

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

Tuesday, March 29

NO Coffee with Katie

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds



First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue
PO Box 37
Las Vegas NM 87701



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

D.R. and I are taking a week to visit our daughter Emily and her family. While we are visiting, we will be celebrating two of our grandchildren's March birthdays. Ramiyaha turned 13 earlier this month and Hope turned 3. How is that possible? (The other two grandchildren both had November birthdays, with Diamond turning 8 and Will 6.) There's nothing like having children in your life to remind you how quickly time flies.

The Lenten study group will not meet this Sunday, but will resume on April 3. Our study will end on April 10. There will be no class on Easter Sunday (4/17). The next class, a discussion of Philip Yancy's book *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, begins on April 24.

In my absence, please welcome Rev. Jim Brown, HR, to the pulpit this Sunday. Rev. Brown was pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe from 1976-1987. Subsequently he served churches in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA and Harrisburg, PA, with a stint as Executive Director of the General Assembly Council in the 1990's, where his successor was John Detterick. He and his wife Nina retired to Santa Fe in 2012, where she sings in the choir at First Church and Jim is involved with the Afghan resettlement ministry.

On April 4, FUPC will reap the benefits of Menaul School's Mission Week. The members of Menaul's junior class—around 40 students—will be working at our facilities doing various projects, from yard cleanup to washing windows. Thank you to those of you who will be helping to supervise work projects and prepare/serve meals. If you would like to help, please call the office and let Crystal know so that I can be in touch with you when I return.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Jim Brown	Worship Leader – Juli Salman
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne	Accompanist – Em Krall
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Karyl Lyne, Star Ford
Head Usher – Kevin Johnson	Sanctuary Design – Charlotte Wootton

March Elder of the Month – Corky Halverson – 505-234-7914

March Deacon of the Month – Renee Soderlund – 505-429-1885

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701
March 27, 2022 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION — taken from The *Theological Declaration of Barmen, Germany*, adopted by the Confessional Evangelical Synod in May of 1934; part of the PCUSA *Book of Confessions*.

“I am the way, and the truth and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me.” John 14:6
Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” John 10:1, 9
Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME	Rev. Jim Brown
PRELUDE	Em Krall
PASSING OF THE PEACE	Juli Salman

*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,
visit with them and wish them the peace of Christ*

INTROIT *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (GTG #182)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from John's Gospel, Chapter 10*)

One: Jesus said, “The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.”

All: The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice.

One: When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them,

All: and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

One: Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd.”

All: The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

One: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me.”

All: So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

One: Praise be to God, from whom all blessings flow!

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (GTG #803)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 18:28-40

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, ‘What accusation do you bring against this man?’ They answered, ‘If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.’ The Jews replied, ‘We are not permitted to put anyone to death.’ (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ Pilate asked him, ‘What is truth?’

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, ‘I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ They shouted in reply, ‘Not this man, but Barabbas!’ Now Barabbas was a bandit.

SERMON

Listen to My Voice!

Rev. Jim Brown

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** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (GTG #451)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand as you are able.

OPPORTUNITIES



Our Lenten study, led by Pastor Katie Palmer, uses the book *Looking for God in Messy Places* by Jake Owensby. Sessions will resume on April 3 and 10. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. on the same link as Sunday worship. The reading assignment for the April 3 class is Part IV, “Making a Difference. Together.” (pp. 79 – 104).

The book is available new in paperback from the publisher (Abingdon) for \$18.99, from Cokesbury for \$13.99 and Amazon for \$17.69 (all plus shipping). Alibris has plenty of used copies for \$11 to \$13, and Amazon a few for as little as \$10.32 plus shipping. Electronic versions are available for \$10 to \$13. Paper Trail may also be able to order the book. If you have trouble ordering a copy, Richard Lindeborg can get one delivered to you for \$17.69 including shipping.

The Sunday morning bible-based class for adults and youth will start a new series on April 24 with discussion of the book *What’s So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancy. The sessions, led by Karyl Lyne and Richard Lindeborg, will run through June 12 on Zoom or, it is hoped, in hybrid from 9 to 10 a.m. The books, (1997) hardbound or (2002) paperback, are available new from Amazon for \$11.01, or second hand for anywhere from 1 to 6 dollars. The electronic edition is \$5.99. A few copies are available at competitive prices from Alibris and Abebooks, and Paper Trail may be able to order a copy. Richard Lindeborg can have a copy delivered directly to you for no shipping charge.

Lenten Devotionals, written by FUPC members, are available on Facebook and on our website. Devotional writers are Beth Urech, D.R. Palmer, Murl Baker, Renee Soderlund, Richard Lindeborg and Sharon VanderMeer. Check them out!

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is where Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world by supporting three key missions with a special offering received during Lent. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, which receives 32% of the funds raised, “works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.” The **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, which receives 36% of the funds raised, “takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.” **Self-Development of People**, which receives 32% of the funds raised, “invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impacts of these issues.” This time during Lent please consider giving generously to OGHS. The needs are great.

Related to OGHS, the Presbyterian Hunger Program has put together a “**Tread Lightly for Lent**” **Daily reflection-action calendar** to help us during Lent to slow down and become mindful of our individual and collective impact on the world and to explore ways we can move towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God’s children and creation. You can download and print the calendar from the PCUSA website at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/>.

FUPC will distribute food boxes supplied by the **Food Depot in Santa Fe** on the 2nd Friday of every month beginning Friday, April 8, 2022 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. The distribution will be at the Old Town Mission parking lot at Chavez and Socorro Streets. We’ll need volunteers to get the boxes into cars and distribute produce and dairy products. If you would like to volunteer, contact Karyl Lyne at karyl505@gmail.com or 505-718-6475, and thank you.

Don’t toss out that glass! The Community Life Committee, in cooperation with a local glass crushing venture and our landscaping committee, will collect your glass bottles and jars, colored or clear, for the months of April and May for a landscaping project. If you can wash them and get the labels off, it is appreciated. We will have a few boxes at the church for collection, and are willing to come pick up your glass from you. Call Pam at 505-429-3053 to arrange for pickup.

Samaritan House Food Donations – March – Canned meats (tuna, chicken, stew). 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 Linda and Gene Solyntjes, Denice Spicer and Norman and Wamoth Spicer as well as Magdalena Community Presbyterian Church, Magdalena, NM (1907).