

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, March 30

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

Wednesday, April 2

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

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

Thursday, April 3

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, April 4

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

Sunday, April 6

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. John Guthrie and via Zoom



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March 30, 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 prophetic interpretation" is *a sustained effort to imagine the world as though YHWH* were a real character and the defining agent in the life of the world.* "The Practice of Prophetic Imagination" by Walter Brueggemann

*In the Christian tradition the Father of Jesus Christ our Lord is YHWH.

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*

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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32 select verses.)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

All: at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

All: You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Leader: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy all you upright in heart.

*OPENING HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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GTG #835

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Loving Source, we confess that we have mentally and physically focused on the worldly, excluding the heavenly. We worry about politics, money, relationships and health. We feel guilty about things we said, did or even ate in the past. Remind us again how this behavior separates us from your presence and grace, which is available in every moment. Help us to be mindful and listen with our hearts to Christ within each person, within the beauty of nature, and within each breath. We pause now in silent prayer. (Pause) Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 5:9-12 Van Swan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Van Swan

GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Pastor Patricia Halverson

SERMON Pastor Patricia Halverson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* GTG #418

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

BLESSING FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL

Leader: Gracious God, source of all healing,
All: In Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken.
Leader: We bless you for this oil
All: Pressed from the fruits of the earth and given to us as a sign of healing and the fullness of life you give.
Leader: By your Spirit, we ask you to heal us all, and especially those who are anointed with this oil
All: That they may receive your healing touch and be made whole.
Leader: To the glory of Christ, Emmanuel, our Redeemer. Amen

INVITATION AND ANOINTING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *My Life Flows On* GTG #821

***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! **March fellowship time reminder:**
3/30 Deb Allen-Reid, bread and soup, Karyl Lyne, soup, and Carol Linder, bread
4/6 The Crotos and Van Swan, soup, Karyl Lyne, bread
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 our Lenten Study, Forgiveness, A Concept Central to Christianity today. This discussion will continue through April 13th.

The reading assignment for March 30 is: **Scripture Reading:** Luke 23:32–43. **Additional scripture:** Psalm 51, Matthew 25:31–46, Mark 14:17–30, Luke 6:20–36, Luke 19:1–9, 1 Corinthians 13 (especially verses 4–7) and the reading assignment for April 6 is: **Scripture Reading:** Matthew 18:23-35. **Additional scripture:** Matthew 5:38–48, Luke 6:27–42, Luke 11:1–4, Luke 18:23–35, Romans 12:9–21. Colossians 3:12–15.

To receive the readings via email, send a request to Richard Lindeborg at RALindeborg@cs.com. 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.

Favorite Hymn Project – Many requests have been received and we are now singing some of the requested hymns in our worship services. Hymn requests are still being accepted. Leave your choices on a scrap of paper in one of the labeled cylinders at the front or back of the sanctuary, or call /email the church office.

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 Caroline Rackley, Kent and Deb Reid, and Renate Rendon, as well as the Shepard of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1969).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Pastor 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.

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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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<u>Assisting in Worship This Week</u>		
Preacher – Pastor Patricia Halverson	Worship Leader – Van Swan	
Pianist – Em Krall	Choir – Amy Hufnal	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Kent Reid, Deb Allen-Reid, Karyl Lyne		