

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
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November 26, 2017

Jesus did not say that it would be a great thing if the kingdom of God existed. He announced that the Kingdom was at hand.

Willem Adolph Visser 'T Hooft (1900-1985)

First Presbyterian Church
Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 26, 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

BELLS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN 643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun Danket Alle Gotte

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 (647)

“Give Thanks”

Give Thanks

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 "Crown of Thorns, Crown of Glory"

arr. Mark Schweizer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

New Testament Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God around us,
for the word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Do We See?"

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

*HYMN 852

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

I'll Fly Away

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are
doomed to die and be lost;

**People: This is true: for God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son so that everyone who believes
in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.**

Leader: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and
discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and
destruction;

**People: This is true: I have come that they may have
life, and have it abundantly.**

Leader: It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last
word, and that war and destruction have come to stay
forever;

**People: This is true: for to us a child is born, to us a son
is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose
name will be Prince of Peace.**

Leader: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

People: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.

Leader: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

People: This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk dream dreams.

Leader: It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history;

People: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth.

From South Africa

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 (*concluding with the Lord's Prayer*)

*LORD'S PRAYER (*traditional*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
thy kingdom come.
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Diademata

*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 26, 2017
Leadership in today's service**

PASTOR

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

USHERS

Diane Kleinfeldt

Henry Kleinfeldt

LITURGIST

Wayne Lee

PIANIST

Aya Magavina

GREETERS

Gabriel Capasso

Luke Capasso

Resources used in today's worship service include:

Book of Common Worship, Iona Abbey Worship Book, The Living Pulpit



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.

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.



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 27th, 5:30pm meet behind the church on S. Prieur St.
- Tuesday, November 28th, 7 -9am Morning Call (City Park)
- Wednesday, November 29th, 5-7pm Oak (8118 Oak Street)

I will be at the church on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 for anyone who wants to drop by. I'm glad to meet with you at another time, either at the church or someone else. Just call 504-866-7409 or email me at kim@fpcno.org to set up a time.

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

Monday	1pm-3pm 5:30pm	Program of Hope Setup Kim's Group walk	Sanctuary meet behind the church on S. Prieur St.
Tuesday	7am-9am 6:30pm	Kim's coffee hours Session meeting	Morning Call (City Park) Session room
Wednesday	9am-10:30am 2pm-4pm 5pm-7pm	Program of Hope Kim's office hours Kim's beer hours	Sanctuary <i>(worship and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i> First Presbyterian Church Oak (8118 Oak Street)
Thursday	6pm-7pm	Meditation Service	Session room
Saturday	6pm	FPC and Rhodes College dinner	Fellowship Hall
Sunday	9:30pm 11am 12:30pm	Adult Bible Study Sunday Worship Session meeting	Session room Sanctuary Session room



Prayer List

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



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

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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