

**WELCOME!** 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.

**Lenten/Eastertide Study, 9:30 a.m. Sundays from February 25 – March 25**, led by Pastor Katie, will focus on Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, which "provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers." Books are available in the church office for \$10.

**Lenten Lunches** – Today through March 25, we will have Soup & Bread after services each Sunday. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall; please sign up to bring soup or bread. A *gentle reminder* to please bring a full pot of soup so we will be able to serve everyone who attends.

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** provides funds for those affected by natural disasters—restoring hope through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 32%; reducing hunger through Presbyterian Hunger Program 36%; and partnering in progress through Self-Development of People 32%. You are invited to give to OGHS at the Lenten Lunches following worship Feb. 25 through March 25 in the donation cans on the tables what you might spend if you went out for lunch. You may also contribute by check with OGHS on the memo line or with an OGHS envelope in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

**Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Alex Ditton, Nancy Ellington, and Emma Estrada and for First Presbyterian, Mora NM (1883). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

#### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

##### **Tuesday, February 27**

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

5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Service at Old Town Mission

6:30 p.m. - Session

##### **Wednesday, February 28**

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

##### **Thursday, March 1**

7:30 a.m. – Worship and Music Committee

*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*

*February Elder of the Month – Robin Carlson – 505-425-7992*

*February Deacon of the Month – Jan Beurskens – 716-864-2026*

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701  
February 25, 2018

### **VOICES AT THE GATE**



### **WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**MEDITATION** – *We only serve God when we serve people.*—Sunday Adelaja

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

#### **\*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** (adapted from Psalm 86:4-5)

You gladden the souls of your servants.

**O God, we lift our souls to you.**

For you, O God, are good and forgiving.

**Your steadfast love abounds to all who call on you.**

**O God, let us serve you!**

#### **\* OPENING HYMN** STF #2175 *Together We Serve*

#### **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: Christ comes to us and kneels to wash our feet. Christ lives and dies for us. Surely we are loved and forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Holy One, we forget the many ways you serve us. We forget that your incarnation among us was an act of loving service, an act through which you model for us how to live in faith and in service to one another. Forgive us when we fail to do as you taught. Keep fresh in our minds the image of Jesus kneeling at the feet of his disciples and forgive us when we are unwilling to wash one another's feet. Forgive us when we feel entitled and superior; forgive us when we are apathetic toward others. Guide us to look for opportunities to serve those in need with love and respect, we pray. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PH #367 *Jesu, Jesu* (v. 4)

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.  
Loving puts us on our knees, Serving as though we are slaves,  
This is the way we should live with You.  
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *He Shall Feed His Flock*— G F Handel Ron Maltais

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17

SERMON *The Gate To Service* Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* (on insert)

## WE SEAL GOD'S WORD.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION PH #521 *You Satisfy The Hungry Heart*, v. 2,3,5

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

Gracious God, once again you have served us. In this meal you have included us in your eternal community and you have nourished our souls. Send us forth from this meal to serve others. Help us provide to your children the nourishing, life-giving service that will proclaim your presence in their lives. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. 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 STF #2241 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Juli Salman

Accompanist – Ron Maltais

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.*