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**](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, February 2**

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

11:30 a.m. – Mission and Peace Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, February 5**

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

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

**Thursday, February 6**

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir in Perea Hall

**Friday, February 7**

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

**Sunday, February 9**

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. David Whiteley and via Zoom

11:40 – Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary

followed by fellowship



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February 2, 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** *–* We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 1 John 3:16

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*  Smith/Lorenz

**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** (Selected passages from the First Letter of John)

Leader: This is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

 **All: We love because he first loved us!**

Leader: Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

 **All: We love because he first loved us!**

Leader: Let us love one another, because love is from God.

 **All: We love because he first loved us!**

Leader: Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

 **All: We love because he first loved us!**

Leader: We are gathered to worship God, whose love for us is limitless!

 **All: Thanks be to God! Let us worship!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*      GTG #299

**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**

**Merciful God, daily you pour over us your extravagant and boundless love: not an easy, half-hearted love, but a love demonstrated most fully in the giving of your beloved Son. You ask of us that same sacrificial, costly love for others, but we so often qualify and limit our love, protecting ourselves and our schedules. We have failed to demonstrate the inexhaustible love of Christ**. **Forgive us, we pray. Strengthen in us the more excellent way, the practice and exhibition of deep and abiding love for our sisters and brothers in faith, and for all people. We pray in the name of the one whose costly love was demonstrated on the cross. Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Karyl Lyne

**SERMON** “What’s Love Got to Do with It?”Rev. John Guthrie

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**RESPONSE** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*                           GTG #509

**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**

**CHORAL COMMUNION ANTHEM** *Here O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

**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** *Though I May Speak*                                 GTG #693

**\*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**:

 2/2 Karyl Lyne 2/7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Congregation Meeting** – please plan on attending the important Congregation Meeting after our church service on February 9th in the sanctuary.

**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. 2 is Ch. 3--Narrative Genre, pp. 34-42 and the reading assignment for Feb 9 is Ch. 12--The Role of the Prophets pp 115-123; Ch.13--Oacle Genre, pp. 115-129.

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.

**Have you been longing to sing “familiar” or “old time” hymns?** Our church leaders would like to bring some familiarity and a greater sense of fellowship to our time of worship through song. We’re asking each of you to suggest a few of your favorite hymns. You may leave your choices on a scrap of paper in one of the labeled cylinders at the front or back of the sanctuary, or if more convenient, the church office will accept your suggestions via phone message or email. We will ask the preacher of the week to select at least one hymn from the list created from your suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you!

**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 Jordan Jones and Thomas Brooks, Em Krall and Cathy Stauber, as well as the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1955).

**Joining us today in the pulpit is** Rev. John Guthrie – John is married to Nancy. They have four sons and three grandchildren. John’s first career was teaching and researching 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.

***February Elder of the Month:*** *Carol Linder,*  [*carollinder@msn.com*](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cviola%5CDesktop%5CFUPC%5CBulletin%20-%20Info%20Needed%5CNeed%20Assistance%20Docs%5Ckaryloz505%40gmail.com) *505-429-2139*

***February Deacon of the Month:*** *Deb Allen-Reid,* *pethyena@gmail.com**, 505-331-9125*

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**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher – Rev. John Guthrie Worship Leader – Karyl Lyne

 Pianist – Em Krall Choir – Amy Hufnal Bulletin – EJ Nelson

 Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton

 Tech Crew – Van Swan, Kent Reid, Debra Allen-Reid