



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.

- ★ **Sunday Class for Adults and Youth** - It is time to request books for the next discussion series of the Sunday class for adults and Youth. In January, Rod Billingsley will again be discussing various "Christian Doctrines" from Shirley Guthrie's book of the same title. If you have the book from his last series, read the chapter "Who Says So, The Doctrine of Authority" for the first session on **January 12**. If you need the book (3rd edition), order it online or ask Richard Lindeborg or the church office to order one for \$7.00. There will be no class on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, January 5.
- ★ **Samaritan House Food Donations** – January – Peanut Butter and Jelly
- ★ **Fellowship Snack Schedule for January:**  
1/5 Bonnie Trujillo, 1/12 Kevin Johnson, 1/19 Lisa Weinstein, 1/26 Murl Baker
- ★ **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Betty Quick, Caroline Rackley, Deb Allen-Reid, and Kent Reid as well as Ranchos de Taos Presbyterian Church, Taos, NM (1892).

The wreath on the front door of the church is given by Lon and Lindsley Silagi in memory of Dottie B Mann.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**Tuesday, December 31**

No Coffee with Katie

**Wednesday, January 1**

Office Closed

**Thursday, January 2**

9:00 a.m. – Worship and Music Committee – Library

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

December 29, 2019

10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION**

*Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.*” - Rabbi Abraham Heschel

**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Rosalie Lopez – Mustard Seed

**\*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** (From Psalms 27)

When the Lord is our light and our salvation

**Whom shall we fear?**

When the Lord is the at the center of our lives,

**Of whom shall we be afraid?**

Though an army encamp against us,

Though war rise up against us

**We will be confident, for God, the Creator God, is with us!**

Alleluia! Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

GTG #12

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

When we stop and realize God’s gracious Presence with us, how can we not realize we are called to be gracious to others? Let us confess to God our failure to serve as Christ serves us as we pray together, saying,

**UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**Merciful God, whom we know as pure love because of Jesus Christ, we dare confess the sins of humanity. Although Christ has arrived among us as our peace, we are people divided against ourselves, clinging to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we humans pursue lay waste the land and pollute air and water. The greed, fear and jealousy we allow to go unchecked set neighbor against neighbor and wage war against the poor and migrant. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom of intellect and reason, turning them into bonds of oppression. World leaders create cultures of cruelty and death in order to maintain power and control.**

Lord, Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the whole world, have mercy upon us, heal and forgive us all. We ask you to use us gathered here as agents of your reconciling life-giving love. We come to you in silence. (*Time for silent prayer and meditation*) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Bless the Lord* GTG #544

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In silence, in dreams, in Nature, in the Word, and in each other, God comes to forgive and bring us hope.

It is fitting that we offer our thanks and praise to the One who saves us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* GTG #353 (v.1)

#### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 14:1-8, 12-13 Pew Bible Page 504

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-21 Pew Bible Page 950

HYMN OF MEDITATION *Of The Father's Love Begotten* GTG #108, vs. 1, 5 & 6

GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:20-24, 2:13-20 Pew Bible Page 783

SERMON *Emmanuel: God is With Us – All of Us*

HYMN *For The Healing of the Nations* GTG #346

#### 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

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy One, may they join all creation in blessing and serving the people of the world you love so much. Called to be your servants, may we see those who exist at the edge of life and commit ourselves to ease their distress. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### 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.

#### HEALING SERVICE

#### RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Gracious God, source of all healing,

**In Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken.**

We bless you for this oil

**Pressed from the fruits of the earth and given to us as a sign of healing and the fullness of life you give.**

By your Spirit, we ask you to heal us all, and especially those who are anointed with this oil

**That they may receive your healing touch and be made whole**

To the glory of Christ, Emmanuel, our Redeemer. Amen

#### INVITATION AND ANOINTING

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

CLOSING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* GTG #275

#### CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*Please stand if you are able.

#### Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Randy Campbell HR

Worship Leader – Juli Salman

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker

Visuals – Charlotte Wootton/Linda Solyntjes

*December Elder of the Month – D.R. Palmer – 303-775-7259*

*December Deacon of the Month – Patrick Rucker – 505-718-9707*

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