one Holy Spirit,
by whom the church is serviced
and for whom we exist.

**MANY: Great are the works of our Triune-God!
To be over-awed is the beginning of wisdom.
May our praise go on forever!**

*HYMN 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Slane

CONFESSION AND PARDON

(Theme: Vulnerability)

**ALL: God of justice and mercy, we bring before you our
vulnerable lives, praying for that reconditioning
grace that can put things right and defend us from
all evil.**

**We are vulnerable to all kinds of foolish ideas and
assumptions;**

***To the pervasive acids of secular pessimism;
To the undercover agents of racist and
religious arrogance.***

We are vulnerable to the cults of outward show and fashion;

***To the downward spiral of opinion-poll ethics;
To the anxieties and fears that riddle our society.***

We have been vulnerable to the delusion of modern superiority;

***To the contemporary waves of pseudo-scientific myths;
To the cynical voices that would destroy faith at all costs.***

Merciful God, your holy Son knew how to deal with those whose vulnerability had been their downfall. Please may his Spirit so deal with us. Rescue us from evil, forgive our many sins, clear our perceptions, toughen our defenses, and let the knowledge of our own vulnerability make us more understanding and forgiving of those who sin against us. Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Amen

ONE: Christ speaks with a note of authority, and grace permeates all his works. Now is the moment to allow that authoritative Word to---

erase your infidelities,
cancel your shame,
heal the wounds in your nature,
steady your shaky faith,
and re-invent your holy optimism.

I declare to you: Our sins are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*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

“Deep Within”

David Haas

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Prophet Among Us”

Rev. Lynn Hyder

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Canonbury

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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 2011 (*Sing The Faith*)

“We Sing of Your Glory”

Rio De La Plata

*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 28, 2018	
Leadership in today's service	
PASTOR Kim Rodrigue	PREACHER Rev. Lynn Hyder
LITURGIST Wayne Lee	
MUSIC DIRECTOR May Ball	PIANIST Aya Magavina

Pastor Kim Rodrigue is on vacation she will return Tuesday, Jan. 30.
Kathy Crichton is on call for pastoral emergencies while she is gone.

Join us for breakfast and prayer on February 11, the Sunday before Mardi Gras. **We will not have 11:00 worship that day,** as most people are engaged with parades or hampered by traffic. Instead we will gather at the back of the sanctuary and share fellowship and a simple morning prayer service. Breakfast will be available anytime between 9 and 10; morning prayer will begin at 9:15. Start your day off with your church family, enjoying spiritual and physical sustenance before you join in the city's day of festivities.

Curbside Ashes to Geaux Pastor Kim and friends will be offering ashes at the corner of S. Claiborne and Jefferson from 11:00am-1:00pm and from 4:30-5:30pm. The ashes will be given to people on foot or in cars and will be accompanied by a short prayer for the person receiving ashes.

The sanctuary will be open during those times for quiet meditation. Please let your friends and colleagues know of this opportunity. If you would like to help distribute ashes, please let Pastor Kim know in advance. **Ash Wednesday is February 14.**



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 at the end 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



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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