

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

- ✦ **Class for Adults and Youth resumes January 6** - The six-week discussion series is based on the book *The Third Reconstruction* by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, a pastor called “the closest person we have to Martin Luther King Jr. in our midst. Books are available for \$8.00 in the Church Office and from Richard Lindeborg. Classes will be at 9:30 a.m. in the East Wing, right after breakfast at 8:30.
- ✦ Dana Millen from the NEW MEXICO HEALTH SECURITY ACT will present this health care program to cover all residents of New Mexico, at a light lunch/presentation right after worship in Perea Hall. The event is sponsored by the Mission & Peacemaking Committee. Ms. Millen is inviting FUPC to join the 160 other organizations, municipalities, counties, non-profits and churches who have endorsed the program.
- ✦ JANUARY SAMARITAN HOUSE FOOD DONATIONS
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Mary Schipper & Tom Trigg, Renee Soderlund, and Linda & Gene Solyntjes and for Embudo Presbyterian Church, Dixon NM (1889). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church office closed

No Coffee with Katie

Wednesday, January 2

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers rehearsal

Thursday, January 3

7:30 a.m. – Worship and Music

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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

December 30, 2018

10:30 a.m.



We Are Messengers of God

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Joy to the world! The Lord is come.* –Isaac Watts

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** (from Luke 2:6-14)

While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, she gave birth to Jesus.

She laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The shepherds in the nearby fields were watching their flocks.

An angel came and stood before them, saying to them: “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy! In the city of David a Messiah is born.”

Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace!”

*** OPENING CAROL**

PH #22, *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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’s great love has come to us!

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Loving God, you came to live among us, to be with us through every messy part of our lives, to help us grow, to teach us how to live. When we fail to welcome you and to include you fully in our lives, forgive us. Help us to love you and to love each other. We pause now in silent prayer.

(Pause) In Christ's name, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2085 *He Came Down*, v. 1 (x2)

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love; Hallelujah forever more.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *Still a Bach Christmas* D.R. Palmer and Tegan Palmer
adapted and arranged by Jay Althouse

CHECKING THE MAIL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:15-20 Pew Bible Page 833

THE MESSAGE IN MUSIC: CAROL SING

Carol requests were submitted in our mailbox last week.

Please join in singing:

PH #9, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* PH #41, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

PH #31, *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* PH #53, *What Child Is This?*

PH #309, *Of the Father's Love Begotten* PH #40, *Joy to the World*

POEM - *A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer* by S Omar Barker

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

INVOCATION OF GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

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.

PRAYER OF BLESSING AND ANOINTING

Gracious God, source of all healing, we are in pain - the pain of grief, of deep hurts, of need, of sickness. And we ache for our broken world and from the knowledge that we are sometimes complicit in breaking it. But we trust you to heal and mend us; we trust you to make us whole. Thank you.

Our gratitude leads us to come to you, confident of your blessing, symbolized today by oil. Bless this oil, pressed from the fruits of the earth and given to us as a sign of healing and of the fullness of life you give.

May your Spirit fall anew upon all who are anointed with this oil; may they receive your healing touch and understand the freedom of your love; may they, indeed, be made whole.

You are invited to be anointed with oil.

May God's blessing lead you to wholeness.

During this time, please sing:

PH #25 *Away in a Manger*

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN PH # 38, *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preachers – The Congregation

Worship Leader – Denice Spicer

Choir Director – Karl Lyne

Accompanist – Steve Hufnal

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals –Karyl Lyne/Linda Solyntjes

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by

Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God.

January Elder of the Month-Lisa Weinstein – 912-257-2737

January Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman – 505-429-0290