

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, December 1

8:45 a.m. – Adult class in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship
11:30 a.m. – Mission and Peace Committee Meeting

Monday, December 2

7:00 a.m. – AA in upstairs classroom

Tuesday, December 3

11:45 a.m. – Rotary Meeting in Perea Hall
12:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Massage Therapist in Nursery Room
6:00 p.m. – Women's AA Meeting in The Gathering Place

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship at Charlies
6:00 p.m. – Al Anon meeting in The Gathering Place
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Thursday, December 5

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, December 6

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Saturday, December 7

9:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
12:00 p.m. – UWC Dorm Traditional Dinner

Sunday, December 8

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Pastor Patricia Halverson
and via Zoom followed by fellowship



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December 1, 2024

10:30 a.m.

MISSION AND VISION - We seek to grow in our faith, share God's love, and serve others, following the Holy Spirit that has sustained us and our ministries for over 150 years. As an inclusive and welcoming segment of the Body of Christ, we actively seek justice for all and work together to build a compassionate world where all are valued. Led by Christ and dependent on God's grace, we embrace today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

MEDITATION – In the silence of a midwinter dusk, there is a sound so faint that for all you can tell it may be only the sound of the silence itself. You hold your breath to listen. You are aware of the beating of your heart. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment.

Frederick Buechner

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*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.*

THE RITUAL OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A WORD ON HOPE

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

UNISON PRAYER

All: God of Hope, our world has grown cold with despair, with hopelessness, with weariness and dread. Alight in us the fire of Your Spirit, a reminder that death never has the final word, so we might pursue justice and live into Your ways and become living hope in a world that desperately needs it. Amen.

Corky Halverson
Charlotte Wootton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,

All: A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.

Leader: It is Advent -A Communion Sunday

All: Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

***OPENING HYMN**

O Come O Come Emmanuel

GTG #88

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

Reconciling God, we confess that our sense of anticipation has dimmed We expect few wonders, but more of the same or worse. We do not seek your presence, your hand, in the commonplace. We are not alert to your presence or your action on our behalf. Wake us up, dear God, so that we do not trudge around in a living death. Send your light that it may shine through us into a needy world. Open us to the depths of the sacrament we receive this day. Give us Advent hope. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM African Noel by Benjamin Harlan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Corky Halverson

GOSPEL READING Luke 21: 25-36 David J. Crowley

SERMON “Advent as First Course” David J. Crowley

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE We Come As Guests GTG #504

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 SEAL GOD’S WORDS

COMMUNION CHORAL ANTHEM Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

INVITATION

RESPONSIVE LITURGY

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Leader: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus GTG #82

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

*******OPPORTUNITIES*******

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall: after worship today! **December fellowship time reminder:**
12/3 Amy Hufnal 12/8 Charlotte Wootton
Sign-up sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

During this Advent Season, the Sunday morning Bible-based class for adults and youth is discussing the book Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear: The Archbishop of York’s Advent Book by Rachel Mann. The reading assignment for December 1st is WEEK 1: The joy of waiting. The reading assignment for December 8th is WEEK 2: The Discomfort of Waiting.

Books may be purchased online at Barnes & Noble, Powells.com, Alibris.com, and AbeBooks.com.

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.

Don’t Wait, Vaccinate! Get up to date and stay up to date with the CDC recommended vaccinations. It’s not just for kids anymore! Keep a written record of your own personal vaccination history. Keep a small card in your wallet; your doctor or your pharmacist can give you one. You never know when you might need to remember your last injection. Check your October newsletter for more information.

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 Jim and Siobhan Croto, Linda Cunningham, and Theresa M. DeHerrera, as well as the Ranchos Presbyterian Church, Ranchos de Taos, NM (1892).

Joining us today in the pulpit is David J. Crowley – David grew up in Southwestern Pennsylvania. After some years in teaching, he went to Princeton Seminary and served churches in Indiana and Illinois and retired as a chaplain at a retirement community in Indiana. He has two grown daughters, Saralyn and Jocelyn.

December Elder of Month: Corky Halverson, 505-235-7914

December Deacon of the Month: Juli Salman, 505-429-0290

The office is open on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. For all other times, please email or call and we will get back to you

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – David J. Crowley Worship Leader – Corky Halverson
Pianist – Em Krall Choir – Amy Hufnal Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Juli Salman, Kent Reid, Deb Allen-Reid