

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.

- **Potluck with Young Adult Volunteers.** We will be welcoming the YAV's with a potluck following worship today.
- **Education Class for Adults and Youth--**Rod Billingsley's class on *Old Testament Stories Your Mother Never Told You* began this morning and runs through February 11. Class starts at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Session Room. Child care is available.
- **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Lisa Weinstein and family, Kathy Wentz, and Bruce Wertz as well as for First Presbyterian Church (1929), Grants NM. These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.
- **Worship Leader Training** - In an effort to improve the flow and worshipful atmosphere of our services, the Worship & Music Committee has asked Pastor Katie to offer training for Worship Leaders. The first training session will take place on Sunday, January 28 from Noon - 2:30. We hope many people will attend and pick up helpful tips about being a better Worship Leader. Please email christie.baskett@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, January 8

7:00 a.m. – Interpretation and Support @ Charlie's

9:00 a.m. – Deacons

3:30 p.m. – JOT at Old Town Mission Church

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 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 @ Old Town Mission Church

Wednesday, January 10

1:30 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701

January 7, 2018

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION

...[B]eauty and grace are performed whether or not we will or sense them. The least we can do is try to be there.—Annie Dillard in Pilgrim at Tinker Creek

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Young Adult Volunteers

***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.**

INTROIT *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* German Folk Tune

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 66:1-5)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done.

Yes! Come and see what God has done; God's deeds among mortals are awesome!

*** OPENING HYMN** PH #356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

(adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell at rev-o-lution.org)

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: In the darkness, light shines. In the midst of troubled waters, a hand reaches out. We are not alone on this journey of faith. When we seek God, we will find God. God forgives, renews, and restores. In Jesus, God invites us to "come and see," to be in God's presence.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Invitation and Renewal, you invite us to “come and see,” to follow you and to live in the space where you live. But so often we refuse your invitation. We opt instead to turn from you, to close our eyes to the beauty and grace with which you want to bless us, to live apart from the hospitality you offer. Remind us that, away from you, we do not live well. Guide us gently to see that you are with us, whether or not we open our eyes to you. Help us to “come and see” where it is you are and to live in a way that will keep us always mindful of being in that place. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2253, *Water, River, Spirit, Grace*

Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.
(repeat)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 1:32-46 Pew Bible Page 862
ANTHEM *Lord, When You Came To Jordan* Genevan Psalter, 1542
SERMON *Come and See* Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (See insert)

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 SEAL GOD’S WORD

Please see insert.

We will be passing communion in the pews. Please hold the bread until all have been served; we will eat together. Likewise, please hold the cup until all have been served; we will drink together. If you need gluten-free bread, please alert a server.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN STF #2130 *The Summons*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Pastor – Rev Katie Palmer
Worship Leader – Christie Baskett
Choir Director – Karyl Lyne
Accompanist – Em Krall
Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto
Visuals – Tom Trigg/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.

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