

HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 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**

**Wednesday, September 21**

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

**Thursday, September 22**

6:30 p.m. – Time, Talent, and Treasure via Zoom

**Saturday, September 24**

9:00 a.m. – Congregational Retreat



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.

September 14, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As I write this, I'm feeling a bit chilly in my office. Autumn is in the air. I'm beginning to see hints of it on some of the trees I drive past, too. It's my favorite season. And as fall gets underway, I'm looking forward to our congregational retreat coming up soon—on September 24. If you haven't signed up yet, don't forget to! We're going to have some fun with five-card poker and some video clips, as well as explore the church building that few of us spent time in during "the COVID years." There'll be good food and conversation, with a focus on some spiritual conversation about what "church" means to us. I suspect we might all learn something new about one another and about our building at 1000 Douglas Avenue.

This Sunday, we continue to think about "Responding to God's Call" with the story of Abram and Sarai (whom we probably know better as Abraham and Sarah), who were called to go where God led them. If you've been in worship the last couple of weeks, you'll know that God has interrupted my sermon—twice! First, it was the phone call asking us to remember that, even when we're not sure we're hearing God, we can always follow God by loving people and working for justice. Then, last Sunday it was the certified letter that asked us to talk about how we can build the world God envisions for God's people. It's nice to get those concrete messages from God, but it can be a little overwhelming, too. Kind of throws me off, you know? So maybe this week my sermon won't be interrupted.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

**REMEMBER:**  
**CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT**  
**SEPTEMBER 24**



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
September 18, 2022 10:30 a.m.



## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL**

**MEDITATION** – *Don't ask God to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet.*

--Unknown

### **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE**

Em Krall

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Richard Lindeborg

*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**

One: God called to Abram to go from his country to an unknown place.

**All: And Abram went.**

One: God spoke to Jacob in dreams, giving him instructions.

**All: And Jacob answered, "Here I am," and did as God told him.**

One: God called to Moses from a burning bush and asked him to deliver his people.

**All: And Moses said, "Here I am."**

One: God called to Samuel, who mistakenly thought it was someone else calling. Finally, Samuel understood.

**All: And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."**

One: God came to Mary through the angel Gabriel, asking her to birth a savior.

**All: And Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord."**

One: God calls us, in many ways and in many places. Let us respond to God's call, saying,

**All: You are our God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *To Abraham and Sarah* (GTG #51)

**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**

**Holy and merciful God, we have often wandered from your way, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your steadfast love. Guide us, we pray, to live in your light and to walk in your ways. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

**MESSAGE**

*Abraham and Sarah Went*

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** *O God, You Are My God* (GTG #743)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able



## OPPORTUNITIES

Last chance to sign up for the **Congregational Retreat on September 24!** The retreat will be held in the church building beginning at 9 a.m. There is no cost; lunch will be provided. We'll have a day of fellowship, fun, and thinking about the future of our church family. You can sign up in the narthex or call the church office to let Crystal know you plan to attend by tomorrow, September 19.

It's a treat to once again be able to gather for **Fellowship Following Worship**. Please consider signing up to host fellowship one Sunday. It's simple—just put on a pot of coffee and a pot of hot water for tea, bring some goodies if you'd like, serve and clean up. During the water crisis, we're using a lot of disposable plates and cartoned water, so there's not even much clean up! Let Juli Salman know if you're willing to sign up for a Sunday.

**Remember - Coffee with Katie** at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Join Katie at Charlie's for coffee, conversation, and maybe a bite to eat.

**The Sunday Morning Bible-based Class for Adults and Youth**, now hybrid from the church teleconferencing room upstairs, is discussing the book *Song of Songs: A Biblical–Theological, Allegorical, Christological Interpretation* by James M. Hamilton Jr. The book is available in paperback for as little as \$7.39 from Amazon, \$7.43 from Alibris, and \$8.81 from AbeBooks. New copies are available from Amazon or the publisher (Christian Focus Publications) for \$14.99 (all prices plus shipping). Richard Lindeborg can order a copy for you from Amazon and have it delivered to your home with free shipping. The book is in short supply so order now! Zoom attendees should use the same link as for the Worship Service. In-person attendees should use the east entrance to the church; class is in the first classroom upstairs. The readings for September 25 are Ch. 4: Like Columns of Smoke from the Wilderness (pp. 67-79); SoS Ch. 3 in the Bible.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – September – Canned milk and canned vegetables. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House, 501 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Rustie Mountjoy, William Neis and Don Owens as well as St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1959).

### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Worship Leader – Richard Lindeborg

Accompanist – Em Krall

Tech Crew – Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer, Van Swan

*September Elder of the Month – D.R. Palmer – 303-775-7259*

*September Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker – 505-429-0670*

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