

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.

Lenten/Eastertide Study, 9:30 a.m. Sundays from February 25 – March 25, led by Pastor Katie, focuses on Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, which "provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers." Books are available in the church office for \$10.

Lenten Lunches – We will have Soup & Bread after services each Sunday through March 25. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall; please sign up to bring soup or bread. A *gentle reminder* to please bring a full pot of soup so we will be able to serve everyone who attends.

Easter Lilies - If you would like to order an Easter lily to be used in the church on Easter Sunday and then take it home after service, please go to Pam's Flower's on The Plaza. The cost is \$24.99; the last day to order is Tuesday March 20th. You can let the office know whom you want to remember or honor and we will print the dedications in the Easter bulletin.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) provides funds for those affected by natural disasters—restoring hope through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 32%; reducing hunger through Presbyterian Hunger Program 36%; and partnering in progress through Self-Development of People 32%. You are invited to give to OGHS at the Lenten Lunches following worship Feb. 25 through March 25 in the donation cans on the tables what you might spend if you went out for lunch. You may also contribute by check with OGHS on the memo line or with an OGHS envelope in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Rebecca, Bud and Harper Geng, Mark Gillingham & Beth Urech, and Frank Hager and for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Penasco NM (1881). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and dedicated to the glory of God.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, March 6

7:00 a.m. - Personnel

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

6:30 p.m. – Session

Wednesday, March 7

1:30 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers

Church Office: 505-425-7763

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

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March Elder of the Month – Van Swan – 505-426-4348

March Deacon of the Month – Sharon Vander Meer – 505-617-0839

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March 4, 2018

VOICES AT THE GATE



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *How many kinds of moral and material poverty we face today as a result of denying God and putting so many idols in his place!* –Pope Francis

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

***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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from John 14:1-6)

Christ prepares a place for us and leads us there.

We commit to follow Christ.

Christ shows us the path to follow.

Christ offers us truth and abundant life.

Let us celebrate Christ's gifts to us!

*** OPENING HYMN** PH #465 *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

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: Know this: Christ leads us on God's path and forgives when we stumble along the way. Christ pours God's love and mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, We, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF #2200 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *You Think Of Me* Patricia Mock & Richard Nichols

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 13:36-38

John 18:12-27

SERMON *Dueling Interrogations* Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2158 *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* (Vs 1 & 2)

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION PH #513 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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

Gracious God, despite our humanity—our doubts and our failures to acknowledge you—you have included us at your table. You have nourished us with the bread and cup of your kingdom. Send us forth from this meal eager to proclaim you and eager to serve each other as brothers and sisters in your family. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

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")

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 GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN PH #344 *Christ of the Upward Way*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Van Swan

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.