

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, February 15

Church Office Closed and Unstaffed

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 a.m. – Time, Talent and Treasure Committee via Zoom

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

Wednesday, February 17

5:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship via Zoom

Saturday, February 20

Presbytery Meeting via Zoom

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. James Brown, HR	Worship Leader – Rev. Chad Boliek, HR
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne	Accompanist – Em Krall
Zoom Host – Carol Linder	Visuals – Tegan Palmer



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February 10, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I will be taking this Sunday off for a bit of down time before we move into the Lenten season. I know you will welcome Rev. James Brown to the pulpit. I have recently gotten to know Jim a bit through our work in the presbytery and am pleased that he will be preaching this week.

Jim is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe from 1976-1987, during which time he was the president of the Ghost Ranch Foundation for several years. He subsequently was pastor of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA and Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, PA, with a term as Executive Director of the General Assembly Council in between. Jim served on the Committee of 21 that drafted "A Brief Statement of Faith," which is part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Confessions*. Jim and his wife Nina retired to Santa Fe in 2012, and in recent years he has been a member of the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

This week in our liturgical calendar, we hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration from the gospel of Luke. Jim will speak on "Transfiguration During a Pandemic." That certainly sounds like a message worth hearing as we continue under COVID restrictions even as we begin the process of vaccinations throughout the country.

I ran across a sonnet about the transfiguration by poet and Anglican priest Malcolm Guite, which I share below. I hope you will find it thought-provoking.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Transfiguration
by Malcolm Guite

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

February 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.

ON THE WAY WITH JESUS: TRANSFIGURATION

MEDITATION – *The world is indeed full of peril, and in it are many dark places, but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater.*

J.R.R. Tolkien, *Lord of the Rings*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Chad Boliek, HR

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 36:5-10)

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

For with you is the fountain of life; In your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

and your salvation to the upright of heart!

OPENING HYMN *God Is Here Today* (GTG #411)

OPENING PRAYER “A Thou Who Hears” from Walter Brueggemann’s *Virus as a Summons to Faith*

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

SERMON

Transfiguration During a Pandemic

Rev. James Brown

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE (from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Mary Schipper

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *In My Life* (GTG #468)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

Ash Wednesday Service – Please plan to join us on Zoom at 5:30 Wednesday, 2/17, for our Ash Wednesday service. Rather than ashes, we will use mud to mark our foreheads. Please mix up a bit of mud beforehand.

Lenten Series - This year’s study (starting February 21) will be discussion of the book *Are We There yet? Pilgrimage in the Season of Lent*, with an introduction by Marek P. Zabriskie (2017). The book is available new from the publisher -- Forward Movement -- for \$7 plus shipping and as a PDF download for printing or viewing at bodysuitmx.blogspot.com. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy shipped to your home.

The reading assignment for the first class session is the introductory material pp. 7-14 (Forward, Introduction, and "The Journey, Walking and Welcome," a meditation on Camino Frances (the French Way) by Marek Zabriskie, founder and director of the Center for Biblical Studies. The list of reading assignments is in the February church newsletter.

Samaritan House Food Donations – February– 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 Karen Topping & Rod Billingsley, Tom Trigg & Mary Schipper, and Bonnie & Art Trujillo as well as Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1889).

February Elder of the Month – D.R. Palmer – 303-775-7259

February Deacon of the Month – Mary Schipper – 505-429-0285

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