

# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

**November 19, 2017**



*For everything* **GOD**  
*created* **IS GOOD,**

*and nothing is to be rejected if it is received  
with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated  
by the word of God and prayer.*

1 Timothy 4:4-5 (NIV)

First Presbyterian Church  
*Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

November 19, 2017

11:00 am

Writing in **bold** is for the congregation response.

\*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!  
Come into his presence with singing!

**People: Know that the Lord is God!  
It is he that made us, and we are his;**

Leader: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!**

Leader: Give thanks to him, bless his name!

**People: For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*HYMN 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

Ash Grove

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**People: Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills, but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.**

**Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with**

**family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**Leader:** This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

**People:** **We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. 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!"

\*RESPONSE (GTG 582)

Glory to God (Vasile)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

## Hearing the Word

A TIME WITH CHILDREN (*congregation singing*)

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "We Give Thee Thanks Today"

Robert Powell

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 123

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

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

SERMON

“A Layman’s thoughts on God’s Love and Acceptance”

Kenneth Allen

\*HYMN 334

“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

St. Petersburg

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed(*Traditional*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

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*)**

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lead by Rev. Lynn Hyder

\* LORD’S PRAYER (*traditional*)

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth,**

**As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

Italian hymn

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (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.”**

**November 19, 2017  
Leadership in today's service**

**MORNING SPEAKER**

Kenneth Allen

**LITURGIST**

Carrie Fisher

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

May Ball

**PIANIST**

Amanda Wadsworth

**USHERS**

Diane Kleinfeldt

Henry Kleinfeldt

**GREETERS**

Gabriel Capasso

Luke Capasso

## **Saints Game Day and Pre-Thanksgiving Feast**

**Please join us today after worship service for some game day fun along with trash can turkey and all it's trimmings in the Fellowship Hall. Let's cheer the Saints on for a great win against the Washington Redskins.**

**WHO DAT!**



## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

If you are a visitor or guest we invite you to 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 care about you and want to know who you are.

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 "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



## **PASTOR KIM AROUND TOWN**

One of my commitments in my weekly work schedule is to have some set hours at a place outside the church building. Sometimes people are more comfortable talking with a pastor outside of the walls of a church. It may be a time for you to drop by or to bring a friend to visit. You don't have to have a particular need to stop by, but it is fine if you do. It's a time for conversation on anything from personal matters to church concerns to world peace – or anything else.

### **Pastor Kim's walk, coffee & beer hours:**

- Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm      meet behind the church on S. Prieur St.
- Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 -9am      Morning Call (City Park)

## **The FPCNO adult Bible study**

Takes place every Sunday morning from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Session room. Each week we read and discuss the current lesson from "The Present Word" Bible study series (published quarterly by PCUSA). Our Sunday morning gatherings are informal and typically consists of approximately 6 to 8 participants. All are welcome to attend.

## FPCNO THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	5:30pm	Kim's Group walk	meet behind the church on S. Prieur St.
<b>Tuesday</b>	7am-9am	Kim's coffee hours	Morning Call (City Park)
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30pm 10am 11am	Adult Bible Study Children's Choir practice Sunday Worship	Session room Sanctuary



### **Prayer List**

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



**The victims** of the Church shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX. and all affected by gun violence in our Country.

**The Big Easy AA Group** and all groups in this category.

**Karen Hawkins** – Her son was killed while on his way to work.

**Our Homebound members and friends.  
Please visit them and remember them in Prayer.**

***Mary Knight***

***Mina Crais***

***Gloria Boling***

*(Randy Boling's mom)*

***Adrian (Tudy) Manson***

***Joyce Kleinfeldt*** *(Henry's sister)*

### ***Prayers for the homeless***

Many people come through the Program of Hope for guidance and help.  
Please keep them in your prayers.

**Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for one month  
unless you request that it continue to be listed.**



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**WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME**

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