

Welcome

We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. 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.

- ✦ Our guest preacher today is Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright - a life-long Presbyterian and a deep down Midwesterner who is forever planning her next adventure. She is the Executive Director of Pilgrims of Ibillin, an organization dedicated to building peace through education in Israel and Palestine. She's completing her PhD in education at Colorado State University and her first book (*Vagabonding: In Defense and Praise of Millennial Faith*) will be published this fall. Laurie is married to Jesse Bright, mom to the incredible Matilda (Tillie), and grateful for her four-legged constant companion, Nova "Danger" Bright, the Carolina Dog.**
- ✦ The Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth is discussing the book *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. Class is at 9:30 a.m. in the East Wing, Sundays thru August 5th.
- ✦ July Samaritan House Food Donations – Soup

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Diego, Connie, Carly & Celina Trujillo, Beth Urech & Mark Gillingham, and Lucille Van Horn and for Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, Rio Rancho NM (1986). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, July 9

7:00 a.m. – I&S – Charlie's
4:30 p.m. – JOT meeting at OTM

Tuesday, July 10

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
5:15 p.m. – Deep & Wide Taize Service – Mission Church

Wednesday, July 11

10:00 a.m. – Mission & Peacemaking

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

July 8, 2018

10:30 a.m.



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION -*Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.* Albert Einstein

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**

Come, you who are weary, and you who are full of joy.

Together, we come to the table.

Come, you who feel lost, and come, you who feel hopeful.

Together, we come to the font.

Come, you who need reminding, and those with faith to spare.

Together, we come to the foot of the cross. As one body, we worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN** STF #2236 *Gather Us In*

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: Hear and believe the greatest news: In Christ, you are seen, you are known, you are forgiven, and you are beloved.

All: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace, we pray for your mercy. We have grown casual about living in an ever-warring world. We have resisted your call to stand with the oppressed. We have accepted our own comfort over the challenge of seeking justice. We have distanced ourselves from the needs of our brothers and sisters. Forgive us. Guide us back to your path of peace, justice, and mercy. Teach us to live our faith. Be with us as we seek your Word and will, this day and every day. (Pause in silence for personal prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2085 *He Came Down* (vs 2) x2

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah forever more.

UNISON ACCEPTANCE OF FORGIVENESS

By God's grace, Christ's love, and the work of the Holy Spirit, we know we are forgiven. Thanks and Glory be to God!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 5:21-24, Luke 18: 1-8

SERMON *Blessed Are The Peacemakers* Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PH #450 *O Day of Peace*

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 God and Son and Holy Ghost.	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")

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 *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

****The Mission and Peacemaking Committee will provide a light lunch at noon in the Fellowship hall today followed by Rev. Lyter Bright's presentation on the Pilgrims of Ibillin.**

We hope you'll attend.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright
Worship Leader – Rev. Katie Palmer
Accompanist – Em Krall
Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto
Visuals – Christie Baskett/Linda Solyntjes

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