

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
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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 138)

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts.

People: We give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: You have exalted your name and your word.

**People: When we called to you, you answered us;
you increased our strength of soul.**

Leader: Great is the glory of the Lord!

**People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us.
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*HYMN 664 "Morning Has Broken"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. Trusting in that great love, let's come to God in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy and loving God, so many things are going on in our lives. We get distracted. We spend too much time worrying about things that are out of our control. We fret about things that happened in the past and worry about things that might or might not happen in the future. Lord, all time is in your hands. Help us to remember that you are with us in all the moments of our lives. Help us to focus on this present moment, here with you.

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

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sydney McMath

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 (pgs. 551-552)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Luke 5:1-11 (pg. 831)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“A Fishy Tale”

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

* HYMN 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*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.**

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 313 “Lord, Make Us More Holy”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Ted Swartz

STORY TIME: elder, Lydia Pollard

PIANIST: Sydney McMath

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sydney McMath

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 7pm-9pm	Program of Hope Disco Amigos	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Thursday	7pm-9pm	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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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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