

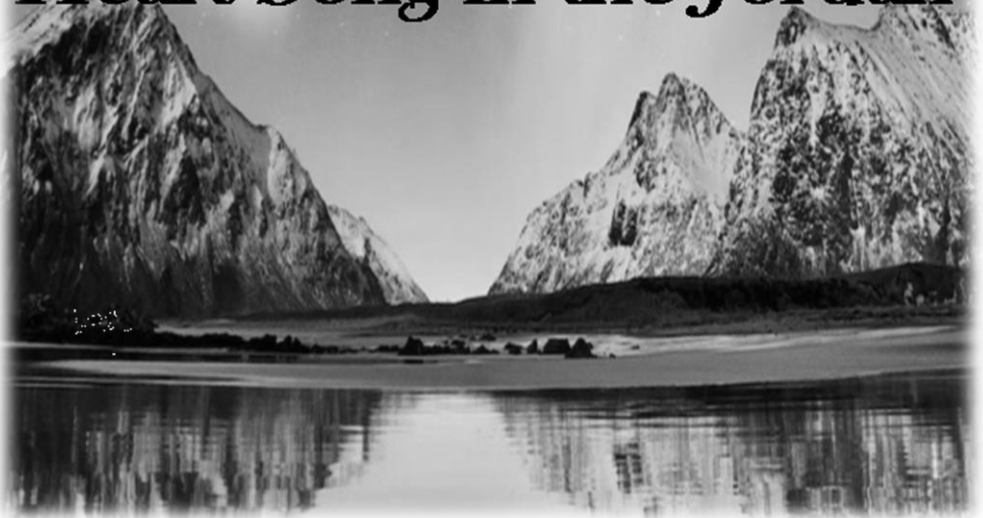
First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Heart-Song in the Jordan



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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 16)

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

**All: You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*HYMN 656 “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Siblings in Christ, hear me now. Not one of us is free from sin. That which separates us from God’s will shackles us as surely as chains and blinds us as thoroughly as the deepest depths. We are called to confession and repentance so that we may seek the freedom and sight of God’s light in our lives, so let us pray together:

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Almighty Lord, we confess to you our flaws and our shortcomings, our sins and our failures. We have done those things that we knew were wrong, and we have not done those things we knew were right. We have made mistakes that hurt others and hurt our relationship with you. Merciful God,

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forgive the words and deeds that have not lived into the call that has guided us. Shape our hearts and minds so that we may better act with justice, love kindness, and walk ever more humbly with you. In your name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

My friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us, and Christ reigns in power for us. Believe the good news, through Christ, in Christ, and by Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

HEARING THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT "This Little light of mine"

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

ANTHEM "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought:" Gilmore/Bradbury

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading Romans 12: 3-19 (pgs. 918-919)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading Joshua 3:7-17 (pgs. 174-175)

Speaker: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Heart-Song in the Jordan" Emily Ruppel

* HYMN 76 "Do Not Be Afraid"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed
Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal pg. 35

SHARING THE WORD WITH THE WORLD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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

*HYMN 313 “Lord, Make Us More Holy”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

SPEAKING: Emily Ruppel

LITURGIST: elder, Tim Ruppel

PIANIST: Amanda Wadsworth

YOUTH MOMENT: elder, Tim Ruppel

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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Next Sunday, July 21st Sydney McMath will be with us to play her special music for worship service.

FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 9am-11am
7pm-9pm | Baby Music Class
“Carrollton” AA Group | Room 208
Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 9am-11am
9am-11am
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope (setup)
Baby Music Class
“Big Easy” AA Group | Sanctuary
Room 208
Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope
Dancing Amigos | Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 7pm-9pm | MCC | Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday | 9:45am -10:15am
10am-11am
11am-12pm | F.P.C Adult Bible Study
M.C.C Sunday Service
F.P.C Sunday Service | Conference Rm.
Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary |





Prayer List

Please pray for these
Individuals and their families.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE

The Horn family, Mike, Angela, Ethan, and Jack. They are in Houston right now where Ethan is getting care at TIRR Memorial Hermann Rehab Hospital.

Byron Cunningham, nephew of Cheryl Roberts and cousin of Chris Roberts.

Emily Ruppel, FPCNO member attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

RECOVERING

Marshal Fisher and his roommate Perry, both doing better.

John (Steve) Southern, recent thyroid gland surgery.

May Ball, in treatment for cancer.

Mary Frances Brashears, recent oral surgery.

George Cheatele; Linda Robertson; Tom Tatum; Sandra Sarr.

ILLNESS

Wilma Lejeune, sister of Linda Robertson, dealing with cancer.

Sharon Fortin, longtime POH volunteer, health issues.

Karen Kersting, friend of Pastor Kathy, chemo for pancreatic cancer.

Wendy Graschel, sister-in-law of Kristy Ruppel, had a stroke.

Mike Wadsworth, Amanda's dad, is scheduled to get a pacemaker.

Bob Sarradet, Canna's stepfather is having 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

Donald Lejeune, brother-in-law of Linda Robertson

Eleanore Valek, mother of Dave Rabinowitz and Dani Tracey.

Martha Pearl Williamson, Lamar's mother and Amanda's mother-in-law.

Wallace Hoffman, father of Christie Hoffman Ruppel.

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.
- 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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KEN ALLEN

ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

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