

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 resumed today with 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. Classes are at 9:30 a.m. in the East Wing, right after breakfast at 8:30.
- ✦ La Jicarita Gathering and Networking Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 19, from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Old Town Mission Community Center. We are pleased to host this event and to share with people from other Jicarita Cluster churches some of the ways in which FUPC works in our community. Please join us!
- ✦ We need two people, on a weekly basis, to count all funds that have come into the church, both in Sunday donations and by mail. This takes about 30-60 minutes, and always comes with a comrade. It can be done either after church on Sunday, or on Monday morning. Contact Mary Schipper if you can help. 505-429-0285
- ✦ January Samaritan House Food Donations
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Norman & Wamoth Spicer, Denice Spicer, and Van Swan and for First Presbyterian Church, Farmington NM (1889). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, January 8

- 7:30 a.m. – Community Life, Charlie’s
- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Coffee with Katie, Charlie’s
- 5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé Service, OTM

Wednesday, January 9

- 6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10

- 7:30 a.m. – Worship and Music

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

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

January 6, 2019

10:30 a.m.



We Are Messengers of God

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Love is the epiphany of God in our poverty.*

- Thomas Merton

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.

ANTHEM *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* Chancel Choir
Arr. Gustav Theodore Holst

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Micah 5:2-4)

The prophet Micah says: from Bethlehem will come forth one who is to rule.

He will be One whose origin is from old, One who will bring people home.

He will feed his flock with the strength of God.

Through him, people will live secure, for he will be the one of peace.

Let us sing praises to God!

*** OPENING HYMN** *Raise A Song of Gladness* (see insert)

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: The magi saw a star and sought Jesus, bringing him gifts. So God seeks us, gifting us with love, compassion and mercy.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

O God, you come to us! You enter the world, a baby who will draw people to you, who will show us the ways of love and peace. But in the time of Epiphany, we realize that we don't take time to seek you; our gifts to you are often gifts of convenience rather than gifts of self. Help us to learn from the magi that it is worth rerouting our lives to follow you. Help us seek you each day. 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

SONG OF MEDITATION

Em Krall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible Page 783

SERMON

Lessons from the Magi

Rev Katie Palmer

RESPONSE

PH #64, *From a Distant Home*

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

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 eaten 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 nurture your love in us so that we more generously reach out to serve your children everywhere. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** PH #68, *What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preachers – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Lisa Weinstein

Choir Director – Karl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Tom Trigg/Linda Solyntjes

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

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

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