

# First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue  
New Orleans, La. 70125

## November 17, 2024

### Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Philippians 1:11



Be filled with the fruit of righteousness  
that comes through Jesus Christ,  
to the glory and praise of God.

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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: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

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

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

\*HYMN 408 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (from Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**Lord God, we live in such a crazy time. It’s hard to remember sometimes just how much you love us. Some days we don’t think we even love ourselves. Some days it’s hard to praise you. Some days are just plain tough. Help us, Lord, on the tough days, to remember you are right there with us in all the muddled, messy stuff we deal with. You love us. You rejoice when we rejoice and weep when we weep. Help us, even when we can’t bring ourselves to say, “Thank you, Lord,” to remember that you are there.**

*Silent Prayer*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Lamentations 3:22-23)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is the Lord's faithfulness. Know 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

YOUTH 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Sydney McMath

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 145:1-9 (pg. 507)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1:2-11 (pg. 952)

Speaker: The word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

SERMON "What Does Love Have to Do with Stewardship? Everything!"

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

\* HYMN 703 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (written by Rev. Teri Petersen, a minister in the Church of Scotland and pastor of St. John's Church, Gourrock, Scotland)

**We trust in God, who has created and is creating, from water and wind to painters and poets, giving a home to all the families of the earth, blessing the world through faithful people.**

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**We trust in Jesus, Word made flesh, who healed, touched, taught, and ate, drawing outsiders, women, sinners, and friends into God's new community of love.**

**Even in death, his arms stretched wide, encircling all. And on the third day he rose, reconciling the whole world to God.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit, breath of life present in every place and time, offering love and compassion, calling forth faithfulness, generosity, and justice.**

**Living among us, beside us, and within us, the Triune God provides in the everyday, and the exceptional; the cosmic, and the ordinary. Amen.**

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

\*HYMN 775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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**LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:**

**PREACHING:** Rev. Kathleen Crighton  
**LITURGIST:** elder, Tracy Rene’ Helms-Capasso  
**PIANIST:** Aya Magavina and Sydney McMath  
**YOUTH MOMENT:** elder, Tim Ruppel  
**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Sydney McMath  
**OFFERING:** elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt  
**BELL RINGER:** deacon, David Rabinowitz

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**TRASH CAN TURKEY DINNER**

Monday, Nov. 18 @ 6pm in the grassy field.  
All Are Welcome to come.

**We need volunteers to provide side dishes!**

Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Veggies, Rolls/Bread, Dessert,  
Soft drinks.

**FPCNO THIS WEEK**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | 6pm-8pm<br>7pm-9pm                        | Trash Can Turkey Dinner<br>“Carrollton” AA Group                        | Grassy field<br>Fellowship Hall                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9am-11am<br>6pm-8pm<br>7pm-9pm            | Program of Hope (setup)<br>Session meeting<br>“Big Easy” AA Group       | Sanctuary<br>Conference room<br>Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9am-10:30am<br>11am-1pm<br>7pm-9pm        | Program of Hope<br>Gurdjieff Group<br>Disco Amigos                      | Sanctuary<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7pm-9pm                                   | MCC   | Fellowship Hall                                 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 10am-2pm                                  | Disco Amigos  | Fellowship Hall                                 |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45am -10:15am<br>10am-11am<br>11am-12pm | F.P.C Adult Bible Study<br>M.C.C Sunday Service<br>F.P.C Sunday Service | Conference Rm.<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Sanctuary  |



## Prayer List

Please pray for these  
Individuals and their families.



### **PRAYERS FOR PEACE**

**Dianne Wickes**, Kathy's friend, the surgeon was unable to remove the cancerous tumor. Prayers for her family.

**Kimberly Benberry-Jones** a co-worker of Peter Cho. Her mother died.

**Anton Constance**, FPCNO young adult member attending Babson College in Massachusetts.

**The Horn family**, Mike, Angela, Ethan, and Jack.

**Emily Ruppel**, FPCNO member attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

### **RECOVERING**

**Bruce Mather**, recovering from a recent procedure.

**Mary Frances Brashears**, recovering from surgery.

**Marshal Fisher**, recovering from sinus surgery.

**George Cheatle; Linda Robertson; Tom Tatum; Sandra Sarr.**

### **ILLNESS**

**Lucy Scinocco**, Louanne's mom cancer is starting to become aggressive.

**Delilah Ballou**, sister of Billye Constance, complications after surgery.

**Bruce Robertson**, facing cancer treatments.

**Bijoux**, Amanda's Wadsworth dog, has heart failure.

**Nancy Wadsworth**, back in the hospital.

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

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

**Bob Sarradet**, Canna's stepfather is having health issues.

**Mahmoud Aslanbaigi**, Marjan's father has had cancer surgery.

### **OUR HOMEBOUND FAMILY**

**Adrian (Tudy) Manson**, at her home.

**Linda Donato**' assisted living, Sherri Hutton's mom.

### **DEATHS**

**Charlotte Schrader**, mother-in-law of Mark Van Hala.

**Jennings Hutton**, Sherri Hutton's dad.

**Nancy Hooker**, aunt of Mark Van Hala's wife.

**Troxel Ballou**, Ken Allen's uncle.

**Suni McMath**, mother of Sydney McMath.

**Eleanore Valek**, mother of Dave Rabinowitz and Dani Tracey.

**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](http://www.fpcno.org) and click on the links on the right hand side of the home page.

EQUALITY



FOR ALL

Please like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/fpcno](https://facebook.com/fpcno) and also follow us on X (formerly Twitter) at <https://x.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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BRUCE MATHER

### WEBSITE TECHS:

TERRY RUPPEL; CARRIE FISHER

### TECH SUPPORT:

RICHARD TATUM

### SEXTON:

(CORVUS JANITORIAL) MRS. KAREN AND MRS. DARNEISA

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## THE SESSION

### CLERK OF SESSION

KEN ALLEN

### ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

BRUCE MATHER

### CLASS OF 2024

HENRY KLEINFELDT

LYDIA POLLARD

### CLASS OF 2025

BRUCE MATHER

CHRISTIE RUPPEL

### CLASS OF 2026

ZANE FISHER

TED SWARTZ

### PROGRAM OF HOPE DIRECTOR

DIANE KLEINFELDT

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