

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 meets at 9:30.

Congregational Retreat – Mark your calendars! Our retreat will be on October 14. Please return registration form with your check (\$15/person) and then put your name on a leaf on the tree in Fellowship Hall.

Prayers for the Church Family –Please pray for Nancy Ellington, Amos Estrada, and Emma Estrada as well as for New Life Presbyterian Church (1973), Albuquerque NM. A person’s name in the bulletin reminds us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

Live Forward, Give Forward - Churches have a positive impact on their local communities. On average, congregations aid 2 direct service programs, 2 educational, health or cultural programs, and 1 community development or political/social advocacy program - all of which helps the local economy, and the health and well-being of its people.

Samaritan House Food Donations - August – Dry milk, oatmeal, other cereal

Flower Ministry - The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by Pam’s Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God by Judy Long.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Katie is on study leave thru Tuesday, August 29th. If you need pastoral care, please call the church cell phone: 505-231-1923

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 – 429-0285

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 27, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *On the day I called, you answered me. You increased the strength of my soul. Psalm 138:3*

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**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness.

We seek the Lord.

Look to Abraham, your father, and Sarah, your mother.

Like them, we are blessed.

My justice is a light for all.

You deliver us from the accuser. Our hope is in you.

***OPENING HYMN** PH #398 *There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that when trouble comes, we look first to ourselves. We place our desires above help and compassion for those around us and fail to see the work you give us to do. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silence for personal prayer.) **Amen.**

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 124	Pew Bible Page 498
SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 12:1-8	Pew Bible Page 922
SERMON	<i>Living Sacrifice?</i>	Rod Billingsley

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.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN PH #379 *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand if you are able.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher – Rod Billingsley
Worship Leader – Van Swan
Accompanist – Fred Salas
Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto
Visuals – Karyl Lyne /Linda Solyntjes

SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - 2017-2018

Clerk of Session – Carol Linder

Trustees – Judy Long, President

Building and Grounds – Robin Carlson

Christian Education – Richard Lindeborg and Katie Palmer

Columbarium – Judy Long

Community Life – Lisa Weinstein

Deacons – Mary Schipper

Interpretation and Support – Rudy Laumbach & Richard Lindeborg

Mission & Peacemaking – Karyl Lyne

Mustard Seed – Carol Linder

Nominating Committee – Carol Linder

Old Town Mission Joint Operating Team (JOT)

Session Reps: Rudy Laumbach & Karyl Lyne

Personnel – Judy Long

Worship and Music – Christie Baskett