

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find 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.

We hope you will join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 26, for a special service of story and song.



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Welcome to Worship

Christmas Eve – 2021
First United Presbyterian Church
Las Vegas, New Mexico

A Service of Lessons and Responses



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

December 24, 2021 5:30 p.m.

MEDITATION: *The birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it.* – Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE Em Krall

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer

BEING FILLED

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Beth Urech

RESPONSE: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (GTG #132)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH¹ The Geng Family

We have watched. We have waited.
We have watched and waited in hope.
We have watched and waited for peace.
We have watched and waited in joy.
We have watched and waited with love.

And now, our redemption draws near!

RESPONSE: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (GTG #133, v. 1, 3, 4)

GATHERING PRAYER

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 1:18-21 Mary Schipper

RESPONSE: “I Am Joseph” by U.A. Fanthorpe Jim Croto

THIRD LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 Beth Urech

RESPONSE: *No Wind at the Window* Karyl Lyne, Soloist

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 Jim Croto

RESPONSE: Excerpt from Beth Urech
“Finding Joy in Unexpected Places” by Safiyah Fosua

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We have watched in hope and joy; We have waited with love for peace.
And now, our redemption arrives! Glory to God in the highest!
Alleluia! Amen!

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-14 Jim Croto

RESPONSE: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (GTG #119)

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:15-19 Mary Schipper

RESPONSES IN CANDLELIGHT

An usher will be lighting candles from the main aisle; please pass the light down the row.

We hope that, if you are joining us on Zoom, you will also light a candle.

Let’s ponder this light that has come into the world as we listen to “Silent Night! O Holy Night!”

RESPONSE: *Silent Night! O Holy Night!* Arr. Patrick M. Liebergen, from *Carols for Two*
Christie Baskett and Karyl Lyne, Vocals
Billie Mathews, flute

Love Has Come (GTG #110)

SPRINGING FORTH

SEVENTH LESSON: John 1:14-18 Jim Croto

MEDITATION: *God With Us* Rev. Katie Palmer

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 22:36-39 Mary Schipper

RESPONSE: “The Work of Christmas”
by Howard Thurman Beth Urech

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*Please share the peace and joy of Christ with one another using wild jazz hands.
Don’t forget the folks on Zoom!*

RESPONSE: *Joy to the World!* (GTG #134)

POSTLUDE

¹Adapted from a Presbyterian Mission Agency Advent litany by Teresa Lockhart Eisenlohr

Thank you to all who participated in tonight’s worship:

Readers: Jim Croto, Mary Schipper, Beth Urech

Advent Wreath Litany: The Geng Family

Director of Music: Karyl Lyne Accompanist: Em Krall

Tech Crew: D.R. Palmer, Jeff Salman, Tom Trigg

Sanctuary Design: Charlotte Wootton Head Usher: Kevin Johnson

Office Manager: Crystal Western Ford Pastor: Rev. Katie Palmer