



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: Enchilada Dinner tickets and flyers were passed out to members and friends last Sunday, with packets mailed on Tuesday to everyone who did not receive a packet at church. If you did not get a packet or need more tickets to sell, please pick some up at the church office. The dinner is at noon and evening on Thursday, October 12, so now is the time to sell, sell, sell. We still have openings for volunteers to work shifts at the dinner. A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall after worship today.

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 14th 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.

Pastor Katie will be on medical leave from September 25 – September 30. Please call the church office with concerns or, in case of an emergency, the church cell phone (505-231-1923).

Live Forward, Give Forward - In our good works, nothing is our own. — *John Calvin*

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 26

5:15 p.m. – Deep & Wide Contemplative Service at Old Town Mission

Wednesday, September 27

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 24, 2017

10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Father of mercy, your love embraces everyone and through the Resurrection of your Son you call us all into your wonderful light. Dispel our darkness and make us a people with one heart and one voice forever singing your praise, in Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

A collect from A Celtic Primer.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Mission & Peacemaking

***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 145: 1-8)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed.

The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in

steadfast love. The Lord is good to all and his compassion is over all that he has made.

*** OPENING HYMN** PH #487 When Morning Gilds the Skies

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.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating all the wonderful diversity of cultures.

We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Stir us, reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. 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 Matthew 20:1-16 Pew Bible Page 801

2ND SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:10-4:11 Pew Bible Page 753

SERMON Pastor Pat Halverson

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2222 *The Servant Song*

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 GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN PH # 272 *God of the Sparrow*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher – Rev Pat Halverson

Worship Leader – Christie Baskett

Chancel Choir Director – Karyl Lyne

Accompanists – Fred Salas

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Karyl Lyne/Linda Solyntjes

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Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rev Katie Palmer – Office: 425-7763 Cell: 505-231-1923

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

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

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