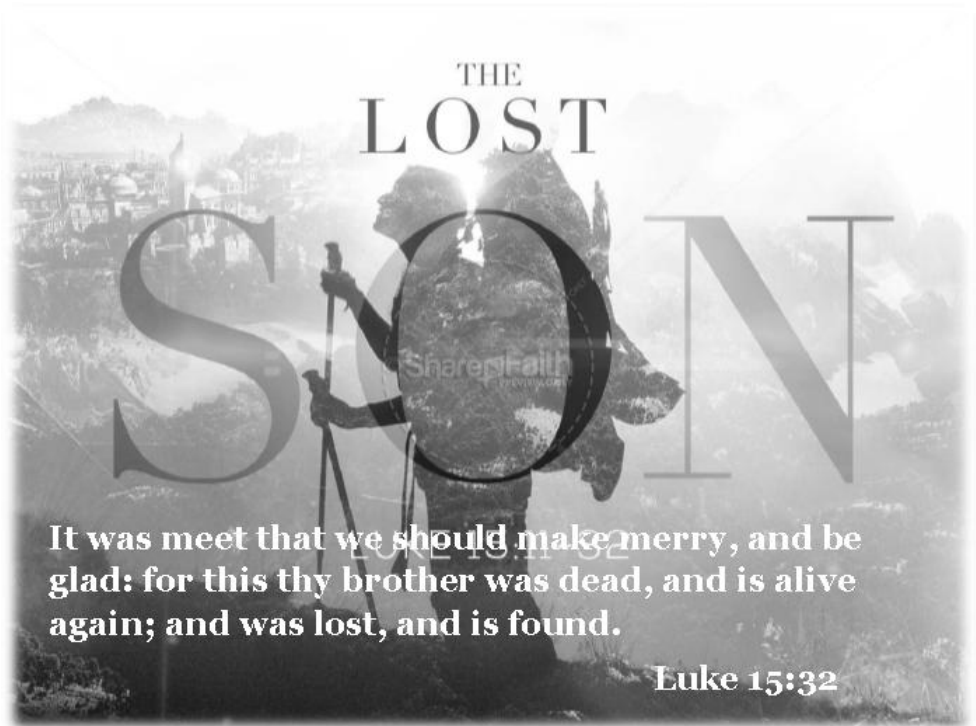


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11:00 am

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 33)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Sing to God a new song. Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts!

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright.

All his work is done in faithfulness.

People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (from Romans 8:26)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought. But that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. In faith and humility, let us bring the concerns of our hearts to God.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord, sometimes it's tough to live in a family. We get into all kinds of conflicts about all kinds of things. Sometimes we fight about money, and then things can get really ugly. You knew about this. You gave us a story about two brothers and an inheritance. We don't know how it all worked out for them, or if it ever did. For those conflicts we get into with people we love, we ask your forgiveness. Give us wisdom and compassion to sort things out. Help us to remember your great love for us, and help us to draw on that love when we are struggling.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said: “Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.” God abounds in love and mercy and welcomes our return, for in Christ, God came to us that we might have abundant life. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

HEARING THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC Aya Magavina-Alvarez

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15: 5-6 (pg. 10)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Luke 15:11-32 (pg. 846)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON “A Tale of Two Brothers”

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 437 (*sing twice*)

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

*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 418 “Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: Clarke Bordelon

PIANIST: Aya Magavina-Alvarez

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

LITURGIST GUIDE PREPARATION: elder, Ted Swartz

HYMN NUMBERS: Canna Frentz

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FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday | 9am-11am | Program of Hope (setup) | Sanctuary |
| | 7pm-9pm | “Big Easy” AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am | Program of Hope | Sanctuary |
| | 7pm-9pm | Disco Amigos | Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 7pm-9pm | MCC | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 10am-1pm | Disco Amigos | Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday | 9:45am -10:15am | F.P.C Adult Bible Study | Conference Rm. |
| | 10am-11am | M.C.C Sunday Service | Fellowship Hall |
| | 11am-12pm | F.P.C Sunday Service | 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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