

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.

Adult/Youth Study – No class next week, May 13. 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 will be available in the Church office on May 7 for \$15.00.

Mother's Day Luncheon - The men of the church are invited to help prepare, serve and clean up after this year's Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday, May 13. To participate, men should sign up on the clipboard beside the kitchen door or contact Richard Lindeborg at ralindeborg@cs.com

Game Night – Friday, May 18th at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be pizza, salad and games. You are welcome to bring your favorite game or games.

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Betty Quick, Caroline Rackley, and Kent & Deb Reid and for El Rito Presbyterian Church, Chacon NM (1879). These names remind us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Tuesday, May 8

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

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

5:15 p.m. – Deep and Wide Taizé at Old Town Mission Church

6:30 p.m. – Session

Sunday, May 13

Mother's Day Luncheon following worship

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

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

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

May Deacon of the Month - Mary Schipper - 429-0285

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue Las Vegas NM 87701
May 6, 2018

MESSAGES FROM THE GATE



WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *What I am anxious to see in Christian believers is a beautiful paradox. I want to see in them the joy of finding God while at the same time they are blessedly pursuing Him. I want to see in them the great joy of having God yet always wanting Him.*—Aiden Wilson Tozer

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Mission and Peacemaking: Pentecost Offering

***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 63:1-4)

O God, our God, we seek you.

Our souls thirst for you; our flesh longs to feel encircled by your arms.

We seek you and behold the power of your love everywhere.

Your steadfast love is better than life, and so we gather to praise you!

We will bless you whenever we can, for as long as we can.

We will call on you and enjoy your presence with us!

*** OPENING HYMN** STF #2025, *As The Deer*

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

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: God's love and grace are everlasting. God forgives us, strengthens us, and holds us close. Know that God forgives you and loves you.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; Ever-Present God, whose face is hidden from us by our neglect and whose grace we forget in our daily distractions, forgive us for being strangers to your presence. Forgive us when we think of you as only one of the many items in our museum of important things, along with our cultural idols and files of important books and papers. Forgive us when our inattentiveness to you makes you an "unknown god" in our daily lives. Encourage us to pursue you; give us the delight of finding you always close, always present and active in our lives. 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

ANTHEM *Holy Is The Lord* Mary McDonald

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Acts 17:16-32 Pew Bible 902

SERMON *Groping For God* Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PH #199, *O Lord, You Are My God*

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD (see insert)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF PREPARATION STF #2266, *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine*

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 #333, *Seek Ye First*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Richard Lindeborg

Director of Music – Karyl Lyne

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto

Visuals – Jackson Awuzing/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.