

7HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 via zoom by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5739200081>, or by phone (312-626-6799). If you're joining by phone, enter meeting ID 573-920-0081. If you've not used zoom before, follow the instructions provided at the link.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### Sunday, September 17

8:45 a.m. – Bible-based Class in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. – Worship

#### Tuesday, September 19

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, September 20

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

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

#### Thursday, September 21

6:30 p.m. – Time, Talent and Treasure

#### Friday, September 22

4:00 p.m. – Samaritan House Cooking Team in kitchen

#### Saturday, September 23

11:00 a.m. – Chad Boliek Memorial Service

#### Sunday, September 24

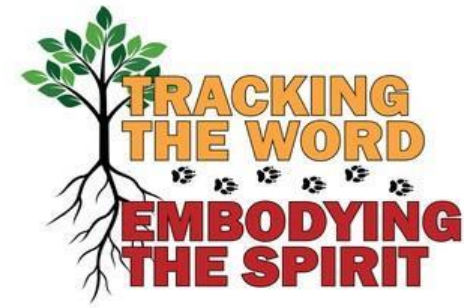
8:45 a.m. – Bible-based Class in Session Room and via Zoom

9:30 a.m. – Choir rehearsal in Perea Hall

10:30 a.m. – Worship



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September 17, 2023 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** - *People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost.*  
--H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Katie Palmer

#### PRELUDE

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pat Halverson

*Let us make a commitment during this time to visit with someone today  
and wish them the peace of Christ.*

*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 57:1-3)

One: My soul takes refuge in your abundant mercy, O God.

All: **In the shadow of your wings I take refuge and know peace from the storm.**

One: I cry to you, O God, and you fulfill your purpose for me.

All: **God sends forth steadfast love and faithfulness to me! Thanks be to God.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (GTG #403)

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

#### SILENT PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

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The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

**SERMON** *Renewed and Fulfilled* Pastor Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Fill My Cup* (GTG #699)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Pastor – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Pat Halverson
Musician – Em Krall	Choir Director – Jordan Jones
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Custodian - Marcus Garcia
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – D.R. Palmer, Carol Linder, Peter Linder	



**OPPORTUNITIES**

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

**September fellowship time reminder:**

September 17 Bonnie Trujillo

September 24 \_\_\_\_\_ (need a fellowship host)

Signup sheet is in Perea Hall so, if you can, please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

**A memorial service celebrating the life of Chad Boliek** will be held on Saturday, September 23, at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow. All are welcome.

**Sunday morning class for adults and youth** is discussing the book *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* by Ann Voskamp. The 2011 hardbound edition of this best seller is available for as little as \$5.00 new or used from online dealers. The class sessions are hybrid, with the live class in the Session room (next to the kitchen) and the Zoom classes on the same ID as the Sunday worship service. Enter the church through the west door. This series will run through October 22. Information about this book is in the September church newsletter. The reading assignment for September 17 is Chapter 6, pp. 102-121, "What do you want? The place of seeing God."

**Join Pastor Katie for Coffee with Katie** every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at Charlie's.

You can donate to the **Peace and Global Witness National Offering through October 1** via our website or via a check mailed to the church office. To give online to the church, you can use our QR code:



**Prayers for the Church Family** – Each week we choose some specific names to remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery. Please pray for Barbara Dorris, Kathy Franken and Bud, Rebecca, Harper and Aurora Geng as well as White Rock Presbyterian Church, Los Alamos, NM (1967).

*September Elder of the Month – Pam Abreu – 505-429-3053*

*September Deacon of the Month – Nina Johns – 505-426-5802*

*Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – Noon*

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