



We extend 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.

We enter into the season of Lent with an **Ash Wednesday service** at 5:30 p.m. this Wednesday. Plan to take this opportunity to prepare yourself for a season of self-reflection and spiritual growth.

Progressive Dinner February 29, 4:30 p.m. - Come one, come all. We will have appetizers at Halversons' home, main course in Perea Hall, and dessert at Palmers'. Please sign up with Lisa Weinstein to bring part of the meal and plan to share a fun evening.

Lent Sunday Class - The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will discuss the novel *Saint Maybe* (1991) by Ann Tyler in sessions led by Pastor Katie Palmer. Books are available in the church office and from Richard Lindeborg. Classes are at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the East Wing. The reading assignment for March 1 is Chapter 1—"The Airmail Bowling Ball."

Lenten Lunches - We will again observe each Sunday in Lent with a Soup and Bread Lunch, starting March 1. There are signup sheets in Perea Hall. Please consider donating the money you might have spent on lunch to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Samaritan House Food Donations – February – Pasta and Sauce

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Bonnie & Art Trujillo, Diego & Connie Trujillo and their families as well as Camino de Vida Ministry, Albuquerque NM. These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, February 24

11:00 a.m. – Deacons
5:30 p.m. – Understanding Immigration Task Force

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie – Charlie's
5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – St. Paul's Peace
5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Service – OTMCC

6:30 p.m. - Session

Wednesday, February 26

12:15 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service – St. Paul's Peace
5:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service – FUPC
NO Choir Rehearsals

Saturday, February 29

4:30 p.m. – Progressive Dinner, beginning at the Halversons'



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
February 23, 2020 10:30 a.m.

TRANSFIGURATION

MEDITATION – *Personal growth is not a matter of learning new information but unlearning old limits.* --Alan Cohen

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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 *Alleluia* by Arnold B. Sherman

Rainbow Ringers

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Mark 9:2-7)

On the day of transfiguration, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain where they could be apart, by themselves.

He was transfigured before them; his clothes became dazzling white.

Elijah and Moses appeared to them, and talked with Jesus.

Trying to honor them, a terrified Peter offered to make dwellings for them there on the mountain. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice said: This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!

And so we gather today to listen to Jesus, who shows us how to live our everyday, off-the-mountain lives.

Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** GTG #664, *Morning Has Broken*

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, we confess that we have resisted becoming what you have created us to be. We know that, to follow Christ, we must grow in compassion, mercy, wisdom, and selflessness. But such growth is hard for us; we constantly struggle against our selfishness. Help us, we pray, to risk being uncomfortable, vulnerable, and brave as we grow in our faith. *(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.

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Song of Hope* by Cynthia Dobrinski Rainbow Ringers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:27-38 Pew Bible Page 820

SERMON *Growth.* Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG #726, *Will You Come and Follow Me*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

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 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 #286, *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (v. 1-3)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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 – Carol Linder
Accompanist – Ron Maltais	Rainbow Ringers Director – Karyl Lyne
Sound – Patrick Rucker / Sean Croto	Visuals – Tom Trigg/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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