

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, January 3

Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie *at Traveler's*

Wednesday, January 5

7:30 a.m. – Personnel via Zoom

Thursday, January 6

9:00-Noon – Worship and Music Planning Retreat

5:00 p.m. – Amnesty International via Zoom

Sunday, January 9

10:30 a.m. –Baptism of the Lord Worship



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
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WELCOME!! - We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us this week!



December 22, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As I write this note, January 2 still seems pretty far away. After all, it'll be a whole new year when we gather to worship on that day! But I'm writing early because I am planning to take the week after Christmas off. We are very excited that our daughter and daughter-in-law will be visiting for a few days, arriving Christmas day. So as you receive this, we will have enjoyed our visit with them.

As we worship on January 2, we will be remembering the wise men's visit to Jesus and talking about how we can be aware of the epiphany of Christ in our lives. We will also be sharing communion, so if you will be zooming in for worship, please plan to have a bite of something to eat and something to drink with you.

I wish for you health and peace in the new year, and a growing curiosity about the work of God in your life. As we enter into this year that will provide renewal time for our congregation, I hope you share my excitement for the possibilities of exploration in 2022!

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Carol Litherland
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford Tech Crew – D.R. Palmer, Denice Spicer, Tom Trigg
Head Usher – Kevin Johnson Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
 January 2, 2022 10:30 a.m.

BE FILLED AND SPRING FORTH

MEDITATION — *Change is an action, not just an epiphany!* --Garrison Wynn

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Rev. Katie Palmer
PRELUDE Em Krall
PASSING OF THE PEACE Carol Litherland
*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** (adapted from Matthew 2:1-12; John 1:39)

One: Wise men from the East came, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?”
 All: “For his star beckons to us: Come and See where the child is staying!”
 One: He is in Bethlehem of Judea, as written by the prophet.
 All: “For his star beckons to us: Come and See where the child is staying!”
 One: They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen, until it stopped.
 All: “For his star beckons to us: Come and See where the child is staying!”
 One: On entering the house, they saw the child, knelt down, and offered him gifts.
 All: “For his star beckons to us: Come and See where the child is staying!”
 One: Today, the adult Jesus beckons us:
 All: “Come and See where I am staying; stay and hear what I have to say.”

***OPENING HYMN** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* (GTG #152)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).
 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom

Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

SERMON *Epiphany in Bethany* Rev. Katie Palmer

WE SEAL GOD’S WORD

THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

SUNG INVITATION *Come to the Table of Grace* (GTG #507, v. 1)

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

OPPORTUNITIES

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *As With Gladness Men of Old* (GTG #150, v. 1-3)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

OPPORTUNITIES

On January 9, the Sunday morning class for adults and youth will begin its discussion of the book *Strength for the Journey: A Pilgrimage of Faith in Community* (1st edition 2002) by Diana Butler Bass. This series will run through Feb. 27, from 9 to 10 a.m. on Zoom at the same link as the weekly worship service. The book is available used online for \$5-\$10 including shipping, or Richard Lindeborg can order you a copy delivered to you. The reading assignment for the first session is Introduction: Resurrection and Chapter One: Coming Home (pp. 1-52).

Samaritan House Food Donations – January – Peanut Butter and Jelly. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House, 501 7th Street.

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 Em Krall and Cathy Stauber, Betty Kretz and Willie Ann Lansing as well as First Presbyterian Church, Belen, NM (1964).

January Elder of the Month –Karyl Lyne – 505-718-6475

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

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