

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, January 12

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, January 13

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

6:00 p.m. AA meeting in The Gathering Place

Tuesday, January 14

11:45 a.m. – Rotary Club 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

6:30 p.m. – PNC Meeting

Wednesday, January 15

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

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

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

Thursday, January 16

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Friday, January 17

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

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

7:00 p.m. – AA meeting in The Gathering Place

Saturday, January 18

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

1:00 p.m. – Girl Scouts in The Gathering Place

Sunday, January 19

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

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



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37

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January 12, 2025

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 live into tomorrow's opportunities.

MEDITATION - "There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people who are treated according to the conduct of the wicked, and there are wicked people who are treated according to the conduct of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. So I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun." Ecclesiastes 8:14-15

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*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship and bow down, giving thanks for God's steadfast love.

For the God of compassion gives ear to our words; God hears the sound of our cries.

Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble.

Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

For the God of Abraham is in this place. Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

GTG #35

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

God of deep wisdom and mystery, we acknowledge before you that we strive feverishly and tirelessly to grasp all that you are, to leave no space for uncertainty and your ultimately wonderful and inscrutable ways. You have given us enough in the gift of your Son, our Teacher and Example, our Savior and Redeemer. Forgive us when we labor to contain you, to define you, to circumscribe you, to make you in our image. Give us, we pray, your peace to learn and live within the bounds of our human capacity, even as we seek to follow the example and instruction of your Son, our Lord, the living Messiah. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

Robin Carlson

SERMON

“Chasing After the Wind”

Rev. John Guthrie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

GTG #32

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**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GTG #12

***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! **January fellowship time reminder:**

1/12 Bonnie Trujillo

1/19 _____

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

The Sunday morning Bible-based class for youth and adults will resume its discussion series of the book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr on Jan. 12.

The reading assignment for January 12 is Chapters 11 and 12, pp. 127-153.

The reading assignment for January 19 is Chapter 13 and Coda pp. 153-168

The class is discussing the **first edition** of this book, the 2011 (hardbound or paperback edition) published by Jossey-Bass.

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.

Games and Pizza! The Old Town Mission Community Center Fun Squad is having a Games & Pizza event today, January 12, from 3pm to 5 pm. Come join the fun at Chavez & Socorro!

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 Jordan Jones and Thomas Brooks, Em Krall and Cathy Stauber as well as the Taos First Presbyterian Church, Taos, NM (1874).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. John Guthrie. John is married to Nancy, and they have four sons with families, including three grandchildren. John's first career was teaching and research in physics at a regional university in Oklahoma. John was ordained by the PC(USA) in 2006 and has served churches in Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. He is now semi-retired. He and Nancy live in Santa Fe.

January Elder of Month: Brett Gilland, 505-429-3467

January Deacon of the Month: Bonnie Trujillo, 505-617-0459

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

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. John Guthrie

Worship Leader – Robin Carlson

Pianist – Em Krall

Choir – Amy Hufnal

Bulletin – EJ Nelson

Custodian – Henry Herrera

Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton

Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Karyl Lyne, Van Swan