



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 gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

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. through May 6.

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

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering - Offering envelopes are available on the action table and from Joyce Litherland. Gifts should be remitted by May 31st. Please mark your checks for “PW Birthday Offering.”

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Rosalie Lopez, Karyl Lyne & Patrick Rucker, and John McCord and for First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe NM (1867). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, April 9

7:00 a.m. – I & S

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

1:00 p.m. – Buildings & Grounds

3:30 p.m. – JOT @ OTM

Tuesday, April 10

7:00 a.m. – Community Life

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie’s

5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide, Old Town Mission Church

Wednesday, April 11

1:30 p.m. – Mission & Peacemaking

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

Friday, April 13

4:00 p.m. - Personnel

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by Pam’s Flowers on the Plaza and dedicated to the glory of God.

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 8, 2018

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Silence is a hammer that breaks our heart of stone...replaces it with a heart of flesh...a heart that may be pierced by the suffering of others, and is open to Divinity*

(Geoffrey W. Dennis Building a Sanctuary: Through Silence God Speaks to the Heart)

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please use this time to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbor.)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

(Please return to your seat when the introduction to the hymn starts.)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (insp. by John 20:19-31 adapted fr. Rev Martha Spong)
Christ is risen!

Now what?

The disciples clung to each other.

Huddled in the upper room, waiting with doubts and questions.

Would the authorities come to take them, too?

Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

What next?

Next came a breath of the holy spirit assurances and instructions and a last word:

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Christ is risen! Now what?

Now we come together to wait for him with our doubts and questions.

May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

*** OPENING HYMN** PH #469 *Morning Has Broken*

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.

Leader: God Incarnate suffered and died for us. We are redeemed by God's love and grace poured upon us!

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from the Ministry Matters website)

Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord? Is seeing truly believing? Are we to be prisoners of our senses, distrusting and rejecting whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear? Yet you remain faithful—you give sight to the blind, you carry us when we are weary, you call us to your side. The locked room of our hearts opens at the turn of your key. Speak your words of life to us again: "Do not doubt, only believe." Speak your words of life, that we might live. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2200, *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 145:13-21
John 20:19-31

SERMON *Doubts Lead Us to Faith* Siobhan Croto

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PH #316 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION PH #513 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction.

Please come forward, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup.

Gluten-free elements are available near the west door.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank You, Lord God, that You have refreshed us with this precious gift, and we ask for Your mercy, that You would let it nurture in us strong faith toward You and intensive love among us all, through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; A Dios el Padre celestial;
Praise God all creatures here below; Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Y al eternal Consolador,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Unidos todos alabad. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)
(The people respond to each petition with "*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 #538 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher - Siobhan Croto, CP Candidate

Communion - Rev. Randy Campbell HR, Pastor Emeritus

Worship Leader – Karen Topping

Accompanist - Em Krall

Sound - Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals - Christie Baskett/Linda Solyntjes

Communion is offered each Sunday from October 1 through Pentecost (May 20, 2018) and on the first and third Sundays of each month from June through September. We do not celebrate Communion on the fifth Sunday of a month due to the addition of the Healing Liturgy to the service.