

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.

- The **Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth** will begin a new series on Sunday, May 20, with discussion of the book *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. Books are available in the church office for \$15.00, payable to Richard Lindeborg.
- **Mother's Day Luncheon**, served by the men of the church, following the worship service. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Game Night** – Friday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be pizza, salad and games. You are welcome to bring your favorite game or games.
- **Congregational Meeting** – Sunday, June 3, after church to approve the leadership slate for the next year.
- **Loma Verde 2018 Camp Cleanup** (Preparation for June 3rd Opening) - Friday June 1 starting at 9:00 a.m. and Saturday June 2 starting at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided.
- May 15, 1948 is the day 750,000 Palestinians were forced to leave their homes in Palestine and 418 Palestinian villages were destroyed. A public remembrance of this day, known as **The Nakba or "Catastrophe" in Arabic, will be held at noon on Tuesday, May 15**, in the Santa Fe Plaza. An open letter from Palestinian Christians and Muslims in the US has been sent to US churches stating actions churches can take to help end the Israeli occupation. There are copies of a part of the letter on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The entire letter is available at <http://mondoweiss.net/2018/04/palestinian-christians-communities>. The letter is endorsed by the Israel/Palestine Mission Network of PCUSA as well as many other major US faith communities. The FUPC Mission & Peace Committee encourage you to read the letter in its entirety and hold the people of Israel and Palestine in prayer this week.

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Gabino Rendon & Lynda Smith, Albert Rodriguez & Stella Pino, and Patrick Rucker & Karyl Lyne and for Rio Grande Presbyterian, Albuquerque (1947). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, May 14

7:00 a.m. – I&S at Charlie's

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

1:00 p.m. – Buildings and Grounds

3:30 – JOT at OTMCC

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 a.m. – Community Life at Charlie's

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

Wednesday, May 16

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Friday, May 18

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Game Night in Fellowship Hall

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701
May 13, 2018

MESSAGES FROM THE GATE



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.* – Rick Warren

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 25:4-9)

Teach us your paths, O Lord!

Lead us in your truth; teach us. We will listen to you all day long.

You, O Lord, have always given your steadfast love; remember us now in your goodness.

You are good and upright; teach us how to be like you. Teach us to be humble; lead us in what is right. Show us your way.

*** OPENING HYMN** STF #2271, *Come! Come! Everybody Worship*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY (adapted from)

We remember: God's grace comes first. God's grace gives us confidence to approach God in confession, assured of God's Love and Mercy.

Leader: God's mercy lasts forever! In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

Through God's grace you are loved; in God's Spirit you are blessed with new life and strength.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(inspired by "A Christian Litany of Humility" by Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val)

We confess our self-focused desires, O Servant God: desires for esteem and praise, for approval and importance. And we confess our fears: fear of humiliation and rebuke, of ridicule and rejection; fear of being disliked and left out. Guide us. Turn our *focus* away from ourselves and toward you; turn our *attention* away from ourselves and toward others. Help us desire that others know love and acceptance; help us fear that others' needs will not be met and determine to meet them. Enable us to empty ourselves of all arrogance and fill ourselves with your love, to be poured out for others. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silent prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2193, *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE	Philippians 2:1-13	Pew Bible 954
SERMON	<i>A Tough Act to Follow</i>	Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2240, *One God and Father [Mother] of Us All*

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD (see insert)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION STF #2268, *As We Gather at Your Table*

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN PH #386, *O for a World*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leaders – Lisa Weinstein and Aubrey Weinstein

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Karyl Lyne/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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by

Pam's Flowers on the Plaza

and dedicated to the glory of God.

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