

# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

## March 24, 2024



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Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

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 118)

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!**

**His steadfast love endures forever!**

PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS

\*HYMN 196 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." With confidence in that promise, let us pray the prayer of confession.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Merciful God, we are preoccupied with so many things going on in our lives and our world right now. Yet as we enter Holy Week, we turn our hearts from our present concerns to ponder a time that changed the whole world forever.**

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**We remember that week in Jerusalem. We remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Confronted by the story of his great sacrifice for us, we face the reality of our own unworthiness. This week, O Lord, may we follow in the steps of our Savior, from the palm branches to the cross. May we examine our own lives in these days, and find strength for the journey through his great love for us.**

*Silent Prayer*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (based on 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. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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        "Hosanna, Hallelujah"        Avery and Marsh

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Reading

Mark 11:1-10 (pg. 818)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

In lieu of a sermon this morning, we will have a reading of the Passion Narrative from Mark's gospel, Chapters 14:1 - 15:47 (pgs. 821-824)

READERS:

**Narrator:** Pastor Kathy

**Jesus:** Ken Allen

**Peter:** Lydia Pollard

**Judas:** Bruce Mather

**High Priest:** Christie Ruppel

**Servant-Girl:** Larry Ball

**Pilate:** Ted Swartz

**Centurion:** Kevin

\*HYMN 209    “My Song Is Love Unknown”

\*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. 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 223    “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Kathleen Crighton

**LITURGIST:** deacon, David Capasso

**PIANIST:** Aya Magavina

**CHILDRENS MOMENT:** elder, Tracy Helms-Capasso

**OFFERING:** elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

**BELL RINGER:** deacon, David Rabinowitz

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# FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| <b>Monday</b>        | 7pm-9pm                                   | “Carrollton” AA Group   | Fellowship Hall                                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>       | 10am-11:30am<br>7pm-9pm                   | Baby music class<br>“Big Easy” AA Group                                       | Room 208<br>Fellowship Hall                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b>     | 9am-10:30am<br>10am-11:30am<br>7pm-9pm    | Program of Hope<br>Baby music class<br>Dancing Amigos                         | Sanctuary<br>Room 208<br>Fellowship Hall       |
| <b>Thursday</b>      | 6pm-6:30pm<br>6:30pm<br>6pm-7pm           | FPC Bread & Soup Supper<br>FPC Maundy Thursday Service<br>MCC Maundy Thursday | Sanctuary<br>Sanctuary<br>Fellowship Hall      |
| <b>Friday</b>        | 12pm-3pm<br>7pm-8pm                       | FPC Good Friday Meditation<br>MCC Good Friday Service                         | Sanctuary<br>Fellowship Hall                   |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b> | 9:45am -10:15am<br>10am-11am<br>11am-12pm | FPC Adult Bible Study<br>MCC Sunday Service<br>FPC Sunday Service             | Conference Rm.<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Sanctuary |



## Prayer List

Please pray for these  
Individuals and their families.



## PRAYERS FOR PEACE

**Carolyn Graetz**, has moved to Lambeth House.

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 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**

**Sgt. Wayne Miller**, husband of Pastor Kathy's friend and a Vietnam veteran, cancer. He is the father of Jessica Margaret Miller.

**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.

**Marshal Fisher and his roommate Perry**, have health issues.

**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.

**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**

**Mr. Derek Graetz**, son of Carolyn Graetz.

**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.







# 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  **EQUALITY**  
now are the first congregation to be a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians in New Orleans. Which means we  **FOR ALL**  
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](http://www.fpcno.org) and click on the links on the right hand side of the home page.

Please like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/fpcno](https://facebook.com/fpcno) and also follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/fpcno](https://twitter.com/fpcno)!

We don't have an official church newsletter, but you can find updates on our Facebook page (above) and website, [www.fpcno.org](http://www.fpcno.org).

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## WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

### PASTOR

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### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHAIR

BRUCE MATHER

### WEBSITE TECHS:

TERRY RUPPEL; CARRIE FISHER

### TECH SUPPORT:

RICHARD TATUM

### SEXTON:

WALNICA GIPSON (CORVUS JANITORIAL)

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## THE SESSION

### CLERK OF SESSION

KEN ALLEN

### ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

BRUCE MATHER

### CLASS OF 2023

KEN ALLEN

BRUCE ROBERTSON

### CLASS OF 2024

HENRY KLEINFELDT

LYDIA POLLARD

### CLASS OF 2025

BRUCE MATHER

CHRISTIE RUPPEL

### PROGRAM OF HOPE DIRECTOR

DIANE KLEINFELDT

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