



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.

- ❖ Our guest preacher this morning, Rev Ken Cuthbertson, has visited and preached at FUPC on numerous occasions. He is a Parish Associate at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. He and his husband, Doug, live in Albuquerque.

- ❖ The Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth is discussing the book *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*.

- ❖ July Samaritan House Food Donations – Soup (any kind)

Our liturgy this morning is adapted from services at the 223rd General Assembly of the PCUSA, which met in St. Louis, June 16-23.

The sung *Prayer for the Nation* is included in honor of the observance of Independence Day on July 4. In troubling times, may we sing it humbly, and sincerely, seeking liberty and justice for all.

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Jane Warsaw, Susan Apodaca, and Jackson Awuzing and for First Presbyterian Church, Grants NM (1929). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Wednesday, July 4 – Office Closed

Thursday, July 5 – 7:00 a.m. – Worship & Music Committee

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

July Elder of the Month – Richard Lindeborg – 505-425-9120

July Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker –505-429-0670

Church Website: www.lkvpresbyterian.org

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev Ken Cuthbertson

Worship Leader – Richard Lindeborg

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Christie Baskett/Linda Solyntjes

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by

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

*Please stand if you are able.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

July 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *“A Church without love is not a church! As people die in the ditches of despair all across our local communities and nation, we must do more to retool the church for today’s needed reform while giving up the idea of remaining or becoming the Church of yesterday. We are called to reform at every level.” – from The Stated Clerk’s report to the PCUSA’s 223rd General Assembly (2018)*

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 SILENT MEDITATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come together to learn as God’s community.

All: Let us know God with each other.

One: We come together seeking to be Christ’s community.

All: Let us follow Christ with each other.

One: We come together as the Spirit moves our community.

All: Let us feel the Spirit with each other.

One: Let us worship God in this place today.

All: Let us worship as a beloved community.

*** OPENING HYMN** PH #443 *O Christ, The Great Foundation*

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.

One: Friends, know this. Christ comes to heal and to save, not to condemn. In Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and whole.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: In that knowledge, let us trust ourselves to God as we confess together...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of promise, forgive your people when your dreams of *shalom* for all are co-opted by yearnings for earthly kingdoms, when hunger for power,

wealth, and privilege brings curse rather than blessing. Give us courage to name the sins which distort our lives, the complicity in systems that are unjust, and complacency with institutions that diminish the common good. As we cross into the future you set before us, reform us. Give us strength to discard structures that do not serve your purpose; and open us to new ways of being. Make us bold to live into your vision of a community that welcomes all as kin. May our life together bless all creation with your *shalom* – a life in which every person experiences dignity, well-being, wholeness, peace, and justice. Forgive us. Renew us. Transform us, we pray – that we may truly become the blessing you have called us to be.

One: We offer now our silent prayers. (*Pause in silence for personal prayer.*)
Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PH #554 (verse 1) *Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God our Creator triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

By guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:

Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,

As forward we travel from light into Light.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: As we prepare to hear God's Word, let us pray...

All: Ever-living God, in the reading of Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 1: 1-9 Pew Bible Page 168

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25: 31-40 Pew Bible Page 807

SERMON *A Church Reborn? - The 223rd General Assembly*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** – PH #436 – *We Are Your People*

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

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord, with joy)

(The people respond to each petition with "*Hear our prayer*")

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION PH #561 (verse 4)

Our parents' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing;

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;

Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical Version, adapted)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION

PH #241 - *Behold the Goodness of Our Lord* (Psalm 133)

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Spirit of God be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Give thanks to God.

All: All our thanks, all our praise!

One: Blessed are you, O God of the Universe....

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

One: Let us pray...

All: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven and fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine into all the world. May it be so, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** PH #430 – *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE