Reformed

ALWAYS Reforming

JER. 31:31-34
God will write a new covenant on their heart.

PSALM 46
God is our refuge.

ROMANS 3:24-28
Justified by grace through faith.

JOHN 8:31-36
When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.
First Presbyterian Church

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 27, 2019 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:** Be still!

**People:** We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

**Leader:** Be still and know . . .

**People:** We come to discern the Word that continuously teaches.

**Leader:** Be still and know that God is . . .

**People:** our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

*Hymn 23 “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” Pleading Saviour

**Call to Confession**

We can no longer flatter ourselves about how good we are. We do not need to make grandstand plays to get God's attention. We only need to confess our lives, as God makes good on the promises of grace and mercy. Join me as we ask God to reform us into God's children, praying together,

**Confession**

**Redeeming God, you have called us into a new relationship with you. One that is full of Grace and Love. But we turn away, and try to convince ourselves that it is by our own deeds, our own beliefs, our own actions that make us better. You have called us in a new way of being. You taught us a prayer that called for us to help create your kingdom on earth. But we do not work for your will, we work for our will to be done. You have called us into a new way of being church, one that is not worried about the laws to be followed but is set around a table where you say all are welcome. But we set guidelines and legislations to show who is not welcome.**

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God, forgive the ways we exclude each other and attempt to show how we are better than those “other” people. Show us the way to be your church, and your people in the world.

Assurance of Forgiveness
There is nothing we can do to make God love us any more. And there is nothing we can do to make God love us any less. We are surrounded in grace which has been abundantly poured over us by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

*Passing of the Peace

*Response (GTG 582) "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me!"

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

Announcements

Children’s Moment (GTG 175) “Seek Ye First” Lafferty
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Anthem “The Great Parade” Avery and Marsh
Choir, Children’s Choir and Congregation (see insert)
(A musical tribute to our spiritual heritage in honor of Reformation Sunday)

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading
Old Testament Reading Joel 2:23
Liturgist: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Sermon Scripture
New Testament Reading Romans 3:19-28
Preacher: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Sermon “Reformed – but still Being Reformed” Molly Morris
Sharing the Word with the World

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
“Down In My Heart”
“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

*Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen. (repeat 7 times)

Prayers of the People (concluding with the Lord’s Prayer)
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 300 “We Are One in the Spirit” They’ll Know We are Christians

*Benediction

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Preaching: Molly Morris
Liturgist: Rev. Lynn Hyder
Piano: Amanda Wadsworth
Offertory: Children’s Choir

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The Broadmoor Food Pantry are moving their finances over to the Broadmoor Improvement Association so any financial donations from now on should be directed to the BIA and mailed to - 3900 General Taylor St. Second Floor, suite 226, New Orleans, LA 70125. Checks need to be made out to Broadmoor Improvement Association and on the memo line, please write "food pantry".

Children’s and Youth Sunday School is every first and third Sunday of each month.

Volunteers Monthly Schedule:
- 1st Sunday Lydia and Gabe
- 2nd Sunday Carolyn and Chris/Ken
- 3rd Sunday Lydia and Gabe
- 4th Sunday Mary Frances/David and Tracy Helms-Capasso
- 5th Sunday Lydia and Tracy/Angela

If you can’t do your Sunday no worries we will all fill in for each other. Just mark your calendar for your Sunday. If there is a back slash/with your name and someone else you alternate that Sunday with them doing every other month.

REFRESHMENT FOR AFTER WORSHIP SIGN-UP.
If you would like to provide refreshments for after worship on any Sunday, please use the sign-up sheet that is on the refreshment table.

Many thanks to Brent and Mary Bliss McCrossen for the refreshments for this Sunday, October 27.

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WELCOME VISITORS!
We Are Glad You Are Here.

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 seriously, so don’t be surprised if you get offered hugs! If you're not comfortable with this, you may remain in the pew during this time.
• 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 were the first “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!
• also We 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.
Prayer List
Please keep this list with you
This week and pray for...

Karen Hawkins - friend of Dave Rabinowitz, was killed in a bike accident.
Ken Allen and family - Ken’s cousin John McGuyer died recently.
    Molly Morris – Molly’s dad died.
    Betty Michel - friend of Peter Cho.
    Les – a colleague of Peter Cho.
    Cynthia Chen - a colleague of Peter Cho.
Peggy Brown Boardman & family – mother of Alexis Boardman Bounds
    and friend of Bruce Robertson.
    Bruce Robertson and Family – Bruce’s aunt Mrs. Yvonda.
    Sandy Sarr - friend of Dee Boling.
    Michael Caine – friend of Randy Boling.
    Leah Eskine – friend of Dee Boling.
    Abey Colon – friend of Peter Cho.
    Marianne Hutton – Sherri Hutton’s stepmom.
    Kristen Everley – bestfriend of Sydney McMath.

*All those struggling with addictions.*

*Prayers for the homeless*

Our Homebound family.
Please visit them and keep them in your prayers.

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