First Presbyterian Church
5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

June 30, 2019

Galatians 5:22
Gathering Around the Word

Music for Meditation

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, on this day we come in reverent awe to worship and praise you.

People: We also come in faith to you, with all our human problems and uncertainties.

Leader: Saving God, you have been rescuing your people since memories began.

People: We come to you in hope, confidently remembering your compassion for us.

Leader: Mighty God, we come to you because of your love and power over all creation, and because your involvement with humanity is an ongoing miracle of grace.

People: Keeping God, we come in trusting expectation, because your ways are holy—and you are the God, who, compassionately and lovingly make things happen! Amen.

*Hymn 407  “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”  Nun Danket All Und Bringet Ehr

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, we know that you want the best for us. It must really disappoint you when we fail to be the kind of devoted followers that you need. You know of the needs in this world and the capability that we have of meeting those needs and bringing words of hope and healing through actions of compassion and justice. Yet we are hesitant in our commitment to you and to ministries of peace. We want good things to happen. We just aren’t sure that we are up to the tasks you set before us. Forgive us when we so easily doubt your call, your presence, and your abiding love. Lift us up from lives of self-pity and self-centeredness, and bring us to you

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with hearts filled with joy, praising you for opportunities to witness to your love in our service to your people. Heal us and restore us, for we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Although following Jesus is difficult, you can be assured that God is always with you, bringing you encouragement, strength, and peace. Rise up and follow the one who offers his life for you. 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 (GTG 314, refrain) "Christ, Be Our Light!"
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (GTG 175) “Seek Ye First” Lafferty
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM “The Fruits of the Spirit” Natalie Sleeth

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Liturgist: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON SCRIPTURE
New Testament Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-26
Preacher: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Freedom in Christ” Elder Ken Allen

*HYMN 359 “Freedom Is Coming” Freedom Is Coming

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed
Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal pg. 35
Sharing the Word with the World

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
A-men

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 8 * “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” Melita

*Benediction

Leadership in Today’s Service:

Preaching: Elder Ken Allen Liturgist: Elder Lydia Pollard
Piano: Aya Magavina Offertory: Sydney McMath
Children’s moment: Elder Ken Allen

Next Sunday, July 7, 2019 we will WELCOME

Rev. Kathleen Crighton as the pastor
of First Presbyterian Church.

Come and join us for worship service and to meet our new pastor.

Kathy would like everyone to wear their FPCNO shirts to church that Sunday. If you don’t have a shirt, there are available shirts for sale in the church office for $11. If the cost is a hardship, just let Kathy know and we’ll make arrangements so you can have a shirt.
Children’s and Youth Sunday School has ended for the summer months. It will resume in the beginning of September. 

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Thanks to those for volunteering to help with the children on Sundays. There is a Biblical story book in the room, please read one story to the children then they can have free time inside or outside.

Monthly Schedule:
- 1st Sunday Lydia and Gabe
- 2nd Sunday Carolyn and Chris/Ken
- 3rd Sunday Lydia and Gabe
- 4th Sunday Mary Frances/Diane K. and David Capasso/Tracy
- 5th Sunday Lydia and Tracy/Angela

If you can’t do your Sunday no worries we will all fill in for each other. Just mark your calendar for your Sunday. If there is a back slash/with your name and someone else you alternate that Sunday with them doing every other month.

REFRESHMENT FOR AFTER WORSHIP SIGN-UP.
If you would like to provide refreshments for after worship on any Sunday, please use the sign-up sheet that is on the refreshment table.

Many thanks to Carolyn Graetz for the refreshments for this Sunday, June 30.

Sign up for the available dates, the list is located on the refreshment table. Those who have signed up are listed below.
- July 7 – May and Larry Ball

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**FPCNO THIS WEEK**

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VISITORS!
Welcome! We Are Glad You Are Here.

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 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 were the first “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! also
- We 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.

The ADEN Program (St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church)

St. Charles Ave. Presbyterian has a new program designed to meet the needs of older adults with moderate memory loss. The ADEN Program offers support and respite to adults with Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias. It provides activities and socialization opportunities outside the home in a safe and caring setting for older adults with moderate memory loss. The ADEN Program occurs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm in the Land Building at 1535 State Street, New Orleans, La.70188. If you are interested in learning more or have any questions, please contact Adelle Bergman at 504-962-9027. The ADEN Program provides a wonderful opportunity for the elders you serve.
Prayer List
Please keep this list with you this week and pray for...

All families traveling for the summer.
Bruce Robertson and Family – Bruce’s aunt Mrs. Yvonda died.
Sandy Sarr - friend of Dee Boling.
Michael Caine – friend of Dee Boling.
Tim Whipple – Sherri’s brother-in-law.
Abey Colon – friend of Peter Cho.
Leah Eskine – friend and co-worker of Dee Boling.
Linda Donato - Sherri Hutton’s mom.
Marianne Hutton – Sherri Hutton’s stepmom.
Kristen Everley – friend of Sydney McMath.

*All those struggling with addictions.*

*Prayers for the homeless*

Our Homebound family.
Please visit them and keep them in your prayers.

Mary Knight
Adrian (Tudy) Manson
Joyce Kleinfeldt
Marshall Fisher
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Where All Are Welcome

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The Session
Clerk of Session, Diane Kleinfeldt

Class of 2018
Diane Kleinfeldt
Christopher Roberts

Class of 2019
Mary Aslan
Tracy Rene’ Helms-Capasso

Class of 2020
Ken Allen
Wayne Lee

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