

# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

March 19, 2017



A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?'

(Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

**John 4:7-10**

First Presbyterian Church  
*Third Sunday in Lent*

March 19, 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 234

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

St. Kevin

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: "Come and See" Marilyn Hamm

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Exodus 17:1-7 (OT pg. 64)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading John 4:5-42 (NT pgs. 94, 95)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON *deacon, Justin Wood*

\*HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" In Babilone

\*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 below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
A-men (*sing 7 times*)**

\*HYMN 538 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Haleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona

\*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."**

	<b>PASTORS/SPEAKERS</b>	<b>LITURGISTS</b>
March 19	Justin Wood	Justin Wood
March 26	Rev. Crawford Brubaker	Claire Trimble



## 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](https://facebook.com/fpcno) and follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/fpcno](https://twitter.com/fpcno)! We also have a Yahoo Group (go to [www.fpcno.org](http://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](http://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!

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### 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.

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### MARCH SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **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

<b>Sunday</b>	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

*(Bookoo Rueda all are welcome)*

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<b>Monday</b>	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
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<b>Tuesday</b>	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

*(Anyone needing guidance is welcome to come)*

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<b>Wednesday</b>	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope	Sanctuary
		<i>(worship, and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>	6pm-7pm	Meditation Service	Session room
	6pm-8:30pm	Metropolitan Church	Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday</b>	8pm-11pm	Tango dancing	Fellowship Hall

### APRIL SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **Saturday, April 1, 9am** – Women United in Prayer.
- **Sunday, April 9** – Palm Passion Sunday  
**(stay tune for more Holy Week activities to be announced).**
- **Monday, April 10, 7pm** – Square Dancing. (All are Welcome to Come dance and meet new friends).
- **Sunday, April 16, 11am** – Easter Sunday (ladies make a wild and crazy beautiful bonnet and wear it to church on Easter Morning).
- **Saturday, April 29, 12pm – 7pm** - “Big Easy” AA Group special meeting.





## 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 Carmichael** - 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.**



**Mary Knight**

**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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## WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

### OFFICE MANAGER:

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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

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### THE SESSION

CLERK OF SESSION, SHERRI HUTTON  
CANDICE BELLAU, TREASURER

#### CLASS OF 2017

SHERRI HUTTON  
ZANE FISHER

#### CLASS OF 2018

DIANE KLEINFELDT  
CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS

#### CLASS OF 2019

CANDICE BELLAU  
TRACY RENE' HELMS-CAPASSO

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### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

DAVID CAPASSO, CHAIR

#### CLASS OF 2016

RANDY BOLING  
CARRIE FISHER

#### CLASS OF 2017

DAVID CAPASSO  
JUSTIN WOOD

#### CLASS OF 2018

*vacant*  
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