

HELLO 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, October 15

8:45 a.m. – Bible-based Class in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship

Wednesday, October 18

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday, October 19

8:30 a.m. – Worship and Music Retreat at Old Town Mission Community Center
5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers in the Gathering Place
6:30 p.m. – Time, Talent, and Treasure Committee

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday and Sunday, October 21/22

Presbytery of Santa Fe meeting at Ghost Ranch

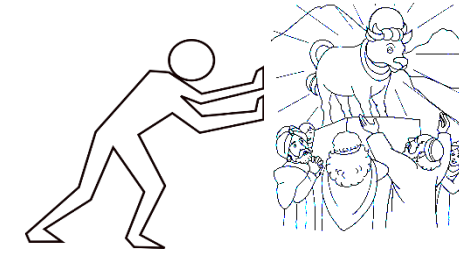
Sunday, October 22

8:45 a.m. – Bible-based Class in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship



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INSIGHTS INTO GOD'S ECONOMY



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October 15, 2023 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *Treasure your relationships, not your possessions.* --Anthony J. D'Angelo

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Pastor Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Jordan Jones

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Kent Reid

*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 36:5-8)

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep/

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

***OPENING HYMNS**

Here in This Place (GTG #401)

God Is Calling through the Whisper (GTG #410)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION ("The divine likeness" by Brother Kenneth)

Two things I recognize in myself, Lord;

I am made in your image; I have defaced that likeness.

I admit to my fault. Take from me what I have spoiled; Leave in me what you have made.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 18:17-39

When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, 'Is it you, you troubler of Israel?' He answered, 'I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and followed the Baals. Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.'

So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, 'How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow

him.' The people did not answer him a word. Then Elijah said to the people, 'I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets number four hundred and fifty. Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the Lord; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.' All the people answered, 'Well spoken!' Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, 'Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it.' So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, 'O Baal, answer us!' But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, 'Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.' Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response.

Then Elijah said to all the people, 'Come closer to me'; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down; Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, 'Israel shall be your name'; with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt-offering and on the wood.' Then he said, 'Do it a second time'; and they did it a second time. Again he said, 'Do it a third time'; and they did it a third time, so that the water ran all round the altar, and filled the trench also with water.

At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, 'O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.' Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt-offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, 'The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God.'

SERMON *Waiting for Fire* Pastor Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SUNG RESPONSE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, verse 1 (GTG #39)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (GTG #542)

***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 – Kent Reid
Musician – Jordan Jones	Choir Director – Jordan Jones
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Custodian - Marcus Garcia
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Deb Allen-Reid, Carol Linder, Jeff Salman	



OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

October fellowship time reminder:

10/15 _____

10/22 Murl Baker

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

Please note: the address given in last week's Sunday bulletin for CROP Walk donations was also incorrect. We are sorry for any confusion this caused. The correct address is:

Pam Abreu
CROP Walk Treasurer
714 Myrtle Ave.
Las Vegas, NM 87701

Check your newsletter and email for news about the **Cornerstone Chorale and Brass concert**, to be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Thursday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. **We still need housing and breakfast for 8 musicians**, so please respond to Pastor Katie or the church office if you can help with this.

The Sunday morning class for adults and youth is almost through discussing the book *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* by Ann Voskamp. The class sessions are hybrid at 8:45, 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. The reading assignment for the last class session (October 22) is Chapter 11, "The Joy of Intimacy," and the afterword. pp. 201-227.

On October 29, the class will begin discussing the book *The Grace of God and the Grace of Man: The Theologies of Bruce Springsteen* by Azzan Yadin-Israel. The book is only available in paperback. The cost plus shipping can be as low as \$12.01 (from Alibris). It is \$12.12 from AbeBooks and \$16 from Amazon. Some used copies are available for slightly less. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy sent from Amazon to your address with no shipping charge. The reading assignment for the first session is the Discography (p. 186) and "Introduction: Biography and Theology," pp. 7-30. A list of the reading assignments and the songs/albums discussed in each chapter is available from Richard at ralindeborg@cs.com. The audio for most songs is available on YouTube and elsewhere on the Internet.

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

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 Bryan Johnson, Kevin Johnson and Em Krall and Cathy Stauber as well as Ranchos Presbyterian Church, Ranchos de Taos, NM (1892).

October Elder of the Month – Carol Linder – 505-429-2139

October Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman – 505-429-0290

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