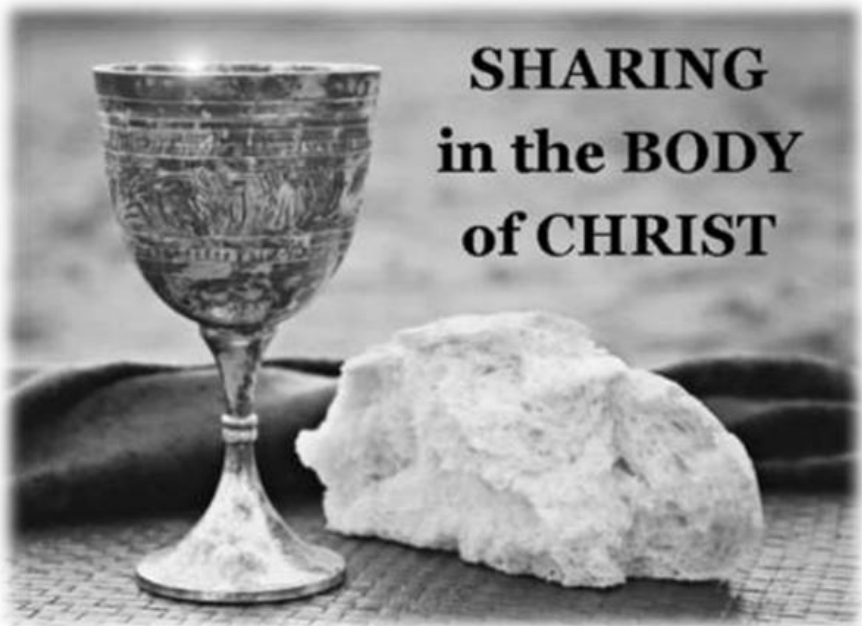


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11:00 am

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 31)

Leader: I trust in you, O Lord.

People: I say, "You are my God."

Leader: My times are in your hands.

People: Let your face shine upon your servant.

Leader: Save me in your steadfast love.

**All: Be strong and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.**

*HYMN 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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

Risen Lord, our days are full of confusion! We're up one minute and down the next. We never know what's coming at us. We get flustered. We say things we regret the moment they're out of our mouths. It's life, Lord! Help us! We can't make it without you! Help us to remember that you are right there with us, in all the ups and downs of our lives.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC Sydney McMath

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading Psalm 30 (pg. 446)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading Revelation 5:11-14 (pg. 1004)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON “After Easter, It’s Still Easter” Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 506 “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

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, eternal God, our Creator...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(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: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Leader: 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

All: Lord, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this Easter feast of redemption. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us living signs of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

PREACHER: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Zane Fisher

PIANO/SPECIAL MUSIC: Sydney McMath

STORYTIME: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

OFFERING: elders, Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt

BELL RINGER: deacon, David Rabinowitz

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FPCNO THIS WEEK

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| Monday | 7pm-9pm | “Carrollton” AA Group | Fellowship Hall |
| 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 rehearsal | Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 4:30pm-7:30pm | ArtSpot Productions (reh) | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7pm-9pm | Louisiana Landmark Society | Sanctuary |
| Friday | 7pm-11pm | ArtSpot Productions (show) | 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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