

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 2

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

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

Tuesday, March 4

6:15 p.m. – Personnel and Session in the Session Room

Wednesday, March 5

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

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

Thursday, March 6

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 9

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

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



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37

Las Vegas, NM 87701

March 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 – “Early in the morning I seek your presence, O God, not because you are ever absent from me, but because often I am absent from you. Open my eyes to this moment that in every moment I may know you as the One who is always now.” - from Sounds of the Eternal, A Celtic Psalter, by J. Philip Newell

WE GATHER TOGETHER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nina Johns

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 (based on “Prayer of Awareness”, p.42, in Praying with the Earth, by Newell)

Leader: As we gather to worship, we seek God's presence among us.

All: God's presence within every presence, God's light within all light.

Leader: God's heart at the heart of now and forever.

All: May the fresh light of this morning wash our sight

Leader: That we may see God's light and life everywhere, in everyone.

All: That we may see God's light and life, let us worship God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

GTG #1

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 grace, sometimes we forget that you love us more than our minds can comprehend. Sometimes we forget you desire us to experience abundant life and the fullness of joy, now and forever. Sometimes we forget that you want us to love you above all else and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, God revealed to us in Jesus the Christ. Increase our trust that he, your living Word, came to earth to offer healing, peace and hope to all people. Increase our faith that he gives us his Spirit in order to continue his ministry; he has chosen us to be disciples. We come to you now, in silent prayer...

Leader: Ame

First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
PO Box 37
Las Vegas NM 87701



WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 Carol Linder
SECOND GOSPEL Luke 9:37-43a Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell
SERMON “More Than a Divine Light Show” Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *O for a World* GTG #372

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**

WE SEAL GOD’S WORDS

COMMUNION HYMN: *Let Us Break Bread Together* GTG #525

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

(Communion will be service by intinction. Please dip your bread into the cup before eating.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* GTG #753

***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:**
3/2 Nina Johns 3/9 Juli Salman-Soup, Charlotte Wootton & Juli Salman-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 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 March 2 is Ch. 26-- Gospel Genre pp. 240-249.

Our Lenten Study will begin on Sunday, March 9 and the reading assignment 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.

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.

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 Karyl Lyne, Gail Malley, and Lorenzo Martinez, as well as the New Life Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1973).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell. Randy grew up in a rural area just north of Butler, Pennsylvania. He attended Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania and spent his junior year at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland.

He attended McCormick Seminary, Chicago and served congregations in Ohio, Minnesota and Arizona, taught English at a Mission School in Cameroon, Africa and was U.S. Coordinator of Companeros en Mision Presbyterian Border Ministry in Nogales, Arizona and Mexico.

He served as pastor of this church from 2007 to 2015, when he (almost) retired.

March Elder of the Month: Karyl Lyne, karyloz505@gmail.com 505-718-6475
March Deacon of the Month: Juli Salman, juli@nm360.com, 505-331-9125

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

fupc.nm@gmail.com 505-425-7763 www.lvpresbyterian.org

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell Worship Leader – Carol Linder
Pianist – Em Krall Choir – Amy Hufnal Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Jeff Salman, Van Swan, Juli Salman