

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
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October 15, 2017

You pray for the hungry.
Then you feed them.
That's how prayer works.

Pope Francis

First Presbyterian Church
Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2017

11:00 am

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BELLS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: Among the poor,
among the proud,

Leader 2: among the persecuted
among the privileged,

All: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Leader 1: In the private house,
in the public place,

Leader 2: in the wedding feast
in the judgement hall,

All: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Leader 1: With gentle touch,
with an angry word,

Leader 2: with a clear conscience,
with burning love,

All: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Leader 1: That the kingdom might come,
that the world might believe,

Leader 2: that the powerful might stumble,
that the hidden might be seen,

All: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

Leader 1: Within us, without us,
Behind us, before us,

Leader 2: In this place, in every place,
For this time, for all time,

All: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.

*HYMN 624

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Toulon

*OPENING PRAYER

(From the Church in Sweden)

Lord, we thank you

for all the light, grace and life

seen and known in the church which nurtured us.

Praying that, still may we be set free

from narrow-mindedness and complacency.

**Open our eyes
That we may recognize the work of your Spirit
among other people and under different forms.
And should we yet walk in some things
on separate ways,
then present before us the common goal
towards which we travel. Amen.**

*HYMN 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

SCRIPTURE READING - Confessing and praying together
James 5:13-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Let us pray.
Because you made the world,
and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children,
because, when things seemed at their worst,
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;
so gracious God, we gladly say:

**ALL: GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL,
LOVE IS STRONGER THAN HATE,
LIGHT IS STRONGER THAN DARKNESS.
TRUTH IS STRONGER THAN LIES.**

Leader: Because confusion can reign inside us,
despite our faith;
because anger, tension, bitterness and envy
distort our vision;
because our minds sometimes worry small things
out of all proportion;
because we do not always get it right,
we want to believe:

**ALL: GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL,
LOVE IS STRONGER THAN HATE,
LIGHT IS STRONGER THAN DARKNESS.
TRUTH IS STRONGER THAN LIES.**

Leader: Because you have promised to hear us,
and are able to change us,
and are willing to make our hearts your home,
we ask you to confront,
control, forgive and encourage us,
as you know best.
(pause)
Then let us cherish in our hearts
That which we proclaim with our lips:

**ALL: GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL,
LOVE IS STRONGER THAN HATE,
LIGHT IS STRONGER THAN DARKNESS.
TRUTH IS STRONGER THAN LIES.**

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer,
and change our lives
until we illustrate the grace
of the God who makes all things new.

ALL: 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 591)

Halle, Halle

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

Hearing the Word

A TIME WITH CHILDREN *1 Samuel 3:1-10*
(*congregation singing*)

**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.**

ANTHEM “Hear Me When I Call” Richard Shephard

SCRIPTURE READING - When we feel forsaken by God
Psalm 22:1-19

HYMN 466 “Come and Fill Our Hearts” Confitemini Domino

SCRIPTURE READING - Seeking God
Psalm 63:1-8
A time of silent prayer

CHILDREN’ S CHOIR “Kum Ba Yah”

SCRIPTURE READING - When it is time to give
Matthew 6:19-21

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY (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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - For whom do we pray?

1 Timothy 2:1

*A CIRCLE OF PRAYER

*HYMN 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

Green Tyler

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Our Going and Coming



Our go - ing and com - ing,



our end and be - gin - ning



are safe in your keep - ing,



Lord, our end-less bless - ing.

POSTLUDE

October 1, 2017

Leadership in today's service

PASTOR

Kim Rodrigue

LITURGIST

Tracy Rene' Helms-Capasso

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

ORGANIST & PIANIST

Jeff Moles

We welcome Jeff Moles to our worship service this morning and thank him for his leadership in our music. Jeff is a friend of Rev. Kim Rodrigue's from Nashville, where they served a church together as pastor and music director. In addition to being an awesome church musician, Jeff serves as the Community Development Coordinator at Room in the Inn, a comprehensive ministry with homeless persons that engages people from 190 churches in Middle Tennessee and over 6,500 volunteers.

We will return to our series on the Lord's Prayer next week. Our focus will be on "give us this day, our daily bread."



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.

I am adding a weekly walk to the schedule. If you'd like to walk & talk be at the lake at Audubon Park, St. Charles Ave. side at 5:30pm Monday. This will be a group walk for whoever shows up.

I get 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 a walk Monday afternoon, coffee Tuesday mornings, or drinks this Wednesday evening.

Pastor Kim's walk, coffee & beer hours:

- Monday, October 16th, 5:30pm Audubon Park - by the lake on St. Charles Ave. side.
- Tuesday, October 17th, 7 -9am Morning Call (City Park)
- Wednesday, October 18th, 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!

Happy Hour Fundraiser at Cooter Brown's for Program of Hope

Thursday, October 26 at 5 PM - 8 PM- Join us at the back bar of Cooter Brown's Thursday October 26th and 20% of your drink purchases will be donated to the Program of Hope. Please spread the word to family and friends!

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 5:30pm	Program of Hope Setup Group walk	Sanctuary Audubon Park - by the lake on St. Charles Ave. side
Tuesday	7am-9am	Kim's coffee hours	Morning Call (City Park)
Wednesday	9am-10:30am <i>(worship and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i> 2pm-4pm 5pm-7pm Street)	Program of Hope Kim's office hours Kim's beer hours	Sanctuary First Presbyterian Church Oak (8118 Oak
Thursday	6pm-7pm	Meditation Service	Session room
	Saturday 10am-dusk	Pumpkin selling	Pumpkin Patch
Sunday	9:30pm 11am  1pm-dusk	Adult Bible Study Sunday Worship Pumpkin selling	Session room Sanctuary Pumpkin Patch



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