

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
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January 14, 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 29)

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

People: The Lord, over mighty waters.

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood.

People: May the Lord give strength to the people!

All: May the Lord bless us all with peace!

*HYMN 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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, it's been another crazy week. We started out thinking it would go a certain way, and it didn't. We started out thinking we would do things a certain way, and we didn't. We didn't mean to do that thing we did, or say that thing we said, but we did. Lord, forgive us, and help us to forgive ourselves. Thank you for Jesus, in whom we are forgiven.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Ephesians 5:8)

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light. Thanks be to God. 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 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!

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ANTHEM "I Am The Light of the World" Jim Strathdee

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5 (pg. 1)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON SCRIPTURE

New Testament Readings

Mark 1:1-11 (pg. 807)

Acts 19:1-7(pgs. 899, 900)

Pastor: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Baptism! What Have We Gotten Ourselves Into?"

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,

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suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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. 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 the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sunday, January 21, 2024 - Come here the words of God from Emily.

Our wonderful Seminary student *Emily Ruppel*, will be preaching.

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: Michael Horn

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 1st 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 or on Wednesday mornings, please check with Diane Kleinfeldt if you have a large donation.
- ***NEW*** Amazon gift registry. All items can ship quickly with Amazon Prime and will be delivered to the Program of Hope director's home or to the church: tinyurl.com/helphomelessnola this link will be good through the end of January.

We appreciate your generosity! Thank you!

FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 10am-11:30am
7pm-9pm | Baby music class
"Carrollton" AA Group | Room 208
Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 9am-12pm
10am-11:30am
7pm-9pm | POH sorting day
Baby music class
"Big Easy" AA Group | Sanctuary
Room 208
Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
10am-11:30am | Program of Hope
Baby music class | Sanctuary
Room 208 |
| Thursday | 10am-11:30am
7pm-8pm | Baby music class
MCC | Room 208
Fellowship Hall |
| Friday | 10am-11:30am | Baby music class | Room 208 |
| Sunday | 10am -10:45am
10am-11am
11am-12pm | FPC Adult Bible Study
MCC Sunday Service
(Emily Ruppel, preaching) | Conference Rm.
Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary |



Prayer List

Please pray for these
Individuals and their families.



Dave Rabinowitz's sister **Dani Tracey** and his mother **Eleanore Valek**.

Prayers for Israel. Prayers for those who have lost loved ones. Prayers for people in the United States who may not feel safe from what is going on there.

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 Cheatile; Linda Robertson; Tom Tatum; Sandra Sarr.

Ethan Horn, son of Mike and Angela Horn and brother of Jack. Ethan had a horrific motor bike accident. Ethan is making progress, he has a long road ahead.

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

ILLNESS

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

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.

Dot Pollard, Lydia's Aunt and Canna's great-aunt.



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 and click on the links on the right hand side of the home page.

EQUALITY



FOR ALL

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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.

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