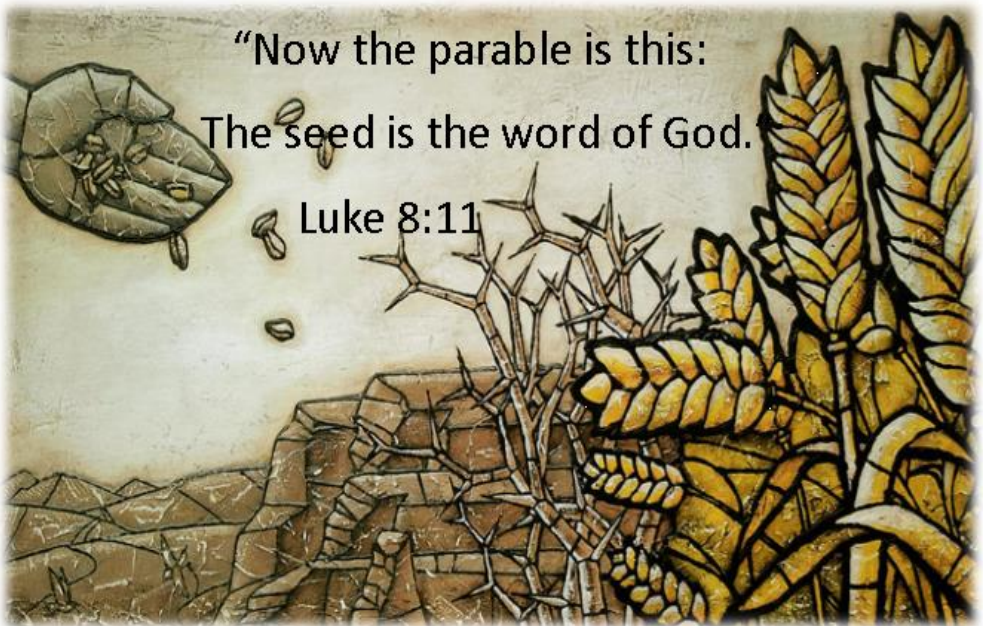


# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

**February 25, 2024**

## Second Sunday in Lent



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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 22)

Leader: You who revere the Lord, praise him!

**People: Glorify him and stand in awe of him!**

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

**People: Those who seek him shall praise the Lord.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

**People: All the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

Leader: Future generations will be told about the Lord.

**People: And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 14      “For the Beauty of the Earth”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In these days of Lent, we take time to reflect on our lives and our relationship with Christ. When we look upon the cross, we realize how much Jesus has done for us. With humble hearts, we come to confess our sins before him.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Lord Jesus, look upon us here. We who call you Lord know how unworthy we are of all you have done for us. Yet you have loved us with a love beyond all understanding. You continue to love us, down through the generations, not because of how good we are, but because of how good you are. Your unconditional love for us amazes us. We don't know how to respond. All we can say is “thank you.”**

*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 "Lord, Speak to Me" Gregg Sewell

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:8-9, 15 (pg. 2)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

## SERMON SCRIPTURE

New Testament Reading

Luke 8:4-8, 11-15 (pgs. 835-836)

Pastor: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

SERMON The Growing Season #2 "Starting Seeds"

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

\*HYMN 250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

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**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **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.**

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 680 "Soft Rains of Spring Flow"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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## LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

**PREACHING:** Rev. Kathleen Crighton

**LITURGIST:** elder, Bruce Mather

**PIANIST:** Aya Magavina

**CHILDRENS MOMENT:** elder, Tim Ruppel

**OFFERING:** elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

**BELL RINGER:** deacon, David Rabinowitz

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### Ways you can support F.P.C. Homeless Outreach Ministry "The Program of Hope"

- Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month a monetary donation can be put into the offering plate, with that designation on the provided envelope.
- Seasonally appropriate clothing donations can be brought to the church office on Mondays, please check with Diane Kleinfeldt if you have a large donation.

**We appreciate your generosity! Thank you!**

## FPCNO THIS WEEK

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|------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 10am-11:30am<br>7pm-9pm                       | Baby music class<br>"Carrollton" AA Group                         | Room 208<br>Fellowship Hall                                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9am-12pm<br>10am-11:30am<br>7pm-9pm           | POH sorting day<br>Baby music class<br>"Big Easy" AA Group        | Sanctuary<br>Room 208<br>Fellowship Hall                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9am-10:30am<br>10am-11:30am                   | Program of Hope<br>Baby music class                               | Sanctuary<br>Room 208                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 10am-11:30am<br>7pm-9pm<br>6pm-8pm<br>7pm-8pm | Baby music class<br>Shades of Praise<br>Session meeting<br>MCC    | Room 208<br>Sanctuary<br>Conference room<br>Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 10am-11:30am                                  | Baby music class  | Room 208  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 9am-11am                                      | Baby music class  | Room 208  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45am -10:15am<br>10am-11am<br>11am-12pm     | FPC Adult Bible Study<br>MCC Sunday Service<br>FPC Sunday Service | Conference Rm.<br>Fellowship Hall<br>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**

**Mary Frances Brashears**, recent oral surgery.

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

**Ethan Horn**, son of Mike and Angela Horn and brother of Jack. Ethan is still at Children's Hospital. No immediate plans for him to go home because he's getting therapy at the hospital. Mike says he's doing great with physical and speech therapy but still is unable to speak. He says Ethan is the star of the hospital! He has now been there four months.

**Mike Wadsworth**, Amanda's dad, he is home.

## **ILLNESS**

**May Ball**, in treatment for cancer.

**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.

**Marie**, friend of Pastor Kathy, going through chemo.

**Emily Cho**, Peter's 8-year-old niece, has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes.

**Marshal Fisher and his roommate Perry**, have health issues.

**Laverne Manning**, Peter's mom's friend. She is in the hospital with Parkinson's.

**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.

**Jennings Hutton**, Sherri Hutton's dad.

**Sandra Boling**, sister of Randy Boling.

## **OUR HOMEBOUND FAMILY**

**Nancy Wadsworth**, in a Nursing facility.

**Adrian (Tudy) Manson**, at her home.

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

## DEATHS

**Rev. Jim Miller**, husband of former member Rev. Catherine Allsbury.

**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.


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# 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.
  - 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](http://www.fpcno.org) and click on the links on the right hand side of the home page.
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## WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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MAY BALL

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BRUCE MATHER

### WEBSITE TECHS:

TERRY RUPPEL; CARRIE FISHER

### TECH SUPPORT:

RICHARD TATUM

### SEXTON:

WALNICA GIPSON

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## THE SESSION

### CLERK OF SESSION

KEN ALLEN

### ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

BRUCE MATHER

### CLASS OF 2023

KEN ALLEN

BRUCE ROBERTSON

### CLASS OF 2024

HENRY KLEINFELDT

LYDIA POLLARD

### CLASS OF 2025

BRUCE MATHER

CHRISTIE RUPPEL

### PROGRAM OF HOPE DIRECTOR

DIANE KLEINFELDT

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