

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue

New Orleans, La. 70125

October 27, 2024

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..."

1 PETER 4:8-10

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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

Leader God our Provider, we walked into church today needing you in different ways.

People: Some of us need strength because we are facing a big challenge.

Leader: Some of us need hope, because we are feeling like giving up.

People: Some of us need love because we are feeling alone.

Leader: We trust that you will provide for us,

**People: whether through words or music,
or in a quiet moment of reflection.**

Leader: You are here,

All: You are with us. Let us worship God!

*HYMN 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God our Creator knows us each by name and knows our hearts. Let us confess our sins before our God, using the prayer for forgiveness found in your bulletin. Let us pray together.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and those we love, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You are already forgiven, loved and whole. In Christ, you are a fully flourishing human being; go live like it. In the Spirit, you are not an isolated spiritual being, doing Christianity alone, but you are part of a community of faith; go build that. By the grace of God, every human being is seen, loved, and made whole; go practice that. 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.**

ANTHEM: "I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

Afro-American spiritual

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:26-31 (pgs. 1-2)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 4:7-11 (pg. 989)

Speaker: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Your Time, Talents and Treasures" elder, Bruce Mather

* HYMN 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Book of Common Worship)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, or life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 697 "Take My Life"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

SPEAKING: elder, Bruce Mather

LITURGIST: elder, Lydia Pollard

PIANIST: Aya Magavina

YOUTH MOMENT: elder, Tim Ruppel

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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**FALL
BACK**



REMINDER:

It's fallback time. Set your clocks back an hour on November 2, Saturday night. We get an extra hour of sleep!!!

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 |
| 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

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

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

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

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

Wendy Graschel, 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.



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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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