

Welcome

We are glad you are here. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. 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.

- ✧ The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth is discussing the book *Who Wrote the Bible* by Richard Elliott Freidman. The class starts at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings thru October 7th. There will not be a class on September 2nd. Books are available from Richard Lindeborg for \$10.
- ✧ August Samaritan House Food Donations - Dry milk, Oatmeal and dry cereals. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Narthex.

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Murl Baker, Christie & Douglas Baskett and Frank & Jan Beurskens and for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque (1955). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, August 21

No Coffee with Katie

Sunday, August 26

Installation of New Officers

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God.

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August Deacon of the Month – Mary Schipper –505-429-0285

Church Website: www.lvpresbyterian.org

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Denice Spicer

Accompanist – Em Krall

Soloist – Cierra Gomez

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

August 19, 2018

10:30 a.m.



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Do this in remembrance of me.* –Jesus (Luke 22:19)

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.

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Isaiah 58:6-8)

“Is not this the fast that I choose?” God asks. And we respond:

We gather in your name, O God, recognizing your desired fast.

We will work to loose the bonds of injustice and to let the oppressed go free.

We will share our bread with the hungry and house the homeless.

We will cover the naked and reach out to your children.

Then God's light will break forth like the dawn.

Let us worship the God who feeds us!

*** OPENING HYMN** STF #2269, *Come, Share the Lord*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Rejoice! God feeds us with love and nurtures us with grace. We are forgiven and made new in Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you offer your whole self to us: bread and wine to nourish and renew us, relationship with us and your desires for us. Forgive us when we look for nourishment elsewhere, knowing such food will not help us grow. Forgive us when we choose a diet of junk food rather than the food of life you offer to us each day. Lead us, we pray, to your table: the table that shows us a human family eating together, sharing your abundance, and knowing life in the context of your love. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PH #514, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*, v.2

Christ is able to make us one. At the table He sets the tone.
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art*

Cierra Gomez

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 11:17-26

John 6:48-63

SERMON *Gnawing on God*

Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2267, *Taste and See* (x2)

Taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION STF #2261, *Life-giving Bread* (x3)

Life-giving bread, as our hearts are transformed anew,
And life-giving wine, may we share in a life with you.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Response, when indicated:

You are our spiritual food, O God

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion will be passed in the pews.

Please take bread and hold it; we will eat together.

Likewise, please take a cup and hold it; we will drink together.

If you need gluten-free bread, please alert a server.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, thank you for being for us the bread that fills our lives with all we need and the cup that quenches our deepest thirst. Lead us from this place to nourish others as you have nourished us. 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 God and 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")

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 #508, *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.