

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

Tuesday, November 10

- 7:30 a.m. – Time, Talent and Treasure Committee via Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. -Coffee with Katie via Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. – Community Life via Zoom

Thursday, November 12

- 3:30 p.m. – Afternoon Tea Time via Zoom

Assisting in Worship This Week

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| Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer | Worship Leader – Bernadette Lujan |
| Accompanist – Em Krall | Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer |



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November 3, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As I write this letter on this Election Day, I know many people who have already voted and many more who are voting today. A friend who lives in a different state reported that she arrived at her polling place at 6:20 this morning to find that 150 people were already in line in front of her. Within minutes, there were 50 people behind her. We have certainly seen record voter turnouts. Let us turn to prayer for our concerns about our nation’s reactions to the election; let us pray for voters who might be unhappy with election results, that they be blessed with acceptance and inspiration to work peacefully for the things that are important to them. Let’s hold newly elected leaders in our daily prayers, especially those who will be new to their positions. And more than ever, pray that our nation may be unified in doing what is right for all its people, especially in terms of bringing justice to our healthcare, educational, housing, and criminal justice systems.

I have been reminded again of the injustice of many of our systems as I have launched into the 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge. The first day’s activity was to read the PC(USA) churchwide anti-racism policy. This document reminds us of our call as a church to actively work as antiracists. In its exploration of systemic racism, the document reads, in part:

This [sin of systemic racism] is manifested in severe inequality in education, wealth, income, and opportunity. For example, consider a white man returning from Army service in 1945. The G.I. Bill offered him college tuition and a low-interest mortgage, potentially on land taken from Native Americans by force or coercion. A black man returning from an equal length of Army service did not receive the same benefits due to racism in the administration of the G.I. Bill and widespread discrimination in housing. In 2015, the white man’s descendants have the benefits of inherited wealth (home equity) and increased education, while the black man’s grandchildren do not. No one today needs to commit an actual sin for this inequality to continue. Original sin does not need our intentional consent to thrive. Silence and inaction are enough.

If you have not yet joined the Challenge, I would encourage you to consider it. The activities can be eye-opening. (And I would hasten to add that not all of the activities involve reading a lengthy document. Many ask you to read Scripture and consider some questions or to watch a video.) Please remember that, if you are participating, we will take the opportunity to talk about our experiences with the Challenge each Sunday following fellowship time. **Please note that the best link to the activities is on our website, not at the link sent out earlier. Go to <https://lvpresbyterian.org/main/21-day-racial-justice-challenge/> to link to the activities.**

On a similar note, we will be hearing from the prophet Ezekiel this Sunday, through whom God insists, “All lives are mine.” I think we would all agree; we are all God’s creation, God’s beloved children. The question I want us to explore on Sunday is this: If all lives are God’s, how do WE live in such a way that all lives receive equal respect? I invite you to spend some time before Sunday thinking about this in concrete ways. Yes; we can all say that, as God’s people, we love and respect others; we work for peace and justice. But what are ways in which you use your hands, your feet, your voice, and your gifts to recognize that every person you encounter—at Wal-Mart, on social media, in news reports—belongs to God and is created in God’s image? What are ways in which you could do this but don’t? And what are specific ways you could do this for someone you might see as an “enemy”—someone who has been hateful toward you or your beliefs? I hope you will give it some thought.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

November 8, 2020 10:30 a.m.

VOICES OF THE PROPHETS



MEDITATION – *The time is always right to do what is right.* – Martin Luther King, Jr.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS Bernadette Lujan

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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 (from Psalm 25:4-9)

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way;
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me!

**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way;
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.**

Let us worship the God of forgiveness and love!

OPENING HYMN *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* (GTG #331)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 14-22

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

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[If a] man has a son who sees all the sins that his father has done, considers, and does not do likewise, who does not eat upon the mountains or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, does not defile his neighbor’s wife, does not wrong anyone, exacts no pledge, commits no robbery, but gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment, withholds his hand from iniquity, takes no advance or accrued interest, observes my ordinances, and follows my statutes; he shall not die for his father’s iniquity; he shall surely live. As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother, and did what is not good among his people, he dies for his iniquity.

Yet you say, ‘Why should not the son suffer for the iniquity of the father?’ When the son has done what is lawful and right, and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live. The person who sins shall die. A child shall not suffer for the iniquity of a parent, nor a parent suffer for the iniquity of a child; the righteousness of the righteous shall be his own, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be his own.

But if the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them; for the righteousness that they have done they shall live.

SERMON

So, How Do We Live?

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO AND SEAL GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *From the Nets of Our Labor* (GTG #751)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* (GTG #747)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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

The Sunday morning bible-based class for adults and youth is now discussing the book "Man in White" by Johnny Cash. You can get a copy quickly by using express mailing from Amazon, Alibris, Abe, or other online sources. The class is using the 1986 hardbound (HarperCollins) white cover edition, rather than the newer black cover editions. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy to be shipped to your home. The reading assignment for November 15 is Chapter 4, The illumination (The road to Damascus, the house of Ananias), pp. 114-143 and Chapter 5, The Wandering (Escape from Damascus trip To Mancherus), pp. 147-169.

This year's Advent Study will be a discussion led by Richard Lindeborg 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 starting November 29. Books are readily available. Alibris has hardback copies for as little as \$6.00 including shipping, Abe Books for \$8 and Amazon for \$10. Tome on the Range may also be able to order copies. If you prefer, Richard can order a copy shipped directly to your home.

Join your Session in completing the **21-Day Racial Justice Challenge**, which asks us to do something each day to raise our awareness about racism. You will find the activities for the Challenge on our church website at <https://lvpresbyterian.org/main/21-day-racial-justice-challenge/>

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! special edition newsletter has information about Advent activities and giving opportunities. It was sent out this week via snail mail and email.

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 Ruth Hazelton, Lillian Hoika, Bryan Johnson, and Kevin Johnson as well as First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, NM (1867).

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

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

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