



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.

- ✦ You are invited to purchase a **Glory to God hymnal book plate** for \$20. It will be placed in a new Glory to God hymnal with your inscription in honor or memory of someone special to you or this church, and the church will receive a hymnal free. Our goal is 125 copies and we are at 90. You may donate with a check or through Online Giving on the church website: [www.lvpresbyterian.org](http://www.lvpresbyterian.org)
- ✦ **Lenten Lunches** - As we journey towards Easter, we observe each Sunday in Lent with a soup and bread lunch. There are signup sheets in Perea Hall. Please consider donating the money you might have spent on lunch to One Great Hour of Sharing. Additionally, Community Life is asking that you bring an item for the Food Bank - March 31 – Canned Beans
- ✦ **Lenten Class** will focus on Joyce Rupp's book *Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self*. Rupp uses the metaphor of a door to invite readers into spiritual growth in this book of daily meditations. Books are available in the office. Facilitated by Pastor Katie.
- ✦ **Offering Envelopes.** We now have "Welcome" offering envelopes in the pew racks for visitors, members or friends who want to make a cash offering during worship and have it used for a designated purpose or credited to a pledge. You may also donate through our online giving on the church website: [www.lvpresbyterian.org](http://www.lvpresbyterian.org)
- ✦ **March Samaritan House Food Donations** – Canned meats, tuna, chicken
- ✦ Pastor Katie will be away, welcoming her new grandbaby, from March 21 – 30. For pastoral care needs, please call Rev. Pat Halverson (505-454-1013), Siobhan Croto (505-310-5183), Rod Billingsley (505-617-1269) or the Deacon of the Month, Sharon Vandermeer (505-425-6457).
- ✦ **Prayers for the Church Family** - Please pray for Jim, Siobhan and Sean Croto, Wilma Cunico, and Linda & John Cunningham and for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Peñasco NM (1881). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

Monday, March 25

11:00 a.m. - Deacons

Tuesday, March 26

5:15 p.m. - Deep & Wide Taize Service  
Mission Church

Wednesday, March 27

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

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

March 24, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

**DIGGING DEEP: QUEST FOR HIDDEN TREASURE**



<http://archaeologysacudia.com/en/category/dig/>

**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

**MEDITATION** – *Trouble is part of your life. If you don't share it, you don't give the person who loves you a chance to love you enough.* – Dinah Shore

**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** (Psalm 63 – selected verses)

O God, you are my God.

**I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

**My lips will praise you.**

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**My soul clings to you, your right hand upholds me.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

PH #384

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

## UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Dear God, when we think the good things we do are a substitute for your righteousness, forgive us. When our failures and weakness lead us to despair, forgive us. We pause now in silent prayer.

(Pause) In Christ's name, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Living water can only be tasted by those who live in union with Jesus. We remember his promise – *My peace I give you.*

**People: Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.**

**RESPONSE** STF #2143, *O Lord, Your Tenderness*

**O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness; O Lord, I receive your love.**

**O Lord, your loveliness, changing my unworthiness; O Lord, I receive your love.**

**O Lord, I receive your love; O Lord, I receive your love.**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 22:1-14 Pew Bible Page 803

**SERMON** *Many Are Called* Rod Billingsley

**RESPONSE** PH #306 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

## 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 Father, 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

### PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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.*

## WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\***CLOSING HYMN** PH #398 *There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rod Billingsley

Worship Leader – Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Lisa Weinstein/Linda Solyntjes

*The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by*

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

*April Elder of the Month-Deb Allen-Reid -505-331-9125*

*April Deacons of the Month – Patrick Rucker (505-718-6211) and Sean Croto*

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