

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.

Our **guest preacher** today, Rev. Linda C. Loving, is Honorably Retired after serving several congregations across the country. Her undergraduate training was in acting and for the past 26 years she also performed a one-woman drama of the mystic Julian of Norwich, which was filmed in Julian's cell in England. Linda has just published a workbook for women in faith-based communities: "*A New Song to Sing: Breast Cancer as Journey of Spirit*". You can find more information on Linda, her DVD and her book at: www.Spirited-Voices.com. Linda moved to Santa Fe recently to "*claim her inner cowgirl and her inner mystic*"!

Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth - 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.

Prayers for the Church Family –Please pray for Gordy Thatcher, Karen Topping, and Tom Trigg as well as for Las Placitas Presbyterian Church (1894) Placitas 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 23

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

6:30 p.m. – Session

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

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

May 21, 2017

10:30 a.m.

EASTERTIDE – OUR ROAD REVEALED



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Meditation – St Theresa's Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, you are his eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

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** (based on Acts 17:24-28)
God made the world and everything in it.
God is Lord of heaven and earth.

We are God's creation, made in the image of God.

We are made to search for God, to find the God who is ever close to us.

Indeed, in God we live and move and have our being.

And so we gather together to worship our Creator God!

***Opening Hymn** PH #461 *God Is Here!*

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

We confess that we find it far too easy to hoard the treasure of Your generous blessings, clutching them tightly to ourselves fearing Your anger or a famine of Your attention when we fail to love someone who disagrees with or hurts us, or when we withhold forgiveness from those we judge to have committed unpardonable sins. Lord, we humbly ask that you redeem us, make us free from the bonds of those fearful thoughts of rejection and lack that separate and divide us. Teach us the ways of forgiveness and grace, of creating spaces and relationships where your kingdom and people will survive and thrive.

Congregational Response STF #2214, *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 66 Pew Bible Page 459

Anthem *Psalm 23* Linda Rice Beck

Scripture Reading John 14:15-21 Pew Bible Page 877

Sermon *A Spacious Place* Rev Linda Loving

Congregational Response STF#2195 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

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

(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 #535 *Go With Us Lord*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev Linda Loving HR

Worship Leader – Beth Urech

Accompanist – Em Krall

Chancel Choir Director – Christie Baskett

Sound – Tom Trigg/Sean Croto

Visuals – Jackson Awuzing/Linda Solyntjes

Communion is offered each Sunday from April 2nd through June 4th (Pentecost). From June 11th 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.