

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

May 19, 2024

Youth Sunday

Be the Salt and Light, this Pentecost



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Day of Pentecost

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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 40)

Leader: May all who seek you, Lord, rejoice and be glad in you.

**People: May those who love your salvation say continually,
“Great is the Lord!”**

Leader: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the lord takes thought for me.

People: You, O Lord, are my help and my deliverer;

Leader: Do not delay, O My God.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 701 “Lord, Prepare Me”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God of mercy and forgiveness. You call us to live together in peace and unity. We pray for our neighborhoods and our nation. Where people are divided and bitterness turns into resentment, show us how to work for reconciliation and forgive us our sins.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

God who reconciles yourself to us, forgive us, and help us to be reconciled to each other. Soften our hearts where they have hardened. Make us whole where we are broken. Grant us peace where there is bitterness and tension in our relationships, and fill us with Your Reconciling Spirit.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Ezekiel 36:25-28)

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you of all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you: I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

HEARING THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*see insert*) "My Lighthouse"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lean on Me" Bill Withers
Charlie Fisher, clarinet solo

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:16-19 (pg. 949)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading Matthew 5:13-16 (pg. 780)

Pastor: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Be the Salt and Light, this Pentecost"

*HYMN (*see insert*) "This little Light of Mine"

*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 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

PIANIST: Amanda Wadsworth

The Youth of First Presbyterian Church

- Mehrsa Aslan
- Mersedeh Aslan
- Nathan Capasso
- Anton Constance
- Sylvia Constance
- Charlie Fisher
- Sarah Ruppel

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FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 7pm-9pm | “Carrollton” AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 9:30-12:30
9am-11am
7pm-9pm | Baby Music Class
Program of Hope (setup)
“Big Easy” AA Group | Room 207
Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
9:30-12:30 | Program of Hope
Baby Music Class | Sanctuary
Room 207 |
| Thursday | 6pm-7pm | MCC | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 9:30-12:30 | Baby Music Class | Room 207 |
| 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

Byron Cunningham, nephew of Cheryl Roberts and cousin of Chris Roberts.
Dave Rabinowitz’s sister **Dani Tracey** and his mother **Eleanore Valek**.
Emily Ruppel, FPCNO member attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

RECOVERING

May Ball, in treatment for cancer.
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 Horn has been hospitalized since being in a horrific accident on September 11, 2023. He is scheduled to go home soon, but he will need round the clock care. Prayers for Ethan and his family.

ILLNESS

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

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

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.

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

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



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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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THE SESSION

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KEN ALLEN

ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

BRUCE MATHER

CLASS OF 2023

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