

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 in the sanctuary, via zoom by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081>, or 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, July 20

7:30 a.m. – TT&T via Zoom

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

Saturday, July 24

10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Bernie Meadows



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
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July 14, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Thank you all for your prayers of recovery for Tegan. She is doing very well following her surgery. She still tires a little more easily than usual, but otherwise is feeling well. While we spent this vacation time helping Tegan and Rosalie out with household chores, we also enjoyed time in good conversation and time joking and laughing over games, sit-coms and movies and enjoying the four-footed members of the household—dog Lola, cat Penny, and kittens Molly and Artie.

When I return to the pulpit this Sunday, we will begin a sermon series called “God’s BIG Picture.” I am indebted to two worship planners for this series. While I was on study leave a couple of weeks ago, planning worship for the next several months, I ran across two sermon series planned by others—a series by scholar Rev. Mary Hinkle Shore on Ephesians and a series called “The Church is _____” by Rev. Andy Fetters. As I studied these two series, I began to see ways in which they overlapped, so decided to combine them. You’ll see a few readings from Fetters’ series interspersed with Shore’s suggested readings from Ephesians over the next several weeks as we talk about God’s glorious plan for us and for all creation. Spoiler alert: God’s big plan is for wholeness for us, God’s children. It is a much bigger, more joyful plan than we often give God credit for. How do we live into it?

If you are worshipping with us online, please note that we will share the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, so having a bite of something to eat and a drink with you!

I invite you to spend a few minutes with the short poem I’ve included below, from St. Francis of Assisi.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Wring Out My Clothes
St. Francis of Assisi, translated by Daniel Ladinsky

Such love does
the sky now pour,
that whenever I stand in a field,

I have to wring out the light
when I get
home.

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Robin Carlson
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton & Susan Apodaca
Tech Crew: Carol Linder, D.R. Palmer, Patrick Rucker, Jeff Salman, Denice Spicer

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

July 18, 2021 10:30 a.m.

God's BIG Picture

MEDITATION – *We can't plan life. All we can do is be available for it.* –Lauryn Hill

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

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 Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Robin Carlson

One: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

One: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

All: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (GTG #475)

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.*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: You alone are indeed our God, O Lord.

All: Forgive us when idols compete with our love for you; forgive us when our actions elevate materialism, wealth, power and privilege over your will for us.

One: You alone are indeed our God, O Lord.

All: Forgive us when we fail to put your will above our own; when we fail to tell our children and all those whom we encounter that you are our God.

One: You alone are indeed our God, O Lord.

All: Guide us to be clear with ourselves and others that we serve you, O God, and rely on your steadfast love. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according

to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

SERMON

Something Big

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We give thanks for our invitation to feast at Christ's table!

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please join the pastor in lifting your "bread" and "cup" at the appropriate time

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

Doxology

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION Christmas in July

Karyl Lyne

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *Go to the World!* (GTG #295)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



WELCOME!!!

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

The Sunday morning class for adults is now discussing *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross* by Jon Meacham. Ordering information is in the June newsletter. Richard Lindeborg can order you a book, too. The reading assignment for the July 25 class session is "The Fifth Word: "I Thirst." pp. 73-80. Class on Zoom is now at 9 a.m. instead of 9:15.

The next class series (starting August 22) is discussion of *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story* By Diana Butler Bass. More information is in the July newsletter.

Samaritan House Food Donations – July– Soup (any kind). 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 Judi Ruprecht, Willy Ryan and Fred Salas as well as First Presbyterian Church in Raton, NM (1885).

July Elder of the Month – Pam Abreu – 505-429-3053

July Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman –505-429-0290

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