

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 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 followed by fellowship

#### Wednesday, March 12

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

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

#### Thursday, March 13

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir in Perea Hall

#### Friday, March 14

9:00 a.m. – Food Distribution at Rodriguez Park

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

#### Sunday, March 16

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 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** - "Lent comes along and we give up things that are bad for us or take on things that are good for us, as if the most serious temptations in life were to drink too much scotch or eat too much fat or stay in bed on Sunday morning. But I do not think this is what these stories are about. I do not think they are about the temptation not to be a good human being. I think they are about the temptation not to be a human being at all." - Barbara Brown Taylor

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mustard Seed Grants

Kevin Johnson

#### WELCOME

#### BELL INTROIT

Prayer

Arnold B. Sherman

#### 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

"Tested by the Devil"  
A Video Presentation

#### \*OPENING HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

GTG #166

#### 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

Leader: Lord Jesus, you were tempted like us, but did not submit. You also promised to help those who are put to the test. We aren't exempt from the subtle attraction of what is wrong and what is evil; so we pray...

**All Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, forgive us for exploiting our abilities for personal gain, and for exercising our God-given gifts for self-centered reasons.

**All Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, forgive us for making a show of our religion, and for using our faith to attract attention to ourselves instead pointing to God.

**All Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, forgive us for following other gods, who are more to our liking, and who are the recipients of our time, our attention and our worship.

**All Sing: Lord, have mercy upon us. / Christ have mercy upon us. / Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you have shown us a better way in the wilderness, at the temple, and on the mountaintop.

**All: So we turn from seeking selfish comfort. We turn from our inclination to false piety. We turn from our preference for petty loyalties. We turn to our faces to God, and we seek grace and strength for the trials and temptations ahead. Amen.**

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**BELL ANTHEM** *Grazioso* Arnold B. Sherman

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE: PSALM 91** *Within the Shelter, Loving God* GTG #168

**DRAMATIC GOSPEL READING:** Luke 4:1-13

**SERMON** "Look in the Mirror... Who Do You See?" Rev. David Whiteley

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**RESPONSE** *Our Lord, You Were Sent* See Insert

**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** *When We Are Tested* GTG #783

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: The cross  
**All: We will take it.**

Leader: The bread  
**All: We will break it.**

Leader: The pain  
**All: We will bear it.**

Leader: The joy  
**All: We will share it.**

Leader: The gospel  
**All: We will live it.**

Leader: The love  
**All: We will give it.**

Leader: The light  
**All: We will cherish it.**

Leader: The darkness  
**All: God shall perish it.**

## 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:**

3/9 Juli Salman-Soup, Charlotte Wootton & Juli Salman-Bread

3/16 \_\_\_\_\_

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** begins our Lenten Study, Forgiveness, A Concept Central to Christianity today. This discussion will continue through April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The reading assignment for March 9 is: Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11–32. Additional Scriptures: Genesis, chapters 1–2, Matthew 25:31–46, , Luke 18:10–14, Colossians 1:15–20 and the reading assignment for March 16 is: Scripture Readings: Psalm 51, Psalm 139. Additional scripture: 2 Samuel 11.

Readings are available via email by sending a request to Richard Lindeborg at [RALindeborg@cs.com](mailto: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.

**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 Maridell and Don and Nicolas Monnheim, and Rustie Mountjoy as well as the Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1947).

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Albuquerque 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.

**March Elder of the Month:** Karyl Lyne, [karyloz505@gmail.com](mailto:karyloz505@gmail.com) 505-718-6475

**March Deacon of the Month:** Deb Allen-Reid, [juli@nm360.com](mailto:juli@nm360.com), 505-331-9125

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### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. David Whiteley      Worship Leader – Deb Allen-Reid

Pianist – Em Krall      Bell Choir – Karyl Lyne      Bulletin – EJ Nelson

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

Tech Crew – Van Swan, Carol Linder, Karyl Lyne