



We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. Please write your name and address on the attendance pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

- ✦ Breakfast and Class will resume on September 9 on the fall schedule:
Breakfast at 8:30 and Class at 9:30
- ✦ Our study of *Who Wrote the Bible?* will continue through October 7.
- ✦ September Samaritan House Food Donations:
Canned milk, Canned vegetables

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Randy Campbell, Robin Carlson & Les Jones, and Siobhan, Jim and Sean Croto and for Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1948). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday – September 3

Labor Day – Office Closed **Tuesday, September 4**

8:30 a.m. – Coffee with Katie @ Charlie’s

Wednesday, September 5

10:00 a.m. – Mission & Peacemaking

Thursday, September 6

7:30 a.m. – Worship & Music

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by Pam’s Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God.

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

September 2, 2018

10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *“I think the practical person has a better chance of dealing with nonviolence than people who tend to be dreamers or who are impractical. We’re not nonviolent because we want to save our souls. We’re nonviolent because we want to get some social justice for the workers.” Cesar Chavez*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 45:1, 6 & 7, 17; “A love song.” CEB

One: A marvelous word has stirred my heart as I mention my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a skillful scribe.

All: Your divine throne is eternal and everlasting.

One: Your royal scepter is a scepter of justice.

All: You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

One: I will perpetuate your name from one generation to the next,

All: So the people will praise you forever and always.

***OPENING HYMN PH #455** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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.

One: “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you don’t sin. But if you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one.” 1 John 2:1 CEB

All: Praise God for his abundant mercy and love!

One: Knowing God’s love and forgiveness in Christ Jesus our Lord, let us confess those things we have allowed to separate us from God and from each other.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you have promised to love us and care for us and all that you require is for us to love you in return. Christ has reiterated that if we love him we will keep his commandments. You have shown us the power of love, but too often we have grasped the love of power. Forgive us and set us aright on the way of Christ.

One: We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silence for personal prayer.)

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PH #391 (verse 6) *Take My Life*

**Take my love; my Lord I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: As we prepare to read and hear God's Word, let us pray ...

All: Still our minds and hearts, O Lord, that nothing will distract us from the message you have for each one of us this day. Move us from inaction to active love for all you may send to us throughout our lives. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING Song of Solomon 2:8-13

THE EPISTLE READING James 1:16-20, 27

THE GOSPEL READING Mark 7:1-3, 5-8, 14-15

SERMON *"Love, in the Goodness of the Lord"*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PH #322 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

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 God and Son and Holy Ghost.	Unidos todos alabad. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)

(The people respond to each petition with *"Hear our prayer"*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical Version, adapted)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SONG OF PREPARATION

PH # 514 – *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, . . .
(Pastor will complete the prayer)

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Let us pray together.

All: Creator God, we thank you for this feast which Christ has prepared for us in his death and rising again. As these elements of the earth nourish our bodies, may the Spirit in which we receive these nourish our spirits and enable us to be the body of the Living Christ as we leave this place to serve you in the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN PH #518 *Una Espiga – Sheaves of Summer*
(please feel free to sing in Spanish or in English)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev Larry Graham-Johnson

Worship Leader – Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Jackson Awuzing/Linda Solyntjes

