



First United Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. Please write your name and address on the friendship pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in Perea Hall following worship. A church Elder will be at the communion table after worship to answer any questions you may have about membership or the church.

Annual Meeting – TODAY following worship. All members are encouraged to attend. Copies of the 2019 Annual report are on the table in the Narthex.

Deacons' Lunch – The Deacons invite you to enjoy good food and good company over lunch at noon on February 6. If you'd like to come but need a ride, call Mary Schipper (505-429-0285); transportation will be arranged for you!

Progressive dinner February 29, 4:30 pm. Come one, come all. We will start at Halversons' home for appetizers, then move to Perea Hall for main course, and end up at Palmers' home for dessert. Please sign up to bring part of the meal and plan to share a fun evening. Maps will be provided. See Lisa Weinstein to sign up.

Deacons' Request - Please consider committing two hours a week to visit, and offer Tender Loving Care to our friend, CAROL JOHNSON. If you are willing to be available for Carol, visiting with her, reading to her, or just being a loving presence with her, call Carmela Conklin at 505-425-0202. Questions: Bonnie Trujillo

Bible-based Class - The reading assignment for the February 9 Sunday School class session is Chapter 10 Who Are We? The Doctrine of Human Beings, starting on p. 192, of the book "Christian Doctrine" by Shirley Guthrie. If you need the book (3rd edition), order it online or ask Richard Lindeborg or the church office to order one for \$6.00.

Samaritan House Food Donations – February – Pasta and Sauce

Fellowship Snack Schedule:

February 9 - Tom Trigg; February 16 - Juli Salman; February 23 - Carol Linder

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Linda & Gene Solyntjes, Denice Spicer and Norman & Wamoth Spicer as well as the First Presbyterian Church, Socorro NM (1880).

These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, February 3

9:00 a.m. – Worship and Music - Library

5:30 p.m. – Understanding Immigration Task Force – Perea Hall

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 a.m. – Personnel - Library

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie – Charlie's

Wednesday, February 5

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, February 6

Noon – Deacons' Lunch – Perea Hall



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

February 2, 2020

10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *By cultivating the beautiful we scatter the seeds of heavenly flowers, as by doing good we cultivate those that belong to humanity.* –Robert A. Heinlein

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Carol Linder, Mustard Seed Committee

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Please use this time to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbor.)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please return to your seat when the introduction to the hymn starts.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Em Krall

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 126 in Nan C. Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

When God enters our hearts, our yearnings are fulfilled!

Our mouths ring forth with laughter; our tongues with shouts of joy!

O God, restore us to wholeness.

May all who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy; may all who go forth bearing seeds of love come home to God with shouts of joy!

***OPENING HYMN** GTG #611, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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.

One: Hear the Good News: In Christ, we are forgiven and showered with grace; in Christ we are a new creation, growing in the ways of Jesus.

Many: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of All Growing Things, you fill us with the seeds of good things: love to share, a thirst for justice, appreciation of the world you have given us. Forgive us when we fail to grow those seeds within ourselves; forgive us when we fail to plant them in others. Guide us, we pray, to grow wildly and to plant generously. *(We pause in silence for personal prayer.)*
Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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| SCRIPTURE | Genesis 1:9-13 Mark 4:26-29 | Pew Bible Page 1 Pew Bible Page 815 |
| SERMON | <i>Seeds.</i> | Rev. Katie Palmer |

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG #714, *God of the Fertile Fields*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

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| Praise God from whom all blessings flow; | A Dios el Padre celestial; |
| Praise God all creatures here below; | Al Hijo nuestro redentor |
| Praise God above ye heavenly host; | Y al eternal Consolador, |
| Praise God and Son and Holy Ghost. | Unidos todos alabad. Amen. |

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord with Joy)
People: Hear our Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

INVITATION

SONG OF PREPARATION GTG #531, *Seed, Scattered and Sown*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Communion will be served by intinction.
Please come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup.
Gluten-free elements are available near the west door.*

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN GTG #745, *Now Go In Joy*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

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Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God



Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer
Worship Leader – Robin Carlson
Accompanist – Em Krall
Sound – Patrick Rucker / Sean Croto
Visuals – Karyl Lyne/Linda Solyntjes

*February Elder of the Month – Robin Carlson – 505-425-7992
February Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker – 505-429-0670
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