

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 via Zoom by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081>, or by phone (312-626-6799). If you're joining by phone, enter meeting ID 573-920-0081. If you've not used Zoom before, follow the instructions provided at the link.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 11

8:45 a.m. – Adult class in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Stephen Rhoades and via Zoom followed by fellowship

Monday, August 12

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

Tuesday, August 13

11:45 a.m. – Rotary Meeting in Perea Hall

6:00 p.m. – Womens' AA Meeting in The Gathering Place

Wednesday, August 14

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

2:00 p.m. – JOT Meeting

6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon meeting in upstairs classroom

Friday, August 15

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Saturday, August 16

9:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

Sunday, August 18

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with John Sitler and via Zoom followed by fellowship



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August 11, 2024

10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” --Acts 1:9*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Stephen Rhoades

PRELUDE

Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Van Swan

Let us make a commitment during this time to visit with someone today and wish them the peace of Christ.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrase of Psalm 100:4-5)

One: Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving

All: and the courts of God with praise;

One: Give thanks and bless God's holy name!

All: For the LORD is good;

One: God's love is eternal,

All: and God's faithfulness has no end.

***OPENING HYMNS**

Crown Him with Many Crowns (GTG #268)

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.*

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have

gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! AMEN.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 34:1-8, Acts 1:3-11

One: This is the Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"After Ascension and Retirement"

Stephen Rhoades

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (GTG #687)

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

God, thank you for our church, for the way we are called to be church to a world in need. Help us to continue to share with those in need and with each other through these gifts. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation (GTG #321)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Em Krall

*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able

*****OPPORTUNITIES*****

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today! **August fellowship time reminder:**

8/11 Murl Baker

8/18 Carol Litherland

Signup sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

New Class Series: On Sunday, July 18, the Sunday Morning Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth will start a new discussion series on the book *Tell Her Story: How Women Led, Taught, and Ministered in the Early Church* by Nijay K. Gupta, The reading assignment for the first session is the Introduction and Chapters 1 & 2, pp. 1-29 (Old Testament women). An overview of the book, availability and prices in the July and August newsletters. Classes are at 8:45 a.m. Sundays in the Session Room, next to the kitchen in Perea Hall and on Zoom on the same link as the Sunday Worship Service.

Prayers for the Church Family – Each week we choose some specific names to remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery. Please pray for Karen Topping and Rod Billingsley, Melissa Travis and Tom Trigg and Mary Schipper as well as Cuba Presbyterian Church, Cuba, NM (1889).

Bio on Stephen Rhoades – Stephen was born in San Jose, California but moved back east during his childhood years. He attended Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania and graduated with a B.A. degree in accounting in 1974. After marrying his wife, Kathy, he attended West Virginia University Law School graduating with a J.D. degree in 1977. Stephen entered the United States Air Force as a Judge Advocate General assigned to Holloman AFB in Alamogordo. He was in civil private legal practice for 35 years in Albuquerque and Santa Fe and retired from legal practice in 2017. Stephen is a ruling elder – a sixth generation Presbyterian from the northern branch of the PC(USA). He is currently a member at Albuquerque, First PC and serves in leadership roles within the church. Stephen also serves as a volunteer board member for the Presbyterian Church (USA) Investment and Loan Program and the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. He has been Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Santa Fe for the past 8 years and is now also serving as Commission on Ministry Associate supporting COM. Stephen and Kathy are the parents of two adult sons and have five grandchildren – 6 years of age and younger living in San Francisco and Denver.

August Elder of the Month – Karyl Lyne – 505-718-6475

August Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker – 505-429-0670

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Stephen Rhoades Worship Leader – Van Swan

Accompanist – Em Krall Bulletin – Crystal Western Ford

Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton

Tech Crew – Karyl Lyne, Kent Reid, Deb Allen-Reid