

# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

March 26, 2017

“The Lord is my Shepherd”

PSALM 23



First Presbyterian Church  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 26, 2017

11:00 am

Today we will have the Ordination and Installation of **Candice Bellau as an elder** for the term year of 2019; **after worship service** – Congregational meeting to present the budget. All members are urge to attend.

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 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sung”

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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: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Joe Wise

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Gospel Reading John 9:1-12 (NT pg. 102)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Old Testament Psalm 23 (OT pg. 501)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

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

SERMON "The Sheep Whisperer" Rev. Crawford Brubaker

\*HYMN 802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" St. Columba  
*(During the last verse of the hymn, the new officer should come to stand in front of the communion table. All other officers, past or present, as well as other ordained ministers of the gospel are invited to come sit in the front pew ready for the laying on of hands)*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER Rev. Crawford Brubaker

Elder: *Mrs. Candice Bellau*

**Explanation of Ordination and Installation  
Constitutional Questions to the New Officer**

## Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Elder: Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept Candice Bellau as elder; chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**Members: We do.**

Elder: Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is head of the Church?

**Members: We do.**

## Prayer of Ordination

### Laying on of Hands

\***Welcoming the New Officer** (*You are invited to greet your sisters and brothers in the peace of Christ with applause*)

## Charge to the New Officer

\*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 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*)**

\*HYMN 192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

Shine Jesus Shine

\*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."**

**Please fill out the Easter lily envelope** inside of your bulletin and put in the offering plate. The lilies will be placed in the church on Easter Sunday.

## PASTORS/SPEAKERS

March 26 Rev. Crawford Brubaker  
April 2 elder, Tracy Rene' Helms-Capasso  
April 9 (*Palm Sunday*) Rev. Kathy Crighton  
April 16 (*Easter Sunday*) Rev. Crawford Brubaker  
April 23 Rev. Crawford Brubaker  
April 30 Hymn Sing

## LITURGISTS

elder, Claire Trimble  
deacon, Carrie Fisher  
deacon, Carrie Fisher  
deacon, Justin Wood



## 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. 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.

EQUALITY



FOR ALL



## 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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## APRIL SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **Saturday, April 1, 9am** – Women United in Prayer.
- **Monday, April 10, 7pm** – Square Dancing. (All are Welcome to Come dance and meet new friends).
- **Saturday, April 29, 12pm – 7pm** – "Big Easy" AA Group special meeting.

## HOLY WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – 11:00 am worship, April 9<sup>th</sup>.** Join us as we celebrate Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem with worship and communion.
- **HOLY THURSDAY–7:00 pm Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.** A service of communion to end with the Passion scriptures including extinguishing of candles in a traditional Tenebrae manner. Service will be led by Rev. Kathy Crighton
- **GOOD FRIDAY Private Meditation–12pm to 3pm Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.** In the sanctuary.
- **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - 7 am, Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Join with Parkway Presbyterian Church at the main shelter in Lafrenière Park in Metairie. They ask that you please bring a lawn chair with you.
- **CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT– 10:00 am, Easter morning, Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.** We ask that you bring either plastic eggs or a bag of candy to put in the eggs...for the children. Bring your children and grandchildren for the fun!
- **EASTER SERVICE of THE RESURRECTION - 11am Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.** Bring your family and friends for this joyous Communion service, led by Rev. Crawford Brubaker.
- **EASTER MONDAY—April 17<sup>th</sup>** the church office will be closed in observance of Easter.

### WEEKLY EVENTS AT FPCNO

<b>Sunday</b>	9:30am 10:15am 11am 6pm-9pm	Adult Bible Study Children’s Sunday School Sunday Worship Cuban Salsa	Session room Room 207 Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
<i>(Bookoo Rueda all are welcome)</i>			
<b>Monday</b>	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday</b>	7pm-9pm 7pm-10pm	(Adult Bible Study) “Big Easy” AA Group	Session room Fellowship Hall
<i>(Anyone needing guidance is welcome to come)</i>			
<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 6pm-8:30pm	Meditation Service Metropolitan Church	Session room Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday</b>	8pm-11pm	Tango dancing	Fellowship Hall



## Prayer List

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

### Healing Prayers for:

**Diane Kleinfeldt** – Diane is in recovery from leg surgery. Keep her in your prayers for quick healing process and prayers Henry, Jeffery and Gary for God’s strength and guidance.

**Mina Crais** – Mina’s is having various health problems. She is at home and hope to be in church on Easter Sunday.

**Joyce Kleinfeldt** – She was in a minor car accident Thursday, March 23. Joyce was a passenger in the van one of the nursing drivers was driving, she bumped her head and leg. There was no set belt in the second row to afford any injury to a passenger. She is ok.

**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.

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

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