



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.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, February 2 following worship. All members are encouraged to attend. Copies of the 2019 Annual report are on the table in the Narthex.

Bible-based Class - The reading assignment for the February 2 Sunday School class session is Chapter 8 "What are we doing here? The doctrine of creation" (starting p. 145) of the book "Christian Doctrine" by Shirley Guthrie. If you need the book (3rd edition), order it online or ask Richard Lindeborg or the church office to order one for \$6.00.

Samaritan House Food Donations – January – Peanut Butter and Jelly

Fellowship Snack Schedule:

- February 2— Renee Soderlund
- February 9— Tom Trigg
- February 16— Juli Salman
- February 23— Carol Linder

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Trudi Samuelson, Shirley Sandoval, Mary Schipper and Renee Soderlund as well as the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe NM (1893). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, January 27

- 11:00 a.m. - Deacons
- 12:00 p.m. – Buildings and Grounds at OTMCC

Tuesday, January 28

- 8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie – Charlie’s
- 5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Meditative Service at OTMCC
- 6:30 p.m. - Session

Wednesday, January 29

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

Friday & Saturday, January 31 –February 1

Leadership Retreat, Pecos Monastery

Assisting in Worship Today

- Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer
- Worship Leader – Art Trujillo
- Accompanist – Em Krall
- Sound – Patrick Rucker /Sean Croto
- Visuals – Jackson Awuzing/Linda Solyntjes

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

January 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *For me, forgiveness and compassion are always linked: how do we hold people accountable for wrongdoing and yet at the same time remain in touch with their humanity enough to believe in their capacity to be transformed?* –bell hooks

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(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 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* by Arthur Messiter Rainbow Ringers

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 9)

God judges the world with righteousness and equity.

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed and does not forsake those who seek God.

We suffer from those who hate; nations have sunk into a pit of their own making.

Yet the needy will not be forgotten, nor the poor perish, for God will remind the nations that they are only human.

Let us praise the God who remembers those who are in need.

***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: Hear God’s message for us: In God, we are one—a body forgiven and loved; a body charged to recognize and support the family of God.

Many: With thanks to God, let us dedicate ourselves to the unity of God’s children.

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of All, we are quick to say that we are united in Christ and committed to sharing your love with all of your children everywhere. But we are also quick to build walls rather than bridges, to judge who is in and who is out, and to make rules about who is deserving and who is not. Forgive us. Give us the strength to actively reject any church or political doctrine that denies that all people are your beloved children, entitled to be loved and worthy of our care. *(We pause in silence for personal prayer.)* Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG #447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Fantasy on "Westminster Quarters"* Rainbow Ringers
by Hal H. Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:1-17 Pew Bible Page 813

SERMON *Digging Through The Barriers* Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG #757, *Today, We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

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)

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 SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF THE 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

Loving God, thank you for this meal, during which we have received your love and your promise of renewed life. May this bread and cup give us the strength and courage to in turn feed all your children through our work for justice and unity. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN GTG #754, *Help Us Accept Each Other*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

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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