

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

April 7, 2024

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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 (from Psalm 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

As we prepare our hearts for worship, there are thoughts that keep coming into our minds, distracting us from focusing on God. Our worries, our fears, the things that upset us, separate us from the peace that surpasses understanding. In hope and faith, we turn those things over to God now as we pray our prayer of confession.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord God, in this beautiful spring season of Easter, we come to you with hearts full of emotions. We rejoice in the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet we also come with worry, with concerns about loved ones and ourselves, with grief over the losses in our lives. Help us, Lord, in our times of trouble. Give us strength for the facing of these days. May we trust in the promises of the risen Christ in this Easter season and always.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (based on John 3:16-17)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 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 "Every Morning Is Easter Morning" Avery and Marsh

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (pg. 601)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Luke 24:28-35 (pg. 856)

Pastor: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "When Our Risen Lord Was at Table" Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 500 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

SHARING THE WORD WITH THE WORLD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*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

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our Creator...

...And so, with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All sing:)

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.

Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,

Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Let us say what we believe, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed (*p. 35 in Glory to God hymnal*)

The Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this Easter feast of redemption. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us living signs of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 519 (*sing twice*) "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

PASTOR: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Lydia Pollard

PIANIST: Amanda Wadsworth

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Mary Frances Brashears

CHILDRENS MOMENT: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 7pm-9pm | “Carrollton” AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 7pm-9pm | “Big Easy” AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope
Dancing Amigos | Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 6pm-7pm | MCC | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 9:30-12:30
9am-7pm | Baby Music Class
Big Easy Special meeting | Room 207
Sanctuary |
| 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**.
Blaise Bennett, son of Amanda Williamson. Blaise is serving in The Army National Guard and has been deployed to Kuwait.
Emily Ruppel, FPCNO member attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

RECOVERING

May Ball, in treatment for cancer.

Mary Frances Brashears, recent oral surgery.

George Cheatle; 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

Sgt. Wayne Miller, husband of Pastor Kathy's friend and a Vietnam veteran, cancer. He is the father of Jessica Margaret Miller.

Jessica Margaret Miller, daughter of Pastor Kathy's friend, dealing with a recurrence of cancer.

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

Wallace Hoffman, father of Christie Hoffman Ruppel.

Robert Pollard, brother of Lydia Pollard and uncle of Canna.

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.

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THE SESSION

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KEN ALLEN

ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

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