

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, 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 – Annual Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary followed by fellowship

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship at Charlie's
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Thursday, February 13

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, February 14

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

Sunday, February 16

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. Asher Dean and via Zoom



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37
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February 9, 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 - The late Rev. William Sloane Coffin, minister of the prestigious Riverside Church in New York used Robert Frost's famous phrase, "a lover's quarrel with the world" to describe Christianity. He said, "We, too, must carry a lover's quarrel with the world, so that when...we depart this life, we leave behind a little more truth, a little more justice, a little more peace, a little more beauty, than would have been there had we not cared enough about the human race to quarrel with it, not for what it is but for what it yet might be. Let our prayer be 'Oh, God, take our minds and think through them, take our lips and speak through them, and take our hearts and set them on fire! Amen.'"

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

BELL INTROIT

Meditation

Beverly Simpson

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: Blessed are we

All: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Leader: Blessed are we

All: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Leader: Blessed are we

All: when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Leader: Blessed are we

All: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

***OPENING HYMN**

Here in This Place

GTG #401

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.*



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UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have been hard-hearted toward our neighbors in need. We have not provided shelter for the homeless, or fed the hungry. We have not clothed the naked, or visited the captive. We have not moved to change the structures that bind and oppress.

O God, forgive our sins and help us to live in your light. May we turn our festivals into celebrations of your justice. May we share our soup and bread with open hearts and hands. May our light break forth and our healing spring up quickly, to your glory, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

BELL ANTHEM

Song of Hope

Cynthia Dobrinski

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12, 43-48

Juli Salman

SERMON

“The Strangest Football Game Ever”

David Whiteley

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE

God, You Give Us Recreation

Lyrics: God, you give us recreation, rest and play when work is through,
Game and sport and celebration, times that challenge and renew.
In the days we spend together, in the feasts that we prepare,
In the times of joy and laughter, may we know your loving care.

Yet, O Lord, we see you crying for the ones who know no rest,
For your children, hungry, dying, for the homeless and oppressed.
May we, as your sons and daughters, share with open heart and hand,
Till your justice flows like waters to the poor throughout the land.

Bless, O Christ, our gifts of caring, for we know without a doubt:
Soup and bread are made for sharing, hands are made for reaching out.
Even in our times of playing, may we keep the vision clear:
Keep us serving, loving, praying, welcoming your kingdom here.

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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**

Blest Are They

GTG #172

***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:**

2/9 Jan Buerskens

2/16 POTLUCK!

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

Annual Congregation Meeting – please plan on attending the important Annual Congregation Meeting after our church service today. The meeting will take place 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 9 is Ch. 12--The Role of the Prophets pp 115-123; Ch.13--Oacle Genre, pp. 115-129 and the reading assignment for Feb 16 is Ch. 19—Psalms and Psalm Genre, pp. 166-175.

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 Willie Ann Lansing, Richard Lindeborg, and Carol and Peter Linder, as well as the First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1880).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. David Whiteley – David is a retired pastor who served the Jemez Springs congregation for 19 years. He is married to Libby, a retired Christian Educator who served 1st ABQ for 20 years. They have two grown sons and a daughter-in-law who are all lawyers. David enjoys fly fishing, movies and loud shirts.

February Elder of the Month: Carol Linder, carollinder@msn.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 – David Whiteley Worship Leader – Juli Salman
Pianist – Em Krall Bell Choir – Karyl Lyne Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Kent Reid, Jeff Salman