



First United Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. Please write your name and address on the friendship pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in Perea Hall following worship. A church Elder will be at the communion table after worship to answer any questions you may have about membership or the church.

- ✦ **Bible-based Class** --Join us December 1, 8, 15, and 22 for our Advent study, *The Messiah*, written by Hebrew Bible scholar Walter Brueggemann and led by Pastor Katie. We will look at four royal titles from Isaiah 9:6 - Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. How were these titles understood at the time of Jesus? And, since Jesus didn't really fulfill that understanding, how do we use our "interpretive imagination" to understand Jesus? Handouts available in the church office the week prior to each class; please consider a \$5 donation to defray costs of purchase and printing for the study.
- ✦ **How To Start the Conversation** - Today @ 1:30 p.m. – Perea Hall
- ✦ **Annual Budget Meeting** - Session members, Committee Chairs, and all church members are invited. Light breakfast will be served. Perea Hall, Monday, Dec 2. 7:30 AM.
- ✦ **Pastor Katie will be away** November 26 – 30 to celebrate Thanksgiving with her family. If you have pastoral care needs, please contact the office or Mary Schipper (505-429-0285).
- ✦ **Samaritan House Food Donations** - November – Pasta and Sauce
- ✦ **Fellowship Snack Schedule:** Dec 1 – Community Life, Dec 8 – Karen Topping, Dec 15 – Carol Litherland, Dec 22 – Lisa Weinstein, Dec 29 – Carol Litherland
- ✦ **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Carol, Ken, Christina & Nicky Litherland, Joyce Litherland and Judy & Michael Long as well as the White Rock Presbyterian Church, Los Alamos NM (1967). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**Sunday, November 24**

1:30 p.m. – How to Start the Conversation

**Monday, November 25**

11:00 a.m. - Deacons

5:30 p.m. – Understanding Immigration Task Force

**Tuesday, November 26**

NO Coffee with Katie

NO Deep and Wide Taize Service

**Thursday, November 28**

Happy Thanksgiving! Office will be closed Thursday and Friday

**Saturday, December 14**

SAVE THE DATE - Christmas Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. - @ Charlie's

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

November 24, 2019

10:30 a.m.

**God's Faithfulness**

**MEDITATION** – *Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

—John Wesley

**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*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 MEDITATION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Isaiah 55:1-3)

Everyone who thirsts, come to God; rich or poor, come and partake of God's abundance.

**Why do we spend our money for that which is not bread and our labor for that which does not satisfy?**

Listen carefully to God; come to God so that you might live fully.

**God makes us an everlasting covenant and offers steadfast, sure love. Let us open ourselves to that love!**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

GTG #391, *This Is the Day*

**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: God is faithful and generous; God's love and compassion are constant. Know that, in Christ, you have God's forgiveness and presence.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**God of Great Generosity, thank you for the many ways you feed us and sustain us. Forgive us when we are unwilling to do the same for others, when we put our own extravagances ahead of others' needs. Show us the ways in which we might share our resources to ensure that others have what they need as well as ways to be included in your family. (Pause) In Christ's name, Amen.**

**RESPONSE** GTG #435, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, v.1  
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM** *Time to Thank the Lord* Pepper Choplin  
Please join with the choir when directed:

Count your blessings, name them one by one.  
Count your blessings, see what God has done.  
Count your blessings, name them one by one.  
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE** 2 Kings 22:1-13; 23:1-3 Pew Bible Page 310

**SERMON** "All the People Joined in the Covenant" Rev. Katie Palmer

**RESPONSE** GTG #712, *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

**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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

**SONG OF PREPARATION** GTG #497, *Bread of Life from Heaven*, refrain only

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Communion will be served by intinction.*

*Please come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup.*

*Gluten-free elements are available near the west door.*

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God Who Loves Us, thank you for the gifts of this table—gifts that fill us with your grace and that nourish us as no other food can. Let the nourishment we have taken here convict us to live lives of generosity and give us strength to serve your people. In the name of Christ, Amen.

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** GTG #643, *Now Thank We All Our God*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Peter Linder

Chancel Choir Director – Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker

Visuals – Tom Trigg/Linda Solyntjes

*November Elder of the Month – Robin Carlson – 505-425-7992*

*November Deacon of the Month – Mary Schipper – 505-429-0285*

*Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - 505-425-7763*

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