

*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 Perea 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** – Join us for a six-week discussion series 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. Class will meet from January 6 – February 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the East Wing, right after breakfast at 8:30.

✦ **The La Jicarita Gathering and Networking Workshop** will be held from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, at the Old Town Mission Community Center. We are pleased to host this event and to share with people from other Jicarita Cluster churches come of the ways in which FUPC works in our community. Please join us!

✦ **January Samaritan House Food Donations** - Peanut Butter & Jelly

**Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Gordy Thatcher, Karen Topping, and Tom Trigg and for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gallup NM (1961). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

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

#### **Monday, January 14**

7:00 a.m. – I&S at Charlie’s

4:30 p.m. – JOT at OTMCC

#### **Tuesday, January 15**

7:30 a.m. – Community Life at Charlie’s

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

#### **Wednesday, January 16**

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers rehearsal

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*Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

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### **FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

January 13, 2019

10:30 a.m.



**We Are Messengers of God**

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

**MEDITATION** – *Safety’s just danger; out of place.* – Harry Connick

### **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** (based on Psalm 40:9-16)

We tell your glad news to all who will hear.

**We shout your faithfulness and saving help.**

Let your steadfast love keep us safe forever.

**Deliver all who seek you; let us rejoice and be glad in you.**

For you are our help.

**Let us say continually, “Great is the Lord!”**

**\* OPENING HYMN**    STF #2005, *Arise, Shine*

### **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 love, compassion and forgiveness are constant, whatever else befalls us. Know that God loves you always.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Holy God, you risk loving us, knowing that we won't always love you back. You tell us to love one another, knowing that we have always struggled with the concepts of justice and generosity, particularly toward those whom we label as "other." As you walked among us clothed in flesh, you risked—and lost—your human life to demonstrate your love. Guide us to also take the risk of loving you and each other, knowing that our only true safety is in your love. We pause now in silent prayer.  
(Pause) In Christ's name, Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2165, *Cry of My Heart* (Refrain)

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.

It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-23 Pew Bible Page 784

ANTHEM *From a Distant Home*, arr. Michael Helman Rainbow Ringers

SERMON *Keeping Jesus Safe* Rev. Katie Palmer

RESPONSE PH #35, *In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy*

## 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

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION PH#505, *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

### 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

Loving and Generous God, we have feasted on the meal you have prepared for us. May it nourish us so that we see you ever more clearly and seek to follow you more faithfully. May it keep us safe in your love so that we more generously reach out to serve your people. And may it fill us with the courage to take risks in doing your work. Amen.

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING HYMN PH #434, *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher - Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader - Rod Billingsley

Bell Choir Director - Karyl Lyne

Accompanist - Em Krall

Sound - Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals - D.R. Palmer/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*