

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find a note from Pastor Katie and 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 join us 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. If you need help with zoom, call D.R. Palmer before Sunday. It is so good to see and hear each other! Please plan to join us!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, November 23

Newsletter Deadline
11:00 a.m. – Deacons via Zoom

Tuesday, November 24

9:00 a.m. -Coffee with Katie via Zoom

Thursday, November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Church office holiday; office closed
No afternoon Tea Time

Friday, November 27

Church office holiday

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent



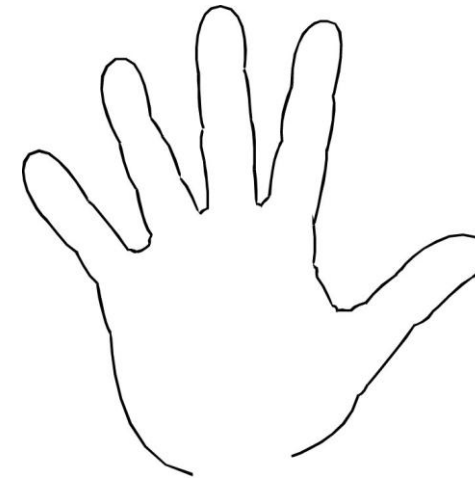
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November 18, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Do you remember making turkeys out of handprints as a child or with your children or grandchildren? As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this week under COVID restrictions, I invite you to make a turkey out of the handprint I have provided here. If you've never made a handprint turkey, it goes like this: On the thumb, add an eye; put a beak on the tip of the thumb and a wattle under where the chin would be. Add turkey feet down where the wrist would meet the hand. The fingers then become feathers. I invite you to write at least one thing for which you are thankful on each finger.



Come to worship this Sunday with the things for which you are thankful topmost in your mind. Our service will be celebratory—for what we give thanks, and for the work that our church family does to share blessings with others. It may seem that the church is in a lull during this time when we can't worship in person, but nothing could be further from the truth; your leaders and committees continue to do good work for our community during this time. The Worship and Music Committee met to plan Advent worship and are working now on carrying out plans for that season, as well as for a terrific Christmas Eve worship service. The Time, Talent and Treasure Committee—and especially treasurer Mary Schipper—have spent time preparing our 2021 budget and are working on long-term plans for the church. (Please plan to attend the budget meeting on December 1 at 4:30 via Zoom.) The Mission and Peacemaking

Committee and other CROP Walk participants more than met their fundraising goal. Although we couldn't follow through with the parade on October 24 because of COVID restrictions, the Community Life Committee delivered autumn gifts for those folks who were on our "parade route." The 2020 Task Force continues work on our anniversary projects, including writing a grant proposal. The Samaritan House cooking teams have continued to provide hot Friday evening meals and Monday evening sandwich suppers. Our Buildings and Grounds crew has made use of this time to cover the walkway over the west ramp; repair the refrigerator, which had broken; and refinish floors. At the Old Town Mission Community Center, they replaced a door that was damaged during a break-in, repaired a section of floor, and stabilized the outdoor sign. The Joint Operating Team for OTMCC has set up a Go Fund Me campaign to raise funds for replacing items stolen in the break-in. You can donate using this link: <https://gf.me/u/y82hc8>. Many of us are participating in the 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge. And your giving has been robust through this time. What a lot to be thankful for!

This Sunday, we'll also learn more about what it means to be a Matthew 25 church and see some of our Matthew 25 work in action. I hope you'll remember all these things in your prayers of thanks.

On a cautionary note: I read this week that up to 40% of Americans are planning to have Thanksgiving dinner with more than 10 people. At the same time, the U.S. has now passed the 11 MILLION mark for COVID cases with nearly 250,000 deaths. Friends, please protect yourselves and each other. I know how difficult it is not to celebrate one of our biggest holidays with lots of family and friends as we're used to; I know because our family had to make the decision not to gather together this Thanksgiving, which marks a year since D.R. and I have seen our grandchildren in person. But please show restraint this year so that all of those people you love have the best chance of being around to celebrate with you next year.

With BIG THANKS for all of you,
Pastor Katie

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

November 22, 2020 10:30 a.m.



MEDITATION – *We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count.*

–Neal A. Maxwell

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS Alex Ditton

PASSING OF THE PEACE
*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,
visit with them, and wish them the peace of Christ.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 28:7)
The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts;
so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
Let us join together in worship and thanksgiving!

OPENING HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* (GTG #37)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

SERMON “*Making Our Blessings Count*” Rev. Katie Palmer, Joyce Litherland, et. al.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *Shout to the Lord* by Darlene Zschech Claire Weinstein

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* (GTG #643)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today!

This year's Advent Study starts November 29. Richard Lindeborg will lead this discussion of the book *Hidden Christmas: The surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ* by Timothy Keller (2016). Sessions will be on Zoom at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. The reading assignment for the first session is the Introduction, pp. 1-4 [secular vs sacred seasons] and Chapter 1, "A Light has Dawned," pp. 5-19 [Isaiah and beyond]. Books are readily available. Alibris has hardback copies for as little as \$6.00 including shipping, Abe Books for \$8 and Amazon for \$10. Paper Trail may also be able to order copies. If you prefer, Richard can order a copy shipped directly to your home.

Please note that, because of the increase of COVID-19 in our state and in our county, **we will not hold in-person Services of Word and Prayer as scheduled.**

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Samaritan House Food Donations – November –Pasta and Sauce. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House.

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 Rudy Laumbach, Richard & Susan Lindeborg, and Carol & Peter Linder, as well as First Presbyterian Church, Socorro NM (1880).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Alex Ditton
Accompanist – Em Krall Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer
Visuals – Tegan Palmer

November Elder of the Month – Tom Trigg – 505-426-5821

November Deacon of the Month – Bonnie Trujillo – 505-425-9801

Church Office closed to the public, but calls and emails will be answered

Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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