

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

March 12, 2017

The Sacrament of **BAPTISM**

Communion
Sunday



First Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017

11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

**Congregation: Fill us with your Spirit, that we may
celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit
and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

*HYMN 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe Den Herren

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION, PARDON & ABSOLUTION

Liturgist: As we come to this time of Confession, let us
remember these words from Matthew 11.
“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily
burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon
you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.” Let us rest in God’s mercy as we
pray together our Prayer of Confession.

**Congregation: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and
save the lost. We confess that we have strayed
from you and turned aside from your way. We are
misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when
we are stained, and great when we are small. We
have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored
your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our
sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through
Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Liturgist: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you
from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and
raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: 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 300*)

They’ll Know We Are Christians

**All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God’s on-ly Son,
and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:
And they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Chris-tians by our love.**

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: “This Do in Remembrance of Me” Judy Hunnicutt

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Genesis 12:1-4a (OT pg. 10)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17 (NT pgs. 93, 94)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “The Man in the Dark” Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 475 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF

Marjan Aslanbeigi; Farshad Mirtorabi; (their daughters) Mersedeh and Mehrsa Mirtorabi, are presented to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. The congregation is invited to follow the liturgy in the Glory to God hymnal, beginning on page 14, and to say together the Apostles’ Creed, found on page 35.

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**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*)**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

People: (*singing*):

Schumann

**Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,
Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.
He was born to dwell among us,
full of grace and truth;
in him we have seen your glory...

**People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
redeemed by his blood...

The Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet in your eternal kingdom. Help us to be obedient to your
call to love all your children, to do justice and to show mercy, and
to live in peace with your whole creation. Guide us through the
desert of life, quench our thirst with the living waters, satisfy our
hunger with the bread of heaven. Give us strength to serve you
faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the
redeemed of all the ages we may feast with you at your table in
glory. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (GTG #748)

Tallis Canon

"Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev-ery com- ing day, that in your Spir-it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you."

	PASTORS/SPEAKERS	LITURGISTS
March 12	Rev. Kathy Crighton	Dee Boling
March 19	Justin Wood	Justin Wood
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 here.

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.

MARCH SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **Monday, March 13, 7:00pm** – Square Dancing, meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come.
 - **Sunday, March 26, during worship service** *the ordination of Candice Bellau as an elder*; **after worship service** – Congregational meeting and presentation of the budget.
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WEEKLY EVENTS AT FPCNO

Sunday	9:30am	Adult Bible Study	Session room
	10:15am	Children's Sunday School	Room 207
	11am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
	6pm-9pm	Cuban Salsa	Fellowship Hall
		<i>(Bookoo Rueda all are welcome)</i>	
Monday	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
Tuesday	7pm-9pm	(Adult Bible Study)	Session room
	<i>(interested in joining Contact Hoy Hughes @ 504-452-5856, hoy.hughes@gmail.com)</i>		
	7pm-10pm	"Big Easy" AA Group	Fellowship Hall
		<i>(Anyone needing guidance is welcome to come)</i>	
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
	6pm-8:30pm	Metropolitan Church	Fellowship Hall
Friday	8pm-11pm	Tango dancing	Fellowship Hall



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, recently died unexpectedly. 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.

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

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.

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

Myra Schlieshman - a teacher at Hynes has a broken hip and will have surgery 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 home and doing much better. She is still skeptical about driving.

– K.C. is getting better at home. Keep her in your prayers for God's healing.

Nancy Mann – Carolyn Graetz's cousin, 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.**



K.C. Carmichael

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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