

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

March 5, 2017

The Temptation of Jesus



Matthew 4:1-11

First Presbyterian Church
First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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 834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord

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: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
Arr. Richard Shephard

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (OT pg. 2)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11 (NT pg. 3)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Not All Things Are Helpful” elder, Steven Strength

*HYMN 167 “Forty Days and Forty Nights” Aus Der Tiefe Rufe Ich

*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 be-low;
Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.
A-men (*sing 7 times*)**

*HYMN 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Wondrous Love

*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 5	<i>elder</i> , Steven Strength
March 12	Rev. Kathy Crighton
March 19	Justin Wood
March 26	Rev. Crawford Brubaker

Bruce Robertson
Dee Boling
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.

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 near.

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

- **Sunday, March 5, 2:00 pm** – Session meeting.
- **Sunday, March 12 is Daylight saving time.** Remember to set your clocks 1 hour ahead. (Spring Forward).
- **Sunday, March 12, after worship service** – Congregational meeting to elect deacons to serve for 2018 and presentation of the budget.
- **Monday, March 13, 7:00pm** – Square Dancing, meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT FPCNO

Sunday <i>(will resume March 5)</i>	9:30am 11am 6pm-9pm	Adult Bible Study Children's Sunday School Sunday Worship Cuban Salsa <i>(Bookoo Rueda all are welcome)</i>	Session room Room 207 Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Monday	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
Tuesday <i>(interested in joining Contact Hoy Hughes @ 504-452-5856, hoy.hughes@gmail.com)</i>	7pm-9pm 7pm-10pm	(Adult Bible Study) "Big Easy" AA Group <i>(Anyone needing guidance is welcome to come)</i>	Session room Fellowship Hall
Wednesday <i>(worship, and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope	Sanctuary
Thursday	6pm-7pm 6pm-8:30pm	Meditation Service Metropolitan Church	Session room 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, died unexpectedly February 14. 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 over the past two weeks.

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

Justin – a friend of Mary Baurd, died recently. Healing prayers for his family and Mary,

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.

Roz Bailey – coworker of Dee Boling, will have spinal surgery at the beginning of February followed by a long convalescence.

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

Myra Schlieshman - a Hynes teacher who has a broken hip will have 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 recovering at Chateau du Notre Dame in room 103. Pray for God's healing.

K.C. Carmichael – K.C. had to have surgery after a fall, she is at home. Keep her in your prayers for God's healing.

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

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

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TERRY RUPPEL; CARRIE FISHER

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