



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. A church Elder will be at the communion table after worship to answer any questions you may have about membership or the church.

- ✦ Our Advent study, from *The Thoughtful Christian*, is “From Longing to Receiving.” Handouts will be available at each class for the next week’s study. If you need a handout for next week, please stop by the church office to pick one up.
- ✦ The annual budget meeting will be in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5. Please come help plan allocation of our resources to best do God's work during 2019. A continental breakfast will be provided.
- ✦ Mark your calendars! Next Sunday, December 9, following worship, there will be a going-away potluck to honor Christie and Douglas Baskett. Please join us!
- ✦ **Coming Events:**
Saturday, December 15, Christmas luncheon at Charlie’s @ noon
Sunday, December 16, @ 3:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata
- ✦ December Samaritan House Food Donations: Canned Meats & Fish

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Caroline Rackley, Kent & Deb Reid, and Gabino Rendon & Lynda Smith and for El Rito Presbyterian, Chacon NM (1879). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, December 4
7:00 a.m. - Personnel
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie – Charlie’s
10:00 a.m. – Mission and Peacemaking

Wednesday, December 5
7:00 a.m. – Budget Meeting
5:30 p.m. – Cantata Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. – Bell Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6
7:30 a.m. – Worship and Music

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December Elder of the Month –Karyl Lyne –505-454-9707

December Deacon of the Month – Christina Litherland – 505-429-1007

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

December 2, 2018

10:30 a.m.



We Are Messengers of God

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION— *It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.*

--Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission & Peacemaking

***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.

RESPONSIVE CHORAL INTROIT

Soloist/Congregation

One: Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

All: Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.

Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 43:3-5)

Send out your light and your truth, O God.

Let them lead us!

Bring us to your dwelling place.

Bring us to God, our exceeding joy!

Let us praise God !

We hope in God, and praise the Holy One who is our help!

*** OPENING HYMN**

PH #2 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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 does not remember our sins, but remembers the holy promises made to us. God comes to us, bringing us hope and new life!

People: Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love.

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of the Future, you are coming to bring us hope. We so often fail to see your vision for the world, but instead look hopelessly at the destruction, violence and injustice around us. Give us the courage to see your kingdom amidst the brokenness; help us make your vision plain to all whom we encounter. We pause now in silent prayer. (Pause) In Christ's name, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2085 *He Came Down* (x2)

He comes down that we may have hope;

He comes down that we may have hope;

He comes down that we may have hope; Hallelujah forever more.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Waiting* - from *Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration* – Joel Rainey

Alto solo-Karyl Lyne; Soprano solo-Meg Loehr

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:17-19 Pew Bible Page 762, 763

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE (see insert)

SERMON

A Message of Hope Rev. Katie Palmer

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 God and 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

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 SEAL GOD'S WORD (see insert)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION

Come to the Table of Grace (v. 4) – See insert

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

God of Christmas promise, God of child-like hope, we have eaten and drunk from your table. May this meal fill us with hope in a world of despair. May we be beacons of hope as we wait for the day when the world will be changed. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** PH #432 *Song of Hope*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

⁺from Thom Shuman at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Karyl Lyne

Choir Director – Amy Hufnal

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Jackson Awuzing/Linda Solyntjes

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