

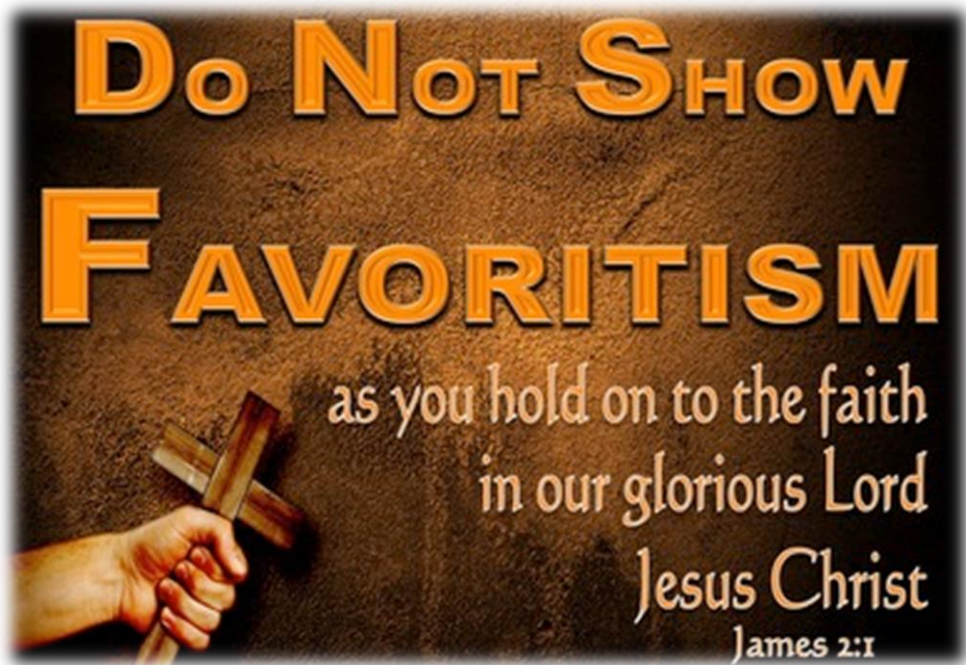
First Presbyterian Church

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 (from Psalm 125)

Leader: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people.

**People: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

Leader: But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways,
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

People: Peace be upon Israel!

*HYMN 14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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

**Some days, Lord, are better than others. Some are worse.
Some days everything just seems to come crashing down on
us at once. Sometimes we are just not our best selves. Forgive
us, Lord, on those days when we simply can't hold it all
together. Help us to have patience with ourselves. Help us to
remember that we are your children, all of us. Help us to
remember that you love us, all the days of our lives, and even
after our lives are over.**

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from 1 Corinthians 13)

Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is
love. Know that 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'S 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: "There's Within My Heart a Melody" Luther Bridgers

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (pg. 526)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading James 2:1-10 (pgs. 983-984)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Some Advice from James" Rev. Kathleen Crighton

* HYMN 19 "God of Great and God of Small"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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. 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. 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 852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Bruce Robertson

PIANIST: Amanda Wadsworth

YOUTH'S MOMENT: elder, Bruce Robertson

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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The **annual meeting of the congregation** will be held today following the worship service. We will be electing two elders for the session, Class of 2026, and receiving information on the budget and what's going on at the church. All are welcome to attend, but only members of the congregation are eligible to vote in the meeting.

****Youth will meet following congregational meeting.****

Worship committee will meet NEXT Sunday the 15th after worship service. Also, **Sydney McMath** will be here to uplift us with her music.

FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 7pm-9pm | “Carrollton” AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 9am-11am
9am-11am
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope (setup)
Baby Music Class
“Big Easy” AA Group | Sanctuary
Room 208
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
12pm-2pm | F.P.C Adult Bible Study
M.C.C Sunday Service
F.P.C Sunday Service
Worship Committee mtg | Conference Rm.
Fellowship Hall
Sanctuary
Conference Rm. |

The PUMPKINS arrival and unloading date: Saturday, September 28, 8am



Come volunteer to help unload those beautiful orange pumpkins onto the field. The more individuals to help the faster we can unload. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. to enjoy. Please contact Cheryl 504-866-7409

STAY TUNED FOR MORE TO COME:

Signup genius will be available soon for volunteers for weekday shifts and weekend shifts for selling. You will be able to choose your day/s and time/s to volunteer.

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

Bijoux, Amanda's Wadsworth dog and frequent FPCNO visitor, had heart failure.
Donna Southern, recent surgery.
Marshal Fisher and his roommate Perry, both doing better.
George Cheatle; Linda Robertson; Tom Tatum; Sandra Sarr.

ILLNESS

Charlotte Schrader, mother-in-law of Mark Van Hala, progressing dementia.
Dianne Wickes, friend of Pastor Kathy, undergoing chemo for cancer.
Nancy Hooker, aunt of Mark Van Hala's wife, in hospice with breast 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 Grasel, sister-in-law of Kristy Ruppel, had a stroke.
Mike Wadsworth, Amanda's dad, is scheduled to get a pacemaker.
Bob Sarradet, Cannan's stepfather is having health issues.
Mahmoud Aslanbaigi, Marjan's father has had cancer surgery on his face.

OUR HOMEBOUND FAMILY

Troxel Ballou, Ken's uncle in Hospic.
Jennings Hutton, Sherri Hutton's dad.
Nancy Wadsworth, in a Nursing facility.
Adrian (Tudy) Manson, at her home.
Linda Donato' assisted living, Sherri Hutton's mom.

DEATHS

Suni McMath, mother of Sydney McMath
Donald Lejeune, brother-in-law of Linda Robertson
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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THE SESSION

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ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION

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