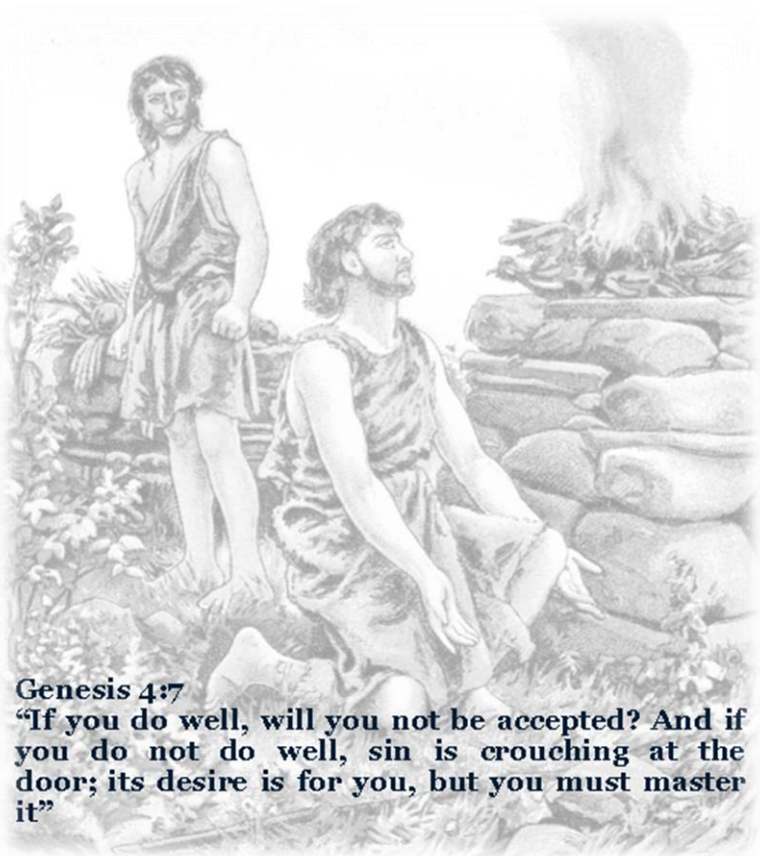


First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Genesis 4:7

“If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it”

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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 145)

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

**People: The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food
in due season.

**People: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every
living thing.**

Leader: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

People: The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: He fulfills the desire of all who revere him; he also hears their
cry and saves them.

**People: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*HYMN 336 “We Gather Together”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (from Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. Trusting in God’s promises, let’s come to him in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord God, we live in a world where so much violence exists. We cling to the idea that we as a human race have outgrown the desire to harm one another, that we have learned to live in peace and harmony with all. But reality tells us otherwise. Help us, Lord, not to return evil for evil or violence for violence, no matter how tempting it may be. Help us to be examples of love and faithfulness, to show, by the way we live our lives, what it means to follow you.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from John 3:16-17)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

HEARING THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN OF GOD (GtG #1, vs. 2) “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”
**"Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be."**

ANTHEM: “Standing In the Need of Prayer” Afro-American Spiritual

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21 (pg. 949)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1-10 (pg. 3)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON “It Started with Two Brothers” Rev. Kathleen Crighton

* HYMN 753 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)”

*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... 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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2024 PUMPKIN PATCH KICKOFF meeting
Sunday, August 4



After worship service, we will meet in the conference room. All are welcome to come and give your input and ideas to make this year's Pumpkin Patch another great success.
 Refreshments will be available.

The PUMPKINS arrival and unloading date:
Saturday, September 28 @ 9am

Come volunteer to help unload those beautiful orange pumpkins onto the field. The more individuals to help the faster we can unload. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. to serve.
 Please contact Cheryl for more info. 504-866-7409

STAY TUNE FOR MORE TO COME:

Signup genius will be available soon for volunteers for weekday shifts and weekend shifts for selling. You will be able to choose your day/s and time/s to volunteer.

Thank you from The Pumpkin Patch Committee

FPCNO THIS WEEK

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 11am-1pm 7pm-9pm	Program of Hope Gurdjieff Foundation Dancing Amigos	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall 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.

May Ball, in treatment for cancer.

Mary Frances Brashears, recent oral surgery.

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

ILLNESS

Kit Hollis, friend of Peter Cho, has had a recurrence of blood cancer.

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

Sharon Fortin, longtime POH volunteer, health issues.

Wendy Grascchel, 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



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