

First Presbyterian Church

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11:00 am

Writing in **bold** is for the congregation's 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 27)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

People: Whom shall I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Wait for the Lord! Be strong and let your heart take courage.

All: Wait for the Lord!

*HYMN 394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God's love for us is sure and steadfast. In confidence of that love, let's come to God in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord, sometimes hard times seem to last so long. We don't understand why we are going through the things we are going through. Sometimes we wonder where you are and why you don't do something. Sometimes we even wonder if you are there at all. Help us, Lord, when our faith wavers. Help us, Lord, in the hard, hard times.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

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: "Take Time to be Holy" William Longstaff

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31 (pg. 579)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-5 (pg. 913)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Hope Does Not Disappoint" Rev. Kathleen Crighton

* HYMN 500 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

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

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial
choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(All sing:)

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.

Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,

Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One.

Leader: When you sent Jesus to us to save us from our sin, your Spirit led
him into the wilderness...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here...

Let us say what we believe, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed (*p. 35 in Glory to God hymnal*)

The Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Help us, O God, to be obedient to your call to love all your children,
to do justice and to show mercy, and to live in peace with your whole
creation. Guide us as we walk through the deserts of life, quench
our thirst with the living waters, satisfy our hunger with the bread
of heaven. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the
promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the
ages, we may feast with you at your table in glory. Amen.**

*HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Ken Allen

STORY TIME: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

PIANIST: Aya Magavina

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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FPCNO THIS WEEK

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 11am-1:30pm	Program of Hope The Gurdjieff Group	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Friday	1pm-3pm	Landmark run though mtg.	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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