

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 - The book for our current class is "*Christianity: A Very Short Introduction*" by Linda Woodhead, our final class series on the three Abrahamic faiths. The book costs \$10, payable to Richard Lindeborg. You can pick it up at the church office or from Richard on Sunday.

Prayers for the Church Family –Please pray for Trudi Samuelson, Mary Schipper & Tom Trigg and Linda & Gene Solyntjes as well as for First Presbyterian Church (1883) Mora 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

Live Forward, Give Forward - *'Tis in the act of giving that we live.* Wm Hall

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, May 8

7:00 a.m. – I&S – Charlie's

12:30 p.m. – JOT – Mission Church

1:00 p.m. – Buildings & Grounds - FUPC

Tuesday, May 9

7:00 a.m. – Community Life – Charlie's

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

Wednesday, May 10

9:00 a.m. – Personnel - Mission Church

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 13

9:00 a.m. – Painting - Playground

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 7, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Eastertide – Our Road Revealed



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Meditation - *I feel like we need to be aware of the ways we use and misuse religious dogma: whether it takes us deeper into love and inclusion or it separates us.* --Sue Monk Kidd

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 89 in *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill)

I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O God!

With forthright voice I will proclaim your goodness to all generations.

For your abiding love rules the universe.

Your faithfulness extends throughout the firmament.

Your covenant from the beginning of time encompasses all who choose to walk the path of love.

And to all who honor your way and your truth, love will make itself known.

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: Christ lives so that we may also live!

People: Thanks be to God!

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, you send us to proclaim your love to all of your children, but we often find it difficult to reach out. Help us to see those who suffer in the wilderness of isolation and rejection. Give us awareness of our own biases; lead us to conversation and relationship rather than judgment. Open our eyes to see the Christ in each other and to seek understanding and community. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause for silent prayer.) Amen.

Congregational Response GTG #257 *The Risen Christ, v. 4*

**May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with the oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 24:36-47 Pew Bible Page 860

Anthem *Festive Praise* Alan Pote

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-39 Pew Bible Page 892

Sermon *God's Wild, Far-Flung Love* Rev Katie Palmer

Congregational Response STF#2249 *God Claims You*

Please sing the refrain, verse 1, and refrain using "Child of promise"
Then, sing the refrain, verse 1, and refrain using your own name

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 SEAL GOD'S WORD

(on insert)

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Institution of the Elements

Communion Hymn PH #514 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Communion of God's People

Unison Prayer after Communion

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn** STF#2184 *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*
(Sing first in English, then in Spanish)

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Rev Pat Halverson

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Tom Trigg/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.