

**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 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday** - The book for our current class is "*Christianity: A Very Short Introduction*" by Linda Woodhead, our final class series on the three Abrahamic faiths.

There will be no Jump Start Breakfast or Sunday morning class for adults and youth on Sunday, May 28, because of Memorial Day Weekend

**Pastor Katie will be away on study leave this coming week.** She'll be attending the Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio. If you have pastoral care needs, please call the church office or the church cell phone (505-231-1923).

**Prayers for the Church Family** –Please pray for Denice Spicer, Norman & Wamoth Spicer, and Susan & Van Swan as well as for CRE Stephen Daniels & the congregation of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (1881) Penasco NM. A person's name in the bulletin reminds us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

"**God Provides**" is the theme for this year's Birthday Offering for Presbyterian Women. For more detailed descriptions see the poster on the west hall bulletin board. Offering envelopes are in the Narthex or from Joyce. The last date to submit gifts is June 4th

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

#### **Tuesday, May 16**

No Coffee with Katie; Katie is away on study leave

#### **Wednesday, May 17**

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, May 18**

8:00 a.m. – New Horizons Committee

*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*

*May Elder of the Month – Rudy Laumbach 505-454-0033*

*May Deacon of the Month – Siobhan Croto 505-505-310-5183*

*Communion is offered each Sunday from April 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 4th (Pentecost). From June 11<sup>th</sup> through September, Communion will be offered on the first and third Sundays of each month. 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

May 14, 2017

10:30 a.m.

### **EASTERTIDE – OUR ROAD REVEALED**



### **WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**Meditation** – Papa (God) to Mack: *The real flaw in your life is that you don't think that I am good.* –William Paul Young, writer of *The Shack*

#### **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 *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill)

Yield to God's Love, O families of the earth; yield to Love's glory and strength!

**Yield to Love and learn of justice; make of yourselves an offering and be guided by Love!**

Worthy is God to be praised in all the earth!

**The Creator reigns! Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.**

Let the seas laugh, and all that fills them.

**Let the fields exult, and everything in them!**

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before God, who reigns in glory!

**For through Love will come truth and justice, offering all the people gifts of new Life.**

**\*Opening Hymn**      STF #2061 *Creator of Mountains*

**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: Christ lives so that we may also live!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Holy Creator God, we are your beloved children, but we often question your love for us. We forget you when we are in pain, when others have hurt us, when we are overcome by the chaos that often surrounds us. Forgive us, O God, when we let things come between us and you. Forgive us when we sit in judgment of others. Be with us when fear and anger overcome our compassion. Give us a glimpse of the unimaginable magnitude of your love for all your people. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause for silent prayer.) Amen.**

**Congregational Response**      STF #2054 *Nothing Can Trouble* (x3)

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**      Psalm 139:7-14a      Pew Bible Page 503

**Musical Offering**      *Fugue In C Minor* (BMV 847)      J.S. Bach

**Scripture Reading**      John 12:44-50      Pew Bible Page 876

**Sermon**      *Going to "The Shack"*      Rev Katie Palmer/D.R. Palmer

**Congregational Response**      STF#2056 *God Is So Good*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Call to Offering**

**Giving of Our Gifts and Tithes**

**\*Doxology**

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

**\*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 SEAL GOD'S WORD**

(on insert)

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Institution of the Elements**

**Communion of God's People**

**Unison Prayer after Communion**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Closing Hymn**      PH #243 *We Thank You, Lord, For You Are Good*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

\* Please stand if you are able.

\*\* "Prayers for Parents and Those Who Want to Be" adapted from Ashley-Anne Masters, [youngclergywomen.org](http://youngclergywomen.org)

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher – Rev Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – D.R. Palmer

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Jeff Salman/Sean Croto

Visuals –Christie Baskett/Linda Solyntjes

Soloist - Tianzhi Li – UWC Student from China