

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
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September 10, 2017

“I have been driven many times
upon my knees by the overwhelming
conviction that I had no where else
to go.

My own wisdom and that of all about
me seemed insufficient for that day.”

– Abraham Lincoln

First Presbyterian Church
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 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

Liturgist: God calls us to a feast!

Congregation: The table is set, and we will come from east and west, from north and south to sit at Christ's table.

Liturgist: Compassion, love, and grace
are poured out like fine wine.

**Congregation: We come to share our stories and Your story,
to share our hope and our pain,
to share our wisdom and our laughter.**

Liturgist: The table is set,
so come let us worship God together!

*HYMN 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Ellacombe

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Congregation: God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Amen.

Liturgist: By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 582)

Glory to God (Vasile)

**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

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

"In the Name of the Father"

Dennis Allen

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament

Psalm 46

Liturgist: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:7-13

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Teach Us to Pray"

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*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.**

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. Gluten free wafers are available on each plate.

“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 507

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Table of Grace

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: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.

All your works, the height and the depth,
echo the silent music of your praise...

So now, with all the powers of heaven and earth,
we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

People: (singing) “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

(The prayer continues)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AND 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 529

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Union Seminary

*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.”

September 10, 2017
Leadership in today's service

PASTOR

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

LITURGIST

Dee Boling

PIANIST

Amanda Wadsworth

Today we begin a series of sermons on prayer. Today's sermon is about prayer and its importance in the life of Christian faith. In the next weeks, 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--->

EQUALITY



FOR ALL



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 7:30pm	Program of Hope Setup Square Dance	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	7am-9am 6:30pm	Kim's coffee hours Session meeting	Rue De La Course (S. Carrolton Ave. and Oak St) Session room
Wednesday	9am-10:30am 2pm-4pm 5pm-7pm	Program of Hope Kim's office hours Kim's beer hours	Sanctuary First Presbyterian Oak (8118 Oak Street)
Thursday	6pm-7pm	Meditation Service	Session room
Sunday	9:30pm 11am 12:30pm	Adult Bible Study Sunday Worship WHO DAT game day	Session room Sanctuary Fellowship Hall

Prayer List

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

Healing Prayers for:

The victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Samantha Larsen – a member who moved to Florida is hospitalized with stomach pains doctors cannot find the problem, but she is concerned about the hurricane that she will lose contact with all.

Bruce Robertson and family – Bruce's brother died. Keep Bruce and his family in your prayers for comfort and healing.

Martha and JD Bowen – mourning the loss of their son Levi who was stillborn about 2 weeks before his projected due date.



**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

Many people come through the Program of Hope for guidance and help.

Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for one month unless you request that it continue to be listed.



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