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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 102) Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and

abounding in steadfast love.

People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who revere him.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In life and in death, we belong to God. We are God's, and God cares for each one of us. In faith, let's come to God in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way. Joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, may we inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

HEARING THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "I'll Fly Away" Albert Brumley

PRAYERS OF THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE

HYMN 326 "For All the Saints"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Reading Hebrews 12:1-2 (pg. 980)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading Revelation 21:1- 6, 22:16-17 (pgs. 1013-1015)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "For All Generations" 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION LITURGY

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 indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you,

God of all creation...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of

your name:

(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: Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your Son,

Jesus Christ...

...In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery

of the faith we proclaim:

All: Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Leader: Spirit of the living God, make us one...

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 at your hand, generosity of spirit, to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are filled with food, faith, hope, and love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

^{*}HYMN 821 "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)"

^{*}BENEDICTION

Adapted from PC(USA) worship materials for All Saints Sunday, Teresa Stricklen for the Office of Theology and Worship PC(USA). Prayer after communion is from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Tim Ruppel **PIANIST:** Amanda Wadsworth

PRAYERS OF THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE:

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt **BELL RINGER:** deacon, David Rabinowitz

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FPCNO THIS WEEK

| Monday | 7pm-9pm | "Carrollton" AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
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| Tuesday | 9am-11am | Program of Hope (setup) | Sanctuary |
| | 7pm-9pm | "Big Easy" AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am | Program of Hope | Sanctuary |
| | 11am-1pm | Gurdjieff Group | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7pm-9pm | Dancing Amigos | Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 7pm-9pm | MCC | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 10am-2pm | Disco Amigos | Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday | 9:45am -10:15a | mm F.P.C Adult Bible Study | Conference Rm. |
| | 10am-11am | M.C.C Sunday Service | Fellowship Hall |
| | 11am-12pm | F.P.C Sunday Service | Sanctuary |



Prayer List

Please pray for these Individuals and their families.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE

<u>Kimberly Benberry-Jones</u> a co-worker of Peter Cho. Her mother died. <u>Anton Constance</u>, 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

<u>**Delilah Ballou**</u>, sister of Billye Constance, complications after surgery.

Bruce Robertson, facing cancer treatments.

<u>Bijoux</u>, Amanda's Wadsworth dog and frequent FPCNO visitor, has heart failure.

Nancy Wadsworth, back in the hospital.

<u>Charlotte Schrader</u>, mother-in-law of Mark Van Hala, progressing dementia.

<u>**Dianne Wickes**</u>, friend of Pastor Kathy, undergoing chemo at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta

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

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

<u>Bob Sarradet</u>, 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

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.

<u>Eleanore Valek</u>, mother of Dave Rabinowitz and Dani Tracey. <u>James Bailey Henderson Jr.</u>, Cheryl's brother, and Chris's uncle.



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.

EQUALITY

FOR ALL

• 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.

Please like us on Facebook at 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.

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