#### 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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081</a>, 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, February 16

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. – Potluck and Fellowship

# Wednesday, February 19

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

### Thursday, February 20

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

#### Friday, February 21

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

### Sunday, February 26

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 Las Vegas, NM 87701 February 16, 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** - Sometimes it is the right thing to do to put down all that you are doing and immediately – tend to the most important thing. We can't do it all time. Clothes need to be washed, the trash has to be taken out... but there are moments when a singular opportunity arises, and that moment may never reconstitute itself again. Do we have the vision for eternity? Are we willing to go without an important thing for the most important thing? Let's come before our creator today asking for the courage and the wisdom to do the thing that we ought to do, even at the expense of other things.

# WE GATHER TOGETHER

CHORAL INTROIT

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

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**

**Leader:** The crowd came to find Jesus out of desperation and hope. Often, if word arrived at a village that Jesus was near, folks would just take off running to find him. Throwing down whatever they had been doing, they would seek him out

\*OPENING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

GTG #451

### 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.

Good News. When we gather and allow God to direct us, we are healed, changed and fed! Thanks be to God we are forgiven indeed and we are offered new life. Thanks be to God.

#### UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Lord, we confess that sometimes we stray from your table, seeking satisfaction in things. Forgive us for our lack of faith, our distractions and the times we have turned away from your presence. In your infinite mercy, draw us back to you. In Jesus name we ask. Amen

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

CHORAL ANTHEM	Climbing' Up the Mountain	by Patsy Ford Page
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### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 14	Judi Ruprecht

GOSPEL READING John 6: 1-21 Rev. Asher Dean

**SERMON** "Test of Faith" Rev. Asher Dean

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**RESPONSE** Joyful, We Adore Thee GTG #611

#### 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 We Praise You, O God GTG #612

\*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! **February fellowship time reminder**: 2/16 POTLUCK!

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 is discussing the book *The Bible As Story: An Introduction to Biblical Literature* by Marion G. Bontrager, Michele Hershberger, and John E. Sharp. This discussion will run through May 11th with a break for Lent and Easter. The reading assignment for Feb 16 is Ch. 19—Psalms and Psalm Genre, pp. 166-175 and the reading assignment for Feb 23 is Ch. 20--Wisdom Genre, pp. 176-184. 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.

**Pot Luck** – All are invited to **potluck lunch** after our worship service today, February 16. Please bring a dish (salad, hot dish, or dessert) to contribute. The Deacons will provide beverages. We are looking forward to enjoying the fellowship that sharing a meal can provide.

Our after-church fellowship is seeking hosts. The shared experience of eating and/or having a beverage with others promotes a fellowship atmosphere that allows us to learn more about each other through conversation. Covering hosting duties is easy. Nothing fancy is expected-- a few packages of store-bought cookies or chips are enough. Ask a Deacon if you need help making coffee. We do have a tradition of having birthday cake on the first Sunday of the month. And, we've just decided to have soup luncheons after church during Lent. We'll need two folks to sign up to bring soup and 2 to bring bread. The sign-up sheet is hanging in Perea Hall just outside the kitchen door.

**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 Carol and Ken, Christina, and Nicky Litherland, as well as the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1948).

**Joining us today in the pulpit is** Rev. Asher Dean. My full name is Asher Dean. I am from Pakistan. In Pakistan I worked with Presbyterian Church from 2002 till 2013. In 2013 I came to USA. I have three daughters. And I am a third generation from my father side who is in church ministry. In Santa Fe Presbytery I work as a Pulpit Supply pastor. But for living I work in a nursing home as a care taker.

February Elder of the Month: Carol Linder, <u>carollinder@msn.com</u> 505-429-2139 February Deacon of the Month: Deb Allen-Reid, <u>pethyena@gmail.com</u>, 505-331-9125

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# **Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher – Rev. Asher Dean Worship Leader – Judi Ruprecht

Pianist – Em Krall Choir – Amy Hufnal Bulletin – EJ Nelson Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton

Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Peter Linder, Jeff Salman