

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

April 20, 2025

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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 Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

On Easter, let's remember that Christ lifts us out of a world of confusion into the light of the new morning of his resurrection. He reaches out a hand to us, offering us a promise of hope. Let us pray together the prayer of confession.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. Overwhelmed by our own needs and the needs of those close to us, we overlook the poor and the hungry. Filled with our own grief, we pass by those who mourn. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (based on John 3:16-17)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 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

STORY TIME "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 "He Lives" Alfred Ackley

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-42 (pg. 891)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Luke 24:1-12 (pgs. 855-856)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Our Ultimate Hope?"

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 233 "The Day of Resurrection"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal pg. 35

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

*HYMN 248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

PASTOR: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Ted Swartz

PIANIST: Aya Magavina

STORYTIME: elder, Ted Swartz

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 6pm-8pm
7pm-9pm | Session meeting
“Carrollton” AA Group | Conference room
Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 9am-11am
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope (setup)
“Big Easy” AA Group | Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
11am-1:30pm | Program of Hope
The Gurdjieff Group | Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| | 7pm-8pm | 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 |





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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