

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

May 7, 2017



First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

Congregation: Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Liturgist: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

Congregation: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Liturgist: For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above

all Gods.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

Showalter

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION, PARDON & ABSOLUTION

Congregation: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Liturgist: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregation: 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 240)

refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord,

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the liv-ing God, joy-ful-ly sing to our Sav-ior.

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Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "Take Time to be Holy" Longstaff/Stebbins

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

New Testament

Acts 2:42-47 (NT pg. 120)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:5-8 (NT pgs. 5, 6)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "And when you pray..." *elder*, Bruce Robertson

*HYMN 469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Children Praying

*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 heav-en-ly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

A-men (sing 7 times)

*HYMN 422 "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Create in Me (Capers)

*BENEDICTION

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
May 7	<i>elder</i> , Bruce Robertson	Mary Frances Brashears
May 14	Rev. Kathleen Crighton	<i>elder</i> , Steven Strength
May 21	Wayne Lee	
May 28	<i>deacon</i> , 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!

(Welcome to the PawPaw and MiMi Club – Hoy and Nicole)

Nicole and Hoy Hughes would like to announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Alyssa Rose Roberts**, who was born on March 29, 2017 in England. The proud parents are Samantha and John Roberts. Please pray for MiMi and PawPaw Hughes, Alyssa, Samantha and John, as they begin this exciting chapter in their lives.

Rev. Shirley R. Frazier – September 2, 1939 – April 18, 2017

She died Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Please pray for her husband Dave and keep her family in your prayers. A memorial service will held at Faith Presbyterian Church in Harvey, La. at a later date.

Mrs. Gloria DeValcourt Marcotte - December 10, 1926 - April 4, 2017.

She died peacefully on Tuesday evening April 4 at the assisted living facility in California where she had lived since 2011.

There will be a memorial service on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:am at the chapel of the Greenwood Funeral Home, 5200 Canal Blvd. In her instructions (*written in February 2011*), she had asked that her friends from First Presbyterian be invited and that the minister or other lay elder of the church preside.

Mrs. Marcotte was a member of First Presbyterian from 2006-2011.

Attention: to all participants in the book groups
America’s Original Sin

“Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America”

On Sunday, May 20th after church with refreshments there will be a meeting of all groups to share their thoughts on how as a congregation we can make a difference. To each participant we hope you had an inspiring experience.

A huge thank you to the leaders of each group: Tracy Rene’ Capasso; Hoy Hughes; Wayne Lee and Bruce Robertson.

MAY SCHEDULE MEETINGS/EVENTS AT FPCNO

- **Monday, May 8, 7:00pm** – Square Dancing. Come dance, meet new people and have fun in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Tuesday, May 15, 7:00pm** – Metropolitan Church board meeting in the conference room.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT FPCNO

Sunday	9:30pm	(America’s Original Sin)	Session room
		<i>(Bruce Robertson book reading and discussion group)</i>	
	10:15am	Children’s Sunday School	Room 207
	11am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	(America’s Original Sin)	Session room
	<i>(Wayne Lee book reading and discussion group)</i>		
	6pm-9pm	Cuban Salsa	Fellowship Hall
		<i>(Bookoo Rueda all are welcome)</i>	

Monday	1pm-3pm	Program of Hope Setup	Sanctuary
Tuesday	7pm-9pm	(America's Original Sin) <i>(Hoy Hughes book reading and discussion group)</i>	Room 207
	7pm-10pm	"Big Easy" AA Group <i>(Anyone needing guidance is welcome to come)</i>	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope <i>(worship, and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>	Sanctuary
	6pm-8pm	(America's Original Sin) <i>(Tracy Rene' book reading and discussion group)</i>	Room 207
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:

Gene Trimble, passed away recently. He is the grandfather of Claire Trimble. Prayers of healing and safe travels for Claire and her family.

Diane Kleinfeldt – Diane is home recovering from leg surgery. Keep her in your prayers for God's healing.

Robert Hardison, husband of Shelley and a friend of Dee Boling. Robert was diagnosed with leukemia recently and it has progressed rapidly. Please pray for them.

Lynn Crisp, Amanda Bennett's stepsister passed away recently after a long battle with breast cancer. Please remember the Crisp and Bennett family in your prayers.

Louanne's mother, Lucy - fell recently. She broke her arm and dislocated her elbow. She is schedule for surgery soon.

The Marcotte Family – Gloria Marcotte a member of First Presbyterian from 2006-2011, recently. Prayers and healing strength for the family.

Linda Robertson sister – had a fall and hit her head on the concrete floor. She was taken to a hospital in Lafayette (from Jennings) and is under the care of a neurosurgeon. She bruised her brain and is under observation for a few days.

Mina Crais – Mina is having various health problems.

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, has been 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.

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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