



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 gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

- ✦ **Enchilada Dinner** – Less than two weeks to **Sell** tickets for the Oct 11 Enchilada Dinner. If you need additional tickets, drop by the church office or see Rod Billingsley, Van Swan or Richard Lindeborg. **Volunteer** to work at the dinner by using the sign-up sheet by the kitchen door. You can also drop off items for the **Silent Auction** in the church office. Work shifts are 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
- ✦ Our study of *Who Wrote the Bible?* will continue through October 7. Beginning October 14, we will be discussing Richard Rohr's *The Naked Now* with facilitator D.R. Palmer
- ✦ **Las Vegas Wildlife Refuge Hike** - Community Life has scheduled a hike for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 6th, at the Las Vegas Wildlife Refuge. This easy hike will be 1-½ hours long. The LVWR will provide binoculars for everyone. Please bring: a hat, sunscreen, bug spray, a jacket & water.
- ✦ **International Pot Luck Luncheon** – Next Sunday, October 7, is World Communion Sunday and Community Life would like everyone to bring an *international dish* to share after services. We always have some very tasty food, so please plan on joining us.
- ✦ **Samaritan House Food Donations:**
September - Canned Milk, Canned Vegetables
October – Peanut Butter and Jelly

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Mark Gillingham & Beth Urech, Frank Hager, and Corky & Pat Halverson and for Rio Grande Presbyterian, Albuquerque NM (1947). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, October 2

7:00 a.m. – Personnel
 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie

Wednesday, October 3

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir
 7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

Saturday, October 6

4:00 p.m. – Hike at Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, October 7

International Potluck following worship

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
 September 30, 2018 10:30 a.m.



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *God uses broken things.* –Vance Havner

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 147:1-7)

How good it is to sing praises to God!

For God is gracious; a song of praise is fitting.

God gathers the outcasts of Israel and of all places.

Praise the Lord!

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

Praise the Lord!

God determines the number of stars and names the light they shine.

Praise the Lord!

God's love is abundant and God's understanding is beyond measure.

Praise the Lord!

God lifts the downtrodden and guides us to freedom.

Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

*** OPENING HYMN** PH #554, *Let All Things Now Living*

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.

God not only loves and forgives us, but shows us a path to freedom when we are burdened. Let us praise the God of love and mercy.

Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Like them, we are enslaved to systems that neglect the needs of others. We live focused on values that burden us with expectations of being best, most, and biggest, enforcing acceptance that others will be worse, less, and small. Forgive us when we bow to these expectations and accept what is unacceptable. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our path to freedom and new life. Help us put our trust instead in you and your kingdom. We pause now in silent prayer. *(Pause)* In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2013 – *Bless the Lord* (x3)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

FIRST READING Matthew 2:13-15 Pew Bible Page 784

MUSICAL OFFERING *Canon of Praise* - Johann Pachelbel, arr. Hopson

SECOND READING Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 Pew Bible Page 53

SERMON *Breaking Ground* Rev Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PH #404, *Precious Lord*, v. 1

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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

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.

INVOCATION OF GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

PRAYER OF BLESSING AND ANOINTING

*You are invited to be anointed with oil;
may God's blessing lead you to wholeness. During this time, please sing:*

STF#2157 *Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia! (repeat)

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN PH #332 *Live Into Hope*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer; Worship Leader – Corky Halverson

Accompanist – Em Krall; Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Christie Baskett/Linda Solyntjes

Trio – Christie Baskett, Karyl Lyne, Gail Malley

Communion is offered 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 – Murl Baker – 505-429-0670

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