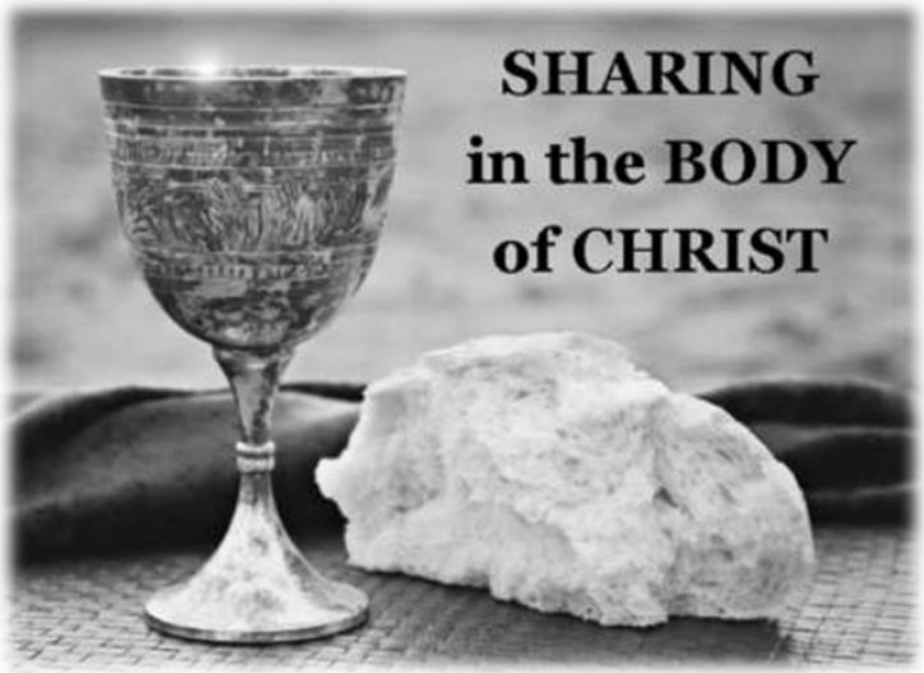


# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

**February 4, 2024**

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*Communion Sunday*



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Souper Bowl Offering received

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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 147)

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

**People: For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**People: Great is our Lord and abundant in power.**

Leader: His understanding is beyond measure.

**People: Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!**

\*HYMN 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The God who created us knows us better than we know ourselves. God loves us and cares for us. Let's come to God in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Loving God, the scriptures tell us you heal the brokenhearted. Because we are human, we've had our hearts broken time and time again. Perhaps even now we feel the pain of that brokenness. Scripture also tells us you bind up our wounds, the wounds of the body and the wounds of the heart. Lord, we ask you for healing. Maybe we even beg you for that healing. Thank you, Lord, for loving us and being with us in all the moments of our lives.**

*Silent Prayer*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Psalm 103)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who revere him. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

**Response: And also with you!**

## HEARING THE WORD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are receiving the Souper Bowl offering, which is part of an international program to help feed the hungry. 100% of the proceeds stay local. The session has designated that this year's offering go to the Jefferson Presbyterian Food Bank. We have been providing them with boxes of cereal, which they can still use.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (GtG 700 vs. 1) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**"I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!"**

ANTHEM "Let's Enjoy God Together" Clarkson/Smith

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-18 (pg. 928)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

### SERMON SCRIPTURE

New Testament Reading Mark 1:29-42 (pg. 808)

Pastor: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Did Jesus Have a To-Do List?" Rev. Kathleen Crighton

\*HYMN 506 "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

## 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,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*(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

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

\*HYMN 728 "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

**PREACHING:** Rev. Kathleen Crighton

**LITURGIST:** elder, Ken Allen

**PIANIST:** Amanda Wadsworth

**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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| <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>7pm-8pm  | Baby music class<br>Shades of Praise<br>MCC                | Room 208<br>Sanctuary<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>    | 9:30am-10:15am<br>10am-11am         | FPC Breakfast/Meditation<br>MCC Sunday Service             | Sanctuary<br>Fellowship Hall             |





## 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**

**George Cheatle; 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**

**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.  
**Commissioned Pastor Richard Maag**, former moderator of FPCNO session.  
**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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We don't have an official church newsletter, but you can find updates on our Facebook page (above) and website, [www.fpcno.org](http://www.fpcno.org).

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## WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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BRUCE MATHER

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### TECH SUPPORT:

RICHARD TATUM

### SEXTONS:

VERONICA AND 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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