

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 join us for a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Memorial Service for Alnita Baker: Thursday, Sept 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth - The Adult Youth series on Christian Denominations will conclude on September 10 with an added session led by Rod Billingsley on the Church of Christ. Readings for the session are from the book "The Complete Guide to Christian Denominations," Chapter 5: Christian Churches, pp. 125-127 and Churches of Christ, pp. 134-138.

The Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth will begin a new series September 17, based on the book *Christians in an Age of Wealth: A Biblical Theology of Stewardship* by Craig L. Blomberg.

If you would like to contribute to the PCUSA Disaster Fund for victims of Hurricane Harvey, please mark your checks with **DR000169-Harvey**.

Live Forward, Give Forward

'Tis in the act of giving that we live. William Hall

Congregational Retreat – Mark your calendars! Our retreat will be on October 14. Please return registration form with your check (\$15/person) and then put your name on a leaf on the tree in Fellowship Hall.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop - Sunday, Sept. 10, 1:00 p.m. at FUPC
Susan Smith from Albuquerque First will be here to conduct a workshop on how to develop a disaster preparedness plan for our church. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to come.

Prayers for the Church Family –Please pray for Phil & Carol Estrada & Family, Bud, Rebecca & Harper Geng, and Frank Hager as well as Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM (1947). A person's name in the bulletin reminds us to pray for each other and for the churches in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, September 4

Labor Day; Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

7:00 a.m. – Personnel

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Coffee with Katie

Wednesday, September 6

10:00 a.m. – Mission & Peacemaking

Thursday, September 7

7:30 a.m. - Worship and Music

10:30 a.m. – Alnita Baker Memorial Service

2:30 p.m. – Deacons

Sunday, September 10

1:00 p.m. – Disaster Preparedness Workshop

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

September 3, 2017

10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

MEDITATION – *Erudition can produce foliage without bearing fruit.*
(18th century scientist Georg C. Lichtenberg)

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 from Psalm 19:1-6** (Good News Translation)

How clearly the sky reveals God's glory! How plainly it shows what he has done!

Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next.

No speech or words are used, no sound is heard;

yet their message goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth.

God made a home in the sky for the sun; it comes out in the morning like a happy bridegroom, like an athlete eager to run a race.

It starts at one end of the sky and goes across to the other. Nothing can hide from its heat.

Let us praise our Creator God!

*** OPENING SONG** PH #469 *Morning Has Broken*

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: God creates us and loves us, just as we are; God's arms are ever open to us; God offers to create us anew each moment.

People: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous Creator God, you have asked us to bear worthy fruit, yet so often we use our time and energies to create that which does not reflect your creative spirit. We grow division and hatred when what you want for us is unity and love. We crave material rather than spiritual growth. We look to ourselves instead of to you. O Creative Spirit, nudge us, we pray, to focus our time and our gifts on bearing fruit that serves you and your children everywhere. We offer now our silent prayers. (Pause in silence for personal prayer.) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2163 *He Who Began a Good Work in You*

**He who began a good work in you, he who began a good work in you,
will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.**

He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-4 Pew Bible Page 878

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a Pew Bible Page 1

SERMON *God's Job Description: God Creates* Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

STF #2060 *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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

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

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

People: 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 SEAL GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion today is by intinction.

Please come forward as directed, take bread, dip it in the cup, and eat.

*If you prefer to remain seated, please inform an usher and
a communion server will come to serve you.*

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, you have shared with us this bread and cup and have made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your saving love and nurturing Spirit to all the world. We ask this in the name of Christ, Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** PH #339 *Be Thou My Vision*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

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

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September Elder of the Month – Judy Long – 505-429-0379

September Deacon of the Month – Patrick Rucker/Sean Croto – 505-454-9707

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month through September and each Sunday from October 1 through Pentecost (May 20, 2018). We do not celebrate Communion on the fifth Sunday of a month due to the addition of the Healing Liturgy to the service.