

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 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

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

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

Friday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 23

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

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



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March 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 - "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CHORAL INTROIT *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin'*

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

Karyl Lyne

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 – Psalm 27, selected verses

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

All: He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

*OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

GTG #634

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

God of perfect holiness, during this season of Lent we examine ourselves, looking for faults and sins both obvious and hidden. We confess that even during this season we set our minds on earthly things. We remain obsessed with security, and we still worry about the future. We fail to wait for you. We are weak, and our hearts are afraid.

Forgive us, we pray. Remind us again that you are our light and our salvation, that we have nothing to fear. Through your Holy Spirit, strengthen our hearts and move us to contemplate things of heaven. We pray in the name of your Son, with whom we journey toward the cross. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

by Anna Laura Page

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35

Rev. John Guthrie

SERMON

“Purpose and Lament”

Rev. John Guthrie

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

GTG #839

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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

GTG #610

*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:**
3/16 Bonnie Trujillo, soup and Kevin Johnson, bread, Murl Baker, bread and soup
3/23 Pat and Corky Halverson, bread and soup, Nina Johns, bread and soup
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 16 is: Scripture Readings: Psalm 51, Psalm 139. Additional scripture: 2 Samuel 11, and the reading assignment for March 23 is: Scripture Readings: Matthew 5:43-48 and Matthew 7:1-6. Additional scriptures: Psalm 69, Psalm 94, Psalm 109, Matthew 5:21–24, Matthew 10:11-16.

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 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 Don Owens, Katie and D.R. Palmer, and Lydia Palomino, as well as Sandia Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1990).

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.

March Elder of the Month: Karyl Lyne, karyloz505@gmail.com 505-718-6475

March Deacon of the Month: Deb Allen-Reid, juli@nm360.com, 505-331-9125

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. John Guthrie

Worship Leader – Marie Weinrich

Pianist – Em Krall

Choir – Amy Hufnal

Bulletin – EJ Nelson

Custodian – Henry Herrera

Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton

Tech Crew – Jeff Salman, Juli Salman, Peter Linder