

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

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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: The God of Love calls you here.

All: God calls us all!

Leader: God calls the joyful and the sorrowful,

All: God calls us all!

Leader: God calls the confident and the uncertain,

All: God calls us all!

Leader: God calls the lost and the found, the invisible and the famous,
the overlooked and the appreciated.

God calls us all!

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 693 “Though I May Speak”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We have all fallen short of the glorious love God has bestowed on us. Yet, God does not hold this failure against us, but invites us to confess who we are in order to discover with wonder who God is.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

God of Life, we come to you knowing that we need you. We know that there are things we do well, but we also know, even if we do not openly admit it, that there is much we do not do well. Sometimes we say and do the right thing, but often we say and do the wrong thing out of our vulnerability. Come to us in our weakness, God of Life, and deliver us.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Listen, my friends, fellow disciples, and children of God: God never leaves you, will not desert you, and will always be with you, not holding your weakness against you, but transforming it into holiness. Praise God

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 Have a Song That Jesus Gave Me" Elton Roth

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Reading

Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 790)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "We're Gonna Need a Bigger Boat!" elder, Tim Ruppel

* HYMN 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

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

*HYMN 770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

SPEAKING: elder, Tim Ruppel

LITURGIST: Mersedeh Mirtorabi

PIANISTS: Aya Magavina

YOUTH'S MOMENT: elder, Tim Ruppel

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

Next Sunday, September 29th

elder, Tracy Rene' Capasso will be leading the service on the theme of the Beatitudes.

TO ALL (HELP NEEDED)

I wasn't able this year to get donations for food, drinks and supplies for **UNLOADING DAY**. Will you ALL PLEASE provide from the list below before **Saturday, September 28**.

*Hot dogs and buns, *hamburger patties and buns, *chips, *mustard, *ketchup, *mayo, *cheese, *can drinks, *water, *pickles in the jar, *plates, *napkins, *plastic utensils, *charcoal, *lighter fluid
and if you would like to bring a home dish also.

This year I had a lot going on, I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.
Many Thanks - Cheryl

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 |
| Friday | 12pm-2pm | Gurdjieff Foundation | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 9am | PUMPKINS UNLOADING DAY | Grassy Lot |
| Sunday | 9:45am -10:15am
10am-11am
11am-12pm
1pm – 7pm | F.P.C Adult Bible Study
M.C.C Sunday Service
F.P.C Sunday Service
Pumpkin Patch Opening Day | Conference Rm.
Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary
Grassy lot |



PLEASE use the QR Codes to sign up



Unloading Day

<https://skim.fi/NPpl>

Weekly/Weekend selling shifts

<https://skim.fi/mbgaf>



Thank you from The Pumpkin Patch Committee



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

Donna Southern, recent surgery.
Marshal Fisher and his roommate Perry, both doing better.
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 for cancer.
Charlene Ardoin, long-time friend of Peter Cho, she is 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 Grascel, 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 on his face.

OUR HOMEBOUND FAMILY

Jennings Hutton, Sherri Hutton's dad.
Adrian (Tudy) Manson, at her home.
Linda Donato' assisted living, Sherri Hutton's mom.

DEATHS

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

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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WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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THE SESSION

CLERK OF SESSION

KEN ALLEN

ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

BRUCE MATHER

CLASS OF 2023

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