

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

October 1, 2017

Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

May we know your presence,
May your longings be our
longings in heart and in action.

Casa del Sol *Prayer of Jesus*

First Presbyterian Church
World Communion Sunday

October 1, 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

Liturgist: Gather us in,
the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking,
the tired and the aching
who long for the nourishment
found at your feast.

All: **GATHER US IN,**
Liturgist: the done and the doubting,
the wishing and wondering,
the puzzled and pondering
who long for the company
found at your feast.

All: **GATHER US IN,**
Liturgist: the proud and the pretentious,
the sure and superior,
the never inferior,
who long for the levelling
found at your feast.

All: **GATHER US IN,**
Liturgist: the bright and the bustling,
the stirrers, the shakers,
the kind laughter makers,
who long for the deeper joys
found at your feast

All: **GATHER US IN,**
Liturgist: from corner or limelight,
from mansion or campsite,
from fears and obsession,
from tears and depression,
from untold excesses,
from treasured successes,
to meet, to eat,
be given a seat,

be joined to the vine,
be offered new wine,
become like the least,
be found at the feast.

All: GATHER US IN,

*HYMN 401

“Here in This Place”

Gather Us In

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Liturgist: 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Mayenziwe/Your Will Be Done" South African Traditional

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Isaiah 2:2-4

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:7-9a, 10

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Asking God to be God"

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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.

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 525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let Us Break Bread

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.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. ...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: *(singing):* Holy, Holy, Holy

Argentine Santo

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

The Prayer Continues

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

*HYMN 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Chereponi

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (748)

Tallis Canon

“Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spir-it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.”

October 1, 2017

Leadership in today's service

PASTOR

Kim Rodrigue

LITURGIST

Sherri Hutton

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Lynn Hyder

PIANIST

Aya Magavina

We are in the midst of a series of sermons in which we will be exploring the different phrases in the Lord's Prayer. Our worship will be complemented by the singing and praying of some different versions of the Prayer. If you, or someone you know, has been struggling with whether prayer is relevant in a turbulent time like our own, or how to pray in meaningful ways, or how to make a difference in the world, or what faith has to do with contemporary struggles, these sermons may speak to your concerns.



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 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



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.

It is also a good way for me to meet people who aren't already in the church, but who may have interest in issues of spirituality and meaning. I will be your face in the community when I do this. You can join me for coffee Tuesday mornings or drinks this Thursday evening.

Pastor Kim's coffee & beer hours:

- Tuesday, October 3rd, 7 -9am
Rue De La Course
(S. Carrollton & Oak St.)
- Wednesday, October 4th, 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.

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!

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–Friday 3pm-dusk

Pumpkin selling

Pumpkin Patch

Monday

1pm-3pm

Program of Hope Setup

Sanctuary

Tuesday

7am-9am

Kim's coffee hours

Rue De La Course

(S. Carrolton Ave. and Oak St)

Wednesday

9am-10:30am

Program of Hope

Sanctuary

(worship and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)

2pm-4pm

Kim's office hours

First Presbyterian Church

5pm-7pm

Kim's beer hours

Oak (8118 Oak Street)

Thursday

6pm-7pm

Meditation Service

Session room



Saturday

10am-dusk

Pumpkin selling

Pumpkin Patch

Sunday

9:30pm

Adult Bible Study

Session room

10am

Children's Sunday School

Rooms 102, 207 & 208

11am

Sunday Worship

Sanctuary



1pm-dusk

Pumpkin selling

Pumpkin Patch

Prayer List



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



The victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma and Maria.

Prayers are needed for a family whose son is on Wayne's soccer team. It seems their daughter has cancer and just got home from a hospital stay. She is to continue with chemo. If that is not enough, her parents will have to decide on whether or not she should have a drug in the protocol that would cause her to have another stroke. Without this drug, she may not go into remission.

**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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