

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.

Enchilada Dinner Details - The dinner is THIS Thursday, October 12. Last chance to sell tickets. Last chance to drop of silent auction items. Last chance to mark your calendar if you volunteered to work the dinner: Lunch Shift 10:30 to 1:30 (starts early to get set up!); Supper Shift 4:15 to 7 p.m. Potential grant applicants are counting on us

Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth –The Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth began a new series September 17, based on the book *Christians in an Age of Wealth: A Biblical Theology of Stewardship* by Craig L. Blomberg.

Congregational Retreat - Bring your *ideas* and *enthusiasm* to our Church retreat this coming Saturday, October 14th. Please also bring a *dish to share* for dinner, we will provide *hot dogs & hamburgers*. There will be refrigeration and outlets to plug in crock pots.

Please return registration form with your check (\$15/person) and then put your name on a leaf on the tree in Fellowship Hall.

Today we welcome PCUSA Mission co-workers from Southeast Asia. After worship, we'll host them in the side room at Charlie's for a Dutch treat lunch to learn more about their ministry. Their home presbyteries are Chicago and Santa Fe, and have visited FUPC in the past. They have four adult children and one granddaughter. They have served as PCUSA Mission co-workers in Thailand since 1998, first at the Bangkok Institute of Theology as faculty instructors; and then, in 2014 beginning a new work as researchers/ community developers in a predominantly Muslim area in Southern Thailand. If you wish to contribute to their ministry please make checks to FUPC with Ministry - E200343 on the memo line

Dinners for 6+2 - Dinner groups have been assigned and the schedules are in the **Narthex** and **Fellowship Hall**. Kudos to **Julie Salman** for all the hard work she put into assigning the groups.

PCUSA Disaster Fund - If you would like to contribute to the PCUSA Disaster Fund for victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma, or Maria, please mark your checks with DR000169-Harvey or DR000194-Irma or DR000194-Maria

Prayers for the Church Family –Please pray for Carol, Ken, Christina and Nicky Litherland, Joyce Litherland, and Judy & Michael Long as well as St Andrew Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1959). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, October 9

7:00 a.m. – I&S - Charlie's

11:00 - Deacons

Tuesday, October 10

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

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

5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide - Old Town Mission Church

Wednesday, October 11

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. - Rainbow Ringers

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701
October 8, 2017

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Meditation – *One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone. –Shannon L. Alder*

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

***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.**

Bell Introit *Bell Symphony* Henry Purcell/Ellen Jane Lorenz

***Call To Worship** (adapted from Psalm 147:1-7)

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Yes! God is gracious and deserves our songs of praise.

God builds us up and gathers outcasts under an umbrella of love.

God heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

God determines the very number of the stars and names them.

Indeed, God's loving power is abundant and God's understanding infinite.

Let's sing to the Lord our thanksgiving!

*** Opening Hymn** PH #555 *Now Thank We All Our God*

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: Know that God loves you and wants the best for you. God's loving mercy is continually poured out upon you. God forgives you your missteps and restores you by abundant life.

People: Thanks be to God!

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Christ. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.

Congregational Response STF #2201 *Prayers of the People* (Refrain x2)

Lord, let your kingdom come. Your will be done.

Lord, let your kingdom come. Alleluia.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem *Fantasy on "Westminster Quarters"* Hal H Hopson

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 67:1-7 Pew Bible Page 460

Sermon The Heart of Global Missions: Expanding Cycles of God's Blessings

Affirmation of Faith (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Institution of the Elements

Communion of God's People

Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward, take bread, dip it in the cup, and eat. If you prefer to remain seated, please inform an usher and a communion server will come to serve you.)

Unison Prayer after Communion

We thank you O God, for nourishing us. We thank you for our brothers and sisters in this community and around the world. May we go forward from this table ready to feeding others; may we go forward from this place ready to do your work. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

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

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today –

Pastor – Katie Palmer

Worship Leader –Denice Spicer

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Fred Salas

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Christie Baskett/Linda Solyntjes

Communion is offered each Sunday from October 1 through Pentecost (May 20, 2018) and on the first and third Sundays of each month from June through September. We do not celebrate Communion on the fifth Sunday of a month due to the addition of the Healing Liturgy to the service.

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October Deacon of the Month – Chuck Peterson – 505-4256-6038