

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 5

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, January 6

7:00 a.m. – AA in upstairs classroom
6:00 p.m. – AA in The Gathering Place

Tuesday, January 7

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, January 8

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship at Charlies
2:00 p.m. – JOT at the Old Town Mission
6:00 p.m. – Al Anon meeting in The Gathering Place

Friday, January 10

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 11

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

Sunday, January 12

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
January 5, 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 – What has historically given strength to God's faithful people during times of trauma and transition has not so much been what they held on to from the past, but rather who they looked to for their present and future.

Anxious souls will ask...The Christ-Centered Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, by John W. Matthews

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 (Psalm 147)

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcast of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

All: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

*OPENING HYMN

Love has Come

GTG #110

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

Gracious God, we confess that we have turned from you. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so we may live and serve you in newness of life. For the sake of you son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Brett M. Gilland

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Brett M. Gilland

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 10-18

Rev. Patricia Halverson

SERMON

Rev. Patricia Halverson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

GTG #108

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

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

Leader: for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME*Peter*

***CLOSING HYMN**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

GTG #679

***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:**

1/5 _____

1/12 Bonnie Trujillo

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 adul/ts 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 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.

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 Nina and Larry Johns, Byran Johnson, and Kevin Johnson, as well as the First Presbyterian Church of Socoro, Socoro, NM (1880).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. Patricia Halverson – Patricia Halverson is a retired, ordained ELCA Lutheran pastor. In 1997 the Presbyterian Church USA and the ELCA became full communion partners, and fully accepting each others' ministers.

My husband and I have lived in Las Vegas for over 50 years, have 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. Family is our joy.

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 and we will get back to you

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Patricia Halverson	Worship Leader – Brett M. Gilland
Pianist – Em Krall	Choir – Amy Hufnal
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
	Tech Crew – Peter Linder, Kent Reid, Deb Allen-Reid