

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

November 5, 2017

O blest communion,
fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle;
they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee,
for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

For All the Saints
William Walsham How

First Presbyterian Church
All Saints Day
Communion Sunday

November 5, 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: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.

**People: O praise the Lord with me,
let us exalt God's name together.**

*HYMN 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Lauda Anima

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.**

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

**You call us to proclaim your name,
but we are silent.**

**You call us to do what is just,
but we remain idle.**

**You call us to live faithfully,
but we are afraid.**

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

People: Friends, we have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, Our sins have been forgiven.

*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 591)

Halle, Halle

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah,
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

New Testament Reading

Acts 20:17-19, 22-25, 28-38

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Letting Go"

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Hal Hopson

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (607)

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all baptized people to receive communion today. This invitation is not reserved for Presbyterians, nor is it just for adults; it is for all baptized persons who wish to come. We receive communion by coming forward, taking a piece of bread from the loaf, then dipping it into the cup. The pastor will be offering wine; the elder will offer unfermented grape juice. Corn tortillas are on each plate for those who follow a gluten free diet.

“Access to the table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love.” Book of Order, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN 506

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

Copeland

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

the prayer continues

*HYMN 326

“For All the Saints”

Sine Nomine

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (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.”



We light candles today in the memory of people we love who have died. The candle light reminds us that they have joined the “great cloud of witnesses” which surrounds us. When we share communion, we do so with the others in the room, and with people who have died and people who are yet to be born.



We all belong to God.

Resources used in today's worship service include:
Book of Common Worship

November 5, 2017
Leadership in today's service

PASTOR

Kim Rodrigue

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

LITURGIST

Mary Frances Brashears

PIANIST

Aya Magavina



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://www.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.

EQUALITY



FOR ALL



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!

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 6th, 5:30pm meet behind the church on S. Prieur St.
- Tuesday, November 7th, 7-9am Morning Call (City Park)
- Wednesday, November 8th, 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.

Sunday School for children & youth begins next week! Our teachers are: Lynn Hyder and Christopher Roberts (youth); Tracy Rene' Helms-Capasso, Billye Constance and Marjan Aslanberigi (elementary); Magen Dolce and Angela Horn (pre-school). Many thanks to them for their leadership!

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. Coffee and refreshments are served.

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	Kim's coffee hours	Morning Call (City Park)
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
Sunday	9:30pm 11am	Adult Bible Study Sunday Worship	Session room Sanctuary



Prayer List

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



The victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The victims of the tragic shooting in Las Vegas and
all who are affected by gun violence in our Country.

Those affected and lives lost in the fires of
Calistoga, in Napa County California.

The victims of the terrorist attack in Manhattan, New York.

Candice Bellau – Candy is recovering from pneumonia.

Kelly Mallary – had appendectomy surgery Tuesday, Oct. 31. She is
at home recovering. Keep Kelly in your prayers for a speedy and
healthy recovery.

Dana Roberts and her family – Cheryl's sister-in-law Dana her
son Brandon was killed last week and the family is making
arrangements to get her son home to New Orleans for burial.

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 Kleinfeldt's sister)

Prayers for the homeless



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