

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 24

11:00 a.m. - Deacons

Tuesday, January 25

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

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom

*Watch your email or check the website (lvpresbyterian.org) for any updates on location of Coffee with Katie



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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!

January 19, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

Out of an abundance of caution, we will be worshipping via Zoom again this Sunday. We wanted to make sure that, before we open the sanctuary again, we had gone through the cycle during which anyone exposed to COVID through the church office would be past the incubation period. We will plan to move back to our hybrid format on January 30. I encourage all of us to continue to take precautions against the virus and to communicate any positive test results if you have been in contact with the church family.

This Sunday our reading will take us to the place where Jesus is visited by Nicodemus, a Pharisee whose curiosity seems to have been stimulated by his encounters with Jesus. It's an interesting conversation on which we get to eavesdrop. And during this conversation, Jesus will say to Nicodemus those words we all know: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have everlasting life." It's a verse that has been used as a "clobber text"—you must believe this way or else. But what does this verse mean in the context of what Jesus says to Nicodemus? How are we meant to read it? Is it an ultimatum—do this or else? I don't think so. We'll talk about it on Sunday. I encourage you to read the story of Nicodemus' visit with Jesus ahead of time and to think about what Nicodemus wants to know, how well he listens to Jesus' response, and what Jesus wants to communicate to Nicodemus through his words. Try to read the story anew, without the preconceptions of what you've always heard about it. You'll find the text in the bulletin or you can look at it in your Bible—John 3:1-21.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer Worship Leader – Denice Spicer
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer
Head Usher – Kevin Johnson Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton

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

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

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

January 23, 2022 10:30 a.m.

WHO WAS THIS MAN?

MEDITATION — *The spiritual journey is the unlearning of fear and the acceptance of love.*

--Marianne Williamson

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Denice Spicer

*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 Psalm 139:13-18)

One: It was you who formed my inward parts, O God; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

All: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

One: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

**All: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

One: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

One: I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

All: Let us worship the God who made us!

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (GTG #385)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-21

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with

everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

SERMON *The Man Who Does Theology Through Conversation* Rev. Katie Palmer

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 *There Is Now a New Creation* (GTG #774)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

OPPORTUNITIES

We will hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, February 6, following worship.

The Sunday morning class for adults and youth is discussing 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 January 30 session is Chapter 4: Practicing Faith (pp. 121-151).

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 Judy and Michael Long, Rosalie Lopez and Karyl Lyne as well as Cuba Presbyterian Church, Cuba, NM (1889).