

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Future depends on
what You do Today.

Follow Me

Mark 1: 14-20



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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 62)

Leader: Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

**People: Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

Leader: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

**People: Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress,
I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor
depend on God.**

Leader: He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times,
you people; pour out your hearts to him...

All: for God is our refuge. Hallelujah! Amen.

*HYMN 410 “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Siblings in Christ, lend me your ears. We have each of us strayed from God's path in word and deed, on purpose and on accident. All of us are led away from God by external influence and internal weakness. As we confess as one body aloud and as individuals in our hearts, let us recenter our focus on the One who made us and loves us and will never lead us astray.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, we are such distracted people. We are called to pray without ceasing, but we lose focus. We fall back into bad habits, or we forget your call for us, or we are drawn into matters we know are better left alone. Between all of the daily appointments and to-do lists and meetings and chores, we lose sight of You. Forgive us, O Lord.

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Remind us who gave us life and purpose, and guide us back to the path when we are led away. Show mercy to us, Almighty Father, and never turn your back on us. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rejoice, children of God! Our Lord is one of mercy and grace, and the forgiveness of Christ is without limits. Let us celebrate with grateful hearts, knowing our sins and shortcomings are as dust before the might and grace of our Lord!

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 "Cry of My Heart" Terry Butler

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (pg. 745)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON SCRIPTURE

New Testament Readings

Mark 1:14-20 (pg. 807)

Speaker: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "The Future, Today!"

Emily Ruppel

*HYMN 790 "In Silence My Soul Thirsts"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal pg. 35

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 721 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

SPEAKING: Emily Ruppel

LITURGIST: Amanda Williamson

PIANIST: Aya Magavina

CHILDRENS MOMENT: Emily Ruppel

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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FPCNO friends and All.

We are very low on men's slacks and shoes. If you haven't cleaned out your closets yet, please do. We can sure use anything that you're not using anymore. Thank you, Diane



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-9pm
7pm-8pm | Baby music class
Shades of Praise
MCC | Room 208
Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Friday | 10am-11:30am
8pm-11pm | Baby music class
Tango dancing | Room 208
Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday | 10am -10:45am
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.



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

Prayers for peace. 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 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

Rev. Jim Miller, husband of former member Rev. Catherine Allsbury, renal failure.

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.

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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 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.

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