

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Acts 8:26

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

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11:00 am

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Please silence your phones during worship service.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 117)

All: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us.

The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN 620 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

No matter how many times we fall short of who we were created to be, God is still faithful. In the confident assurance of God’s great love for us, let us confess our sins

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy Lord, sometimes we struggle to understand just what it is you are telling us. Sometimes we feel paralyzed to move because we’re afraid of doing the wrong thing. Help us to listen for your voice. Help us to remember that you did not create us to be your puppets, but to be creatures of your creation with the freedom to make our own choices. Sometimes they will be good choices, and sometimes they won’t. And when the choices we make aren’t good choices, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In this Easter season, we give thanks for Jesus and all that he has done for us.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

HEARING THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (GtG 472 vs. 1) "Kum ba Yah"

"Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!"

ANTHEM "There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today" Hewitt/Sweney

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:4-9 (pg. 591)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Acts 8:26-40 (pgs. 888-889)

Pastor: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Beyond Jerusalem" Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal pg. 35

SHARING THE WORD WITH THE WORLD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Avery & Marsh

**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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(...Now, please be with us as we conclude this time with the prayer, taught to us by
your son, saying...)

**ALL 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 he
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 749 "Come! Live in the Light!"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

PASTOR: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: Billye Constance

PIANIST: Amanda Wadsworth

YOUTH/CHILDREN'S MOMENT: elder, Ken Allen

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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CRAWFISH BOIL planning meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 @ 6pm - in the conference room
Come share your inputs to have another successful
Fundraiser for First Presbyterian Church.

FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 7pm-9pm | “Carrollton” AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 9:30-12:30
9am-11am
6pm-8pm
7pm-9pm | Baby Music Class
Program of Hope (setup)
Crawfish Boil planning mtg
“Big Easy” AA Group | Room 207
Sanctuary
Conference Rm.
Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
9:30-12:30
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope
Baby Music Class
Dancing Amigos | Sanctuary
Room 207
Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 6pm-7pm | MCC | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 9:30-12:30 | Baby Music Class | Room 207 |
| Sunday | 9:45am -10:15am
10am-11am
11am-12pm | FPC Adult Bible Study
MCC Sunday Service
FPC Sunday Service | Conference Rm.
Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary |





Prayer List

Please pray for these
Individuals and their families.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Dave Rabinowitz's sister **Dani Tracey** and his mother **Eleanore Valek**.
Emily Ruppel, FPCNO member attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

RECOVERING

May Ball, in treatment for cancer.

Mary Frances Brashears, recent oral surgery.

George Cheate; **Linda Robertson**; **Tom Tatum**; **Sandra Sarr**.

Ethan Horn, son of Mike and Angela Horn and brother of Jack. Ethan Horn has been hospitalized since being in a horrific accident on September 11, 2023. He is scheduled to go home soon, but he will need round the clock care. Prayers for Ethan and his family

ILLNESS

Wilma and Donald Lejeune, sister and brother-in-law of Linda Robertson, dealing with cancer.

Marshal Fisher and his roommate Perry, have health issues.

Bob Sarradet, Canna's stepfather is having health issues.

Martha Pearl Williamson, Lamar's mother, health issues.

Mahmoud Aslanbaigi, Marjan's father has had cancer surgery on his face.

Sandra Boling, sister of Randy Boling.

OUR HOMEBOUND FAMILY

Jennings Hutton, Sherri Hutton's dad.

Nancy Wadsworth, in a Nursing facility.

Adrian (Tudy) Manson, at her home.

Linda Donato' assisted living, Sherri Hutton's mom.

DEATHS

Sgt. Wayne Miller, husband of Pastor Kathy's friend and a Vietnam veteran.

Wallace Hoffman, father of Christie Hoffman Ruppel.

Frank Cardaronella, brother of Mary Frances Brashears.


James Bailey Henderson Jr., Cheryl's brother, and Chris's uncle.



WELCOME VISITORS!

We Are Glad You Are Here

We welcome you to historic, progressive First Presbyterian Church this morning! 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. Here are a few things to get you up to speed.

- If you are a visitor or guest we invite you to sign the visitor/guest register which is located in the Narthex and/or 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.
- 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.
- During the time of the passing of the peace, some may be comfortable with hugs, laughs, and conversation, but others may not. Please be respectful of one another's comfort levels. If you would prefer to maintain a social distance, you may pass the peace by folding your arms, making a peace sign, or whatever is comfortable for you.
- **Great news!** We have resumed having coffee available in the narthex before, during, and after worship. Big thanks to our elder, Henry Kleinfeldt for preparing the coffee! We are also offering snacks. Feel free to donate your favorite kinds and leave them on the table beside the coffee fixings.
- We were the first "More Light" congregation in New Orleans and now are the first congregation to be a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians in New Orleans. Which means we welcome not only the membership, but the leadership and talents of all genders, abilities, races, and sexual orientations.  EQUALITY
FOR ALL
- We appreciate the spiritual and financial support your attendance brings. If you wish, you may put cash or a check in the offering plate that will be passed towards the end of the service. If you would like to use a credit card or PayPal to make a secure donation to the Program of Hope or the Capital Campaign, you can go to the church's website, www.fpcno.org and click on the links on the right hand side of the home page.

Please like us on Facebook at facebook.com/fpcno and also follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/fpcno!

We don't have an official church newsletter, but you can find updates on our Facebook page (above) and website, www.fpcno.org.

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