

WELCOME! We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable, including receiving Communion. Please write your name and address on the attendance pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Lenten/Eastertide Study continues through May 6. We are discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, which "provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers."

Hand In Hand - Mission & Peacemaking invites you to attend an interfaith gathering in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, April 22, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm to learn about Hand in Hand, an educational program in Israel which builds a shared society for Jews and Arabs through integrated schools and communities. The program includes information about the schools, video clips, stories of growing up in the area, music, and opportunities to donate to the cause. Mediterranean hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be time for discussion and questions.

Tour of Samaritan House for members of FUPC at the Samaritan House, April 23rd at 6:00 pm. Our church has had a long standing commitment to work with the homeless in Las Vegas, and we support this ministry in many ways. The meeting is to see the new facility at 1000 Mills Ave. (next to BTU), as well as to hear about Samaritan's long range plans to better help the homeless community in Las Vegas. George Lyon, Samaritan's Executive Director, will be our host. We will meet at the site.

JOT Benefit Breakfast Buffett – Saturday, May 5th at the Masonic Temple. Contact Tom Trigg, Rosie Lopez, D. R. Palmer, or Pat Halverson for tickets - \$10

Study Leave – Pastor Katie will be on Study Leave and out of town from Friday, April 20 – Saturday, April 28. Please call the office or the church cell phone (505-231-1923) with any pastoral care needs.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering - Offering envelopes are available on the action table and from Joyce Litherland. Gifts should be remitted by May 31st. Please mark your checks for "PW Birthday Offering."

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Bernie Meadows, Gail Malley, Don & Maridell Monnheimer, Rustie Mountjoy and for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe NM (1893). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and dedicated to the glory of God.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, April 17

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's

Wednesday, April 18

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

Church Office: 505-425-7763

Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rev Katie Palmer – Office: 425-7763 Cell: 505-231-1923

April Elder of the Month – Carol Linder – 505-429-2139

April Deacon of the Month – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto 505-454-9707

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701

April 15, 2018

MESSAGES FROM THE GATE



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Social responsibility becomes an aspect not of Christian mission only, but also of Christian conversion. It is impossible to be truly converted to God without being thereby converted to our neighbor.*
–John R.W. Stott

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Hand In Hand*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please use this time to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbor.)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

(Please return to your seat when the introduction to the hymn starts.)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 28)

Listen! God's voice is all around us.

It moves over the waters and blows through the trees.

It flashes and shakes, whispers and sings.

God's voice is powerful and majestic; can you hear it?

We hear and we say together, "Glory!"

Let us worship together and listen for God's voice!

*** OPENING HYMN** PH #471, *O Praise the Gracious Power*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY (adapted from Hebrews 10:15-23)
We remember that, before we confess and no matter what we confess to God, we can be assured of God's Love and Mercy.

Leader: God's covenant promise is clear: God does not remember our sins, but forgives them. Therefore, we approach God with open hearts, assured that the God who has promised is faithful to us.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Forgiving God, like Paul, we wound you by failing to uphold all of your children through our actions. Although we do not threaten or physically harm, we all too often live in indifference to oppression, fail to work against systemic injustices, disregard the consequences of our actions, and fail to offer kindness to those whom we encounter. Strike us with your light; transform us and fill us with your Spirit, that we may live for you. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2144, *In All Our Grief*, v. 1-2

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Blessed Art Thou* Eugene Butler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:1-19a Pew Bible 893

SERMON *On the Way* Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2172, *We Are Called*

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD (see insert)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION PH #514, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion will be passed in the pews.

Please take bread and hold it; we will eat together.

Likewise, please take a cup and hold it; we will drink together.

If you need gluten-free bread, please alert a server.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

***DOXOLOGY**

**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.**

**A Dios el Padre celestial;
Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Y al eternal Consolador,
Unidos todos alabad. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)

(The people respond to each petition with "*Hear our prayer*")

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** PH #369, *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Yating Guo (Kitty)

Accompanist – Em Krall

Director of Music – Karyl Lyne

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Tom Trigg/Linda Solyntjes

Communion is offered each Sunday from October 1 through Pentecost (May 20, 2018) and on the first and third Sundays of each month from June through September. We do not celebrate Communion on the fifth Sunday of a month due to the addition of the Healing Liturgy to the service.