

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 8

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

Monday, December 9

7:00 a.m. – AA in upstairs classroom

Tuesday, December 10

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 11

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

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship at Charlie's

2:00 p.m. – JOT meeting at OTM

6:00 p.m. – Al Anon meeting in The Gathering Place

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Thursday, December 12

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, December 13

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

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

Saturday, December 14

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

Sunday, December 15

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



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37

Las Vegas, NM 87701

December 8, 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 – Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country . . .and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations . . .and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. –George Washington, 1789

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 PEACE

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

UNISON PRAYER

All: God of Peace, our world is full of angry voices calling for vengeance, calling for retribution masked as justice, calling for destruction as a lie for peace. But we know the true peace that comes from You is available for us all, if we seek it. If we follow You. May peace light our way in this world that desperately needs it. Amen.

BELL CHOIR INTROIT

Praise!

by Arnold Sherman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. O Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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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

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppressions. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord, Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son Our Savior. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3: 1-14

Rev. Dr. Louis Knowles

SERMON

It’s Really Very Simple

Rev. Dr. Louis Knowles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski

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**

Be Thou My Vision

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***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:**

12/8 Charlotte Wootton

12/15 Juli Salman

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 8th is WEEK 2: The Discomfort of Waiting and the reading assignment for December 15th is WEEK 3: Using the 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 Pauline Dimsey, Barbara Doris, and Kathy Franken as well as the First Presbyterian Church, Raton, NM (1885).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. Dr. Louis Knowles – The Rev. Dr. Louis L. Knowles is a retired PCUSA clergyman living in Albuquerque. He is active in the Presbytery of Santa Fe and worships at Covenant Church. Prior to retirement, Rev Knowles lived and worked in New York and Washington DC for most of his adult life. He studied at the University of Chicago Divinity School and San Francisco Theological Seminary.

December Elder of Month: Maria Weinrich, 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

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| Preacher – Rev. Dr. Louis Knowles | Worship Leader – Maria Weinrich |
| Pianist – Em Krall | Bell Choir – Karyl Lyne |
| Custodian – Henry Herrera | Bulletin – EJ Nelson |
| | Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton |
| | Tech Crew – Karyl Lyne, Jeff Salman, Kent Reid |