

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 join us for a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship. If you would like to make First Presbyterian your church home, a church Elder will be at the communion table after the service to answer any questions you may have about the church or membership.

Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth – “What’s the Difference, Anyway?” This class explores denominations within Christianity and will be facilitated by FUPC members and friends with backgrounds in various denominations. The book is *The Complete Guide to Christian Denominations*, available for \$11 from Richard Lindeborg.

Worship at the Old Town Mission Church – Next Sunday, August 20, we will hold worship at the Mission Church at our normal 10:30 a.m. time, followed by the church picnic. Community Life will provide burgers/dogs, condiments, and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Feel free to invite friends and family!

October 14th Church Retreat – Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex and also available during Fellowship Hour following worship.

Prayers for the Church Family –Please pray for John & Bobbye Detterick, Pauline Dimsey, and Alex Ditton as well as for Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1948). A person’s name in the bulletin reminds us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, August 14

7:00 a.m. – Interpretation and Support @ Charlie’s

Tuesday, August 15

No “Coffee with Katie,” who will be enjoying her grandchildren

Sunday, August 20

10:30 p.m. – Worship and Picnic at the Old Town Mission Church

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

August Elder of the Month – Robin Carlson – 425-7992

August Deacon of the Month – Mary Schipper - 420285

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

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

August 13, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organizations do not constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team. The first requisite is life, always. – A. W. Tozer*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.**

PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 96 in Nan C. Merrill’s *Psalms for Praying*)

Sing a new song; sing to the Beloved, all the earth!

Sing to the Creator, and bless God’s Name above all names.

Declare the splendor of God’s radiance to all nations;

Declare the marvelous works of God’s Love to all peoples!

For great is the Beloved, and greatly to be praised.

Reverence Love above all else; place your thoughts there, for your thoughts reveal what you treasure.

Seek only the true Treasure.

Truth and integrity live with Love; strength and beauty dwell with the Beloved.

***OPENING HYMN** PH #472, *O Sing to the Lord* (in English, then in Spanish)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

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: The God of Truth invites us to rest assured: we are loved, forgiven and transformed in Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that your face is often hidden from us because we are unprepared to fall under the gaze of your overwhelming love. We forget the Truth you offer; we follow our own desires and look to our own idols when we seek guidance. Overcome our shortcomings, we pray; let us look up to see your love overtaking us and creating in us our deepest, truest response to you. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silence for personal prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PH #275, v.1, *God of Our Life*

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:19-24 Pew Bible Page 865

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:14-23 Pew Bible Page 990

SERMON *It's Simply Divine, Dahling* Rev Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2013, *Bless the Lord*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;	A Dios el Padre celestial;
Praise God all creatures here below;	Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Praise God above ye heavenly host;	Y al eternal Consolador,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.	Unidos todos alabad. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

People: 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.

SERVICE OF HEALING

One: Gracious God, source of all healing,

Many: in Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken.

One: We bless you for this oil, pressed from the fruits of the earth;

Many: given to us as a sign of healing and of the fullness of life you give.

One: By your Spirit, come upon all who are anointed with this oil

Many: that they may receive your healing touch and be made whole to the glory of Christ. Amen.

INVITATION AND ANOINTING

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN STF #2166, *Christ Beside Me*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher – Rev Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – D.R. Palmer

Accompanist – Fred Salas

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Jackson Awuzing/Linda Solyntjes