

First Presbyterian Church

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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 91)

Leader: God has promised us: Those who love me, I will deliver.

People: I will protect those who know my name.

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them.

People: I will be with them in trouble.

Leader: I will rescue them and honor them.

People: With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Trusting in God’s promises, let us confess our sins, using the prayer for forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord Jesus, we want to follow you, every day of our lives. But sometimes we get mixed up about what that means. We want to do the right thing, but sometimes we end up doing the thing that benefits us and doesn’t benefit others. In fact, it sometimes makes others worse off. Help us, Lord, when we get just a little bit too satisfied with ourselves. Help us to keep our eyes on you.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere him. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

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: (see insert) "In Christ Alone"

Sydney and Congregation

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:1-7, 12-15 (pg. 429)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (pg. 818)

Pastor: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Be Careful What You Ask For"

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

* HYMN 274 "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

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Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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.**

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 22 "God of the Sparrow"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Bruce Mather

PIANISTS: Aya Magavina and Sydney McMath

YOUTH MOMENT: elder, Ken Allen

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 7pm-9pm | “Carrollton” AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 9am-11am
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope (setup)
“Big Easy” AA Group | Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope
Dancing Amigos | Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 7pm-9pm | MCC | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 10am-2pm | Disco Amigos | Fellowship Hall |
| 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 |



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Prayer List

Please pray for these
Individuals and their families.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE

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

Mary Frances Brashears, recovering from surgery.

Marshal Fisher, recovering from sinus surgery.

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

ILLNESS

Bruce Robertson, facing cancer treatments.

Bijoux, Amanda's Wadsworth dog and frequent FPCNO visitor, has heart failure.

Nancy Wadsworth, back in the hospital.

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

Dianne Wickes, friend of Pastor Kathy, undergoing chemo at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta

Charlene Ardoin, long-time friend of Peter Cho, she has kidney stones.

Kit Hollis, friend of Peter Cho, has had a recurrence of blood cancer.

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

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 and click on the links on the right hand side of the home page.

EQUALITY



FOR ALL

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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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ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

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