

First Presbyterian Church

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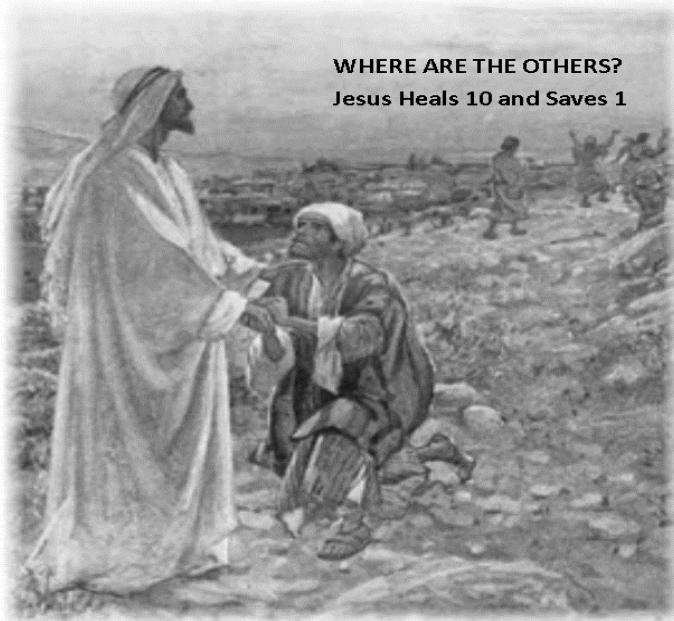
October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: “Thank You”

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

Luke 17:15-19



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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 66)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

People: Sing the glory of his name!

Give to him glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”

People: All the earth worships you!

They sing praises to your name!

*HYMN 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION (from Romans 8:39)

There is nothing in all creation that can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Trusting in that great love, let’s come to God in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy Lord, there are times when things happen in our lives that we didn’t plan or prepare for. We have to act quickly. Sometimes we are glad we did what we did on a moment’s notice. Sometimes we wish we had done things differently. Sometimes we know we really messed up on that one. Help us, Lord, to get the words out when we need to say, “I’m sorry.” Help us to remember that we can say “I’m sorry” to you, and you will forgive us. And we thank you, Lord.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul said, “By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing. It is the gift of God.” Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

HEARING THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM Choir singing, Amanda Wadsworth directing

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 5:1-4, 9-11, 13-14 (pgs. 300-301)

Liturgist: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

Luke 17:11-19 (pg. 847)

Preacher: The word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Thank You”

Rev. Kathleen Crighton

*HYMN 643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal pg. 35

SHARING THE WORD WITH THE WORLD

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Vincent Henningfield

*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, be with us as we conclude this time with the prayer, taught to us by your son, our Risen Lord 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 the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 835 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

PREACHING: Rev. Kathleen Crighton

LITURGIST: elder, Carrie Fisher

PIANIST: Vincent Henningfield

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Amanda Wadsworth

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
7pm-9pm | Program of Hope (setup)
“Big Easy” AA Group | Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 9am-10:30am
11am-1pm | Program of Hope
Gurdjieff Foundation | Sanctuary
Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 7pm-9pm | MCC | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 11am-2pm | Disco Amigos | 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.



Please like us on Facebook at facebook.com/fpcno and also follow us on X (formerly Twitter) at <https://x.com/fpcno>.

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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