

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

September 17, 2017

Ground of all being,
Mother of Life,
Father of the universe...

From the Casa del Sol *Prayer of Jesus*

First Presbyterian Church
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 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: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Congregation: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

Liturgist: Pray for your communities

Congregation: Keep God in the center of all that is.

Liturgist: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

Congregation: For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires

Liturgist: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

Congregation: and we can trust the promise.

*HYMN 31

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”

Monkland

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Congregation: Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your
Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**Transform our timid lives by the power
of your Spirit,**

**and fill us with a flaming desire to be your
faithful people, doing your will for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Liturgist: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are 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 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 “Standing in the Need of Prayer” African American Spiritual

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 5:2

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

“Pray Like This”

Rev. Kim Rodrigue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is the living Word of God.

**The Word which was with God from the beginning
was embodied in Jesus Christ.**

**We hold that what God says to us and does for us
centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord
as he is remembered, known, and expected.**

**In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:
by grace through faith
we are set right with God,
adopted as children of God,
not because of anything we have done,
but because of what Christ has done.**

**In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out:
to love God and neighbor as he did
is what God requires of us.**

**The Spirit adds no different Word from God,
but leads us deeper
into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.**

from A Declaration of Faith

*HYMN 837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

Showalter

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.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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 853

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Siyahamba

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 17, 2017 Leadership in today's service

PASTOR

Kim Rodrigue

LITURGIST

Steven Strength

MUSIC DIRECTOR

May Ball

PIANIST

Amanda Wadsworth

Resources used in today's worship service include:

www.pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au; *Book of Common Worship*,
and www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways.

We have begun 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--->

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	Kim's coffee hours	Rue De La Course (S. Carrolton Ave. and Oak St)
Wednesday	9am-10:30am	Program of Hope	Sanctuary <i>(worship and outreach to less fortunate, all are welcome to volunteer or seek help)</i>
Thursday	2pm-4pm 5pm-7pm 6pm-7pm 6pm	Kim's office hours Kim's beer hours Meditation Service Men's Night(Pumpkin patch prep)	First Presbyterian Church Oak (8118 Oak Street) Session room Yard
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...

Healing Prayers for:

Those affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Pastor Kim and her family – Kim's uncle David died last Sunday and the funeral will be this Wednesday, September 20.

Nelson Ardoin Jr. - a friend of Peter Cho's, he suffered a blood infection that affected his eyesight.

Sumant Kamboj - a friend of Peter Cho's, he had 4+ feet of water in his home in Houston.

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



**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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