



We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable, including receiving Communion. Please write your name and address on the attendance pad when it is passed and join us for a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship. If you would like to make First Presbyterian your church home, a church Elder will be at the communion table

after the service to answer any questions you may have about the church or membership.

The Easter lilies in the sanctuary are in memory of:

- The Berner-Beurskens ancestors by Jan and Frank Beurskens
- Lewis Edward Vernon and Edith Jane Gnagy Vernon Bianchi by Linda Cunningham
- Ray Litherland by Joyce Litherland
- Millie and Emil Bender and Paula and Joe Long by Judy and Michael Long
- In memory of Gabino Rendon Sr and in honor of Gabino Rendon Jr by Lynda Smith
- Dick Wooton and Arletta Bailey by Charlotte Wootton

Many thanks to **Pam's Flowers** for the donation of flowers this morning for the Living Cross.

Adult and Youth Class – Discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark* will continue on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. - April 8 – May 6.

Prayers for the Church Family – Please pray for Carol, Ken, Christina & Nicky Litherland, Joyce Litherland and Judy & Michael Long as well as for Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, Rio Rancho NM (1986). A person's name in the bulletin reminds us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

Samaritan House Donations for April – Boxed potatoes or other boxed entree

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, April 2

Church office closed for Easter break

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 a.m. – Personnel Committee
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie

Wednesday, April 4

6:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, April 5

7:30 a.m. – Worship & Music Committee

Church Office: 505-425-7763

Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Rev Katie Palmer – Office: 425-7763 Cell: 505-231-1923

April Elder of the Month – Carol Linder – 505-429-2139

April Deacon of the Month – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto 505-454-9707

First United Presbyterian Church
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
April 1, 2018 10:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY



CHRIST IS RISEN!

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.* –Brian Wren

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING TO WELCOME EASTER

Ego Eimi by Latayne C. Scott
Matthew 28:5-6a

***OPENING HYMN** PH #118, *The Day of Resurrection*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 118:21-29)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: We give thanks that you, O God, have answered us.

Many: You have become our salvation!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: Yes! Give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** PH #106, *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

During the hymn, please come forward to place flowers in the Living Cross.

Continue singing until all the flowers have been placed.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

One: Easter proclaims it, no ifs, ands, or buts: we are loved beyond measure; we are forgiven in God's abundant grace; we are promised God's guidance; and we are entrusted to build God's kingdom of love, peace, and justice.

Many **Thanks be to God!**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 20:1

RESPONDING WITH ALLELUIAS STF #2078, *Alleluia* (many times)

MESSAGE Sing Those Alleluias! Rev. Katie Palmer

ANTHEM *The Tomb Stands Open Wide!* Craig Courtney

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

(see insert)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION PH #514, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

EMBRACING THE FEAST

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**A Dios el Padre celestial;
Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Y al eternal Consolador,
Unidos todos alabad. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The people respond to each petition with "Hear our prayer")

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN PH #108, *Christ Is Alive!*

*BENEDICTION *The Assurance of Easter* (adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell at rev-o-lution.org)

One: Death could not stop him. **Many: Love wins!**

One: Hate could not stop him. **Many: Love wins!**

One: Forgiveness is given! **Many: Love wins!**

One: Transformation happens! **Many: Love wins!**

One: The kingdom comes! **Many: Love wins!**

*SHARING EASTER JOY

One: Christ is risen! **Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

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One: Christ is risen! **Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

Please share the joy of Easter and the peace of Christ with one other here and in the world around you.

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Carol Linder

Accompanist – Em Krall

Director of Music – Karyl Lyne

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Tom Trigg/Linda Solyntjes

Communion is offered each Sunday from April 2nd through June 4th (Pentecost).

From June 11th through September, Communion will be offered on the first and third Sundays of each month.

We do not offer Communion on the fifth Sunday of a month due to the addition of the Healing Liturgy.