



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:** Today is the kickoff for ticket sales for the Enchilada Dinner to benefit Mustard Seed grants to nonprofit organizations. Please pick up your ticket packet from Jim or Siobhan Croto after church and sign up to work the October 12 event with Rod Billingsley, Rudy Laumbach or Richard Lindeborg

**New Class Series:** The Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth has started a new series based on the book *Christians in an Age of Wealth: A Biblical Theology of Stewardship* by Craig L. Blomberg. Books are available from Richard Lindeborg or the church office for \$12.

**International Potluck** - Please join us for a potluck after church on Oct. 1st as we celebrate “*World Communion Sunday*” & “*Peace and Global Witness Day*”. We encourage you to bring an international dish.

**Jump Start Breakfast:** Breakfast has returned to its school-year time of 8:30 a.m. to accommodate Chancel Choir and Bell Choir members.

**“Falling Into Our Future” Church Retreat** - Please sign up for the October 14<sup>th</sup> church retreat at Bishop’s Ridge. Fill out the yellow card and sign a leaf. There is a place on the card to mark if you need financial help with the registration fee and/or if you need transportation. \$15/person.

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

**Pastor Katie will be away on vacation** from September 22 – September 30. Please call the church office with concerns or, in case of an emergency, the church cell phone (505-231-1923).

**Prayers for the Church Family** –Please pray for Kevin Johnson, Em Krall & Cathy Stauber, and Betty & Roger Kretz as well as Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1889). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

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

#### **Tuesday, September 19**

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie

6:00 p.m. – Session

#### **Wednesday, September 20**

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

### **FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

September 17, 2017

10:30 a.m.

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

**MEDITATION** – Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. –Psalm 25:5

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** – I&S – Enchilada Dinner

### **\*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 Psalm 139:7-10)

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?  
**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**  
**Therefore we come together to praise you, our ever-present God!**

**\* OPENING HYMN** PH #476, *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

### **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: God creates us and loves us; God walks with us and protects us; God guides us to growth and forgives us our sins. God’s arms are ever open to us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (from Rev. Beth Merrill Neel at <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>)

**Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear, paths that lead to dread and death. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, life that is abundant and eternal, life that began at the creation of all things. Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and over the world. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silence for personal prayer.) Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2163 *He Who Began a Good Work in You*

**He who began a good work in you, he who began a good work in you,  
will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.**

**He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**1ST SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Corinthians 1:19-22 Pew Bible Page 938

**ANTHEM** *I Will Sing Unto The Lord* Jamie Killion and Joseph M. Martin

**2ND SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 28:10-17 Pew Bible Page 22

**SERMON** *God's Job Description: God Keeps Relationship* Rev. Katie Palmer

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2053, *If It Had Not Been For The Lord*

## 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 passed through the pews today.*

*Please take bread and hold until all are served; we will eat together.*

*Likewise, take a cup and hold until all are served; we will drink together.*

During communion, please join in singing *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

**We are climbing Jacob's ladder (x3)  
children of the cross.**

### UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, you have shared with us this bread and cup and have made us  
one with Christ. Help us to bring your saving love and nurturing Spirit to  
all the world. We ask this in the name of Christ, Amen.**

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\***CLOSING HYMN** STF #2191, *Bless Now, O God, The Journey*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher – Rev Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Karen Topping

Chancel Choir Director – Karyl Lyne

Accompanists – Jane Warsaw/Christie Baskett

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Jackson Awuzing/Linda Solyntjes

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*September Elder of the Month – Judy Long – 429-0379*

*September Deacon of the Month – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto – 454-9707*