

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent Communion



**SHARING
in the BODY
of CHRIST**

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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 104)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: O Lord my God, you are very great.

Leader: You are clothed with honor and majesty.

People: Wrapped in light as with a garment.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN 20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

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

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Loving God, you created us in your image, but you didn't create us to be perfect creatures. We would like to think we are. We would like to think all our decisions are right ones. But sometimes we make bad choices. Sometimes we think they are good choices, and then we realize we were wrong. Help us, Lord, to have the courage to admit when we have made a mistake. Help us to ask forgiveness when we have hurt someone. Help us to forgive ourselves as well. Thank you, Lord, for loving us.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Ephesians 2:8-9)

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Thanks be to God!

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 472 vs. 1) "Kum ba Yah"

"Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!"

ANTHEM "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townend

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Reading

Matthew 13:31-32 (pg. 789)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON SCRIPTURE

New Testament Readings

Matthew 17:14-20(pg. 793) &

Luke 17:5-6 (pg. 847)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON Lent: The Growing Season #3 "Mustard Seeds"

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 521 "In Remembrance of Me"

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

Parts of today's liturgy are based on Communion Service B from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*.

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe..., ...So gladly we join our voices to those of earth, sea, and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity:

(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: Come now, O Christ, forever bound to us in promise and mystery...
...We proclaim 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

Lord Jesus, we have been guests at your table. Come with us wherever we go, and be present in all we share. Summon in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope, and love. Amen.

*HYMN 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Sherri Hutton

PIANIST: Aya Magavina

CHILDRENS MOMENT Rev. Kathleen Crighton

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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First Presbyterian Church roof is in replacement formation. It has been a long awaited process, and beginning its final stages. The Fellowship Hall is open again for meetings, entertainment, etc. We appreciate everyone's patience. 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 | 10am-11:30am
7pm-9pm | Baby music class
"Big Easy" AA Group | Room 208
Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
10am-11:30am
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope
Baby music class
Dancing Amigos | Sanctuary
Room 208
Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 10am-11:30am
7pm-9pm
7pm-8pm | Baby music class
Shades of Praise
MCC | Room 208
Sanctuary
Room 207 |
| Friday | 10am-11:30am | Baby music class | Room 208 |
| Saturday | 9am-11am | Baby music class | Room 208 |
| Sunday | 9:45am -10:15am
10am-11am
11am-12pm | FPC Adult Bible Study
MCC Sunday Service
FPC Sunday Service | Conference Rm.
Room 207
Sanctuary |



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

Mary Frances Brashears, recent oral surgery.

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

Wallace Hoffman, father of Christie Hoffman Ruppel, health issues.

May Ball, in treatment for cancer.

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

Mr. Derek Graetz, son of Carolyn Graetz died last week.

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

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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