

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 8

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 in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship

4:00 p.m. – Called Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

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

2:00 p.m. – Joint Operating Team meeting

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

Thursday, October 12

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Friday, October 13

9:00 a.m. – Mobile Food Pantry Distribution at Rodriguez Park

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



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INSIGHTS INTO GOD'S ECONOMY



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October 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION - *A noble leader answers not the trumpet call of self promotion, but to the hushed whispers of necessity.*
--Mollie Marti

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Pastor Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Juli Salman

*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 86:1-7)

One: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord.

All: **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

One: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

All: **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; answer me when I call on you.**
And now, let us praise God in song!

***OPENING HYMNS**

Blest Be God, Praised Forever (GTG #617)

Come into God's Presence (GTG #413)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

SILENT PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 12:1-17; 25-29

Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, 'Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you.' He said to them, 'Go away for three days, then come again to me.' So the people went away. Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, 'How do you advise me to answer this people?' They answered him, 'If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants for ever.' But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. He said to them, 'What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, "Lighten the yoke that your father put on us"?'

The young men who had grown up with him said to him, 'Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, "Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us"; thus you should say to them, "My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."'

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had said, 'Come to me again on the third day.' The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, 'My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.' So the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the Lord that he might fulfil his word, which the Lord had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, 'What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, O David.'

So Israel went away to their tents. But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah.

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Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and resided there; he went out from there and built Penuel. Then Jeroboam said to himself, 'Now the kingdom may well revert to the house of David. If this people continues to go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, the heart of this people will turn again to their master, King Rehoboam of Judah; they will kill me and return to King Rehoboam of Judah.' So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold. He said to the people, 'You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.' He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

SERMON *Seeking a Model of Leadership* 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** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (GTG #727)

***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 – Juli Salman
Musician – Em Krall	Choir Director – Jordan Jones
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Custodian - Marcus Garcia
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Peter Linder, D.R. Palmer	



OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

September fellowship time reminder:

10/8 Bonnie Trujillo

10/15 _____

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

You are invited to participate in a **potluck lunch at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 8, 2023.** The theme is "Think Fall." Please bring your favorite dish and join us upstairs after our 11:00 a.m. service.

Please note: the address given in the October newsletter for CROP Walk donations was incorrect. The correct address is:

CROP Walk Treasurer

P.O. Box 37

Las Vegas, NM

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. **Please respond to opportunities to help house the singers and musicians** (we need to house 27 adults; they each need their own bed but can share a room) and to provide breakfast for them.

The monthly **Food Depot food distribution** will be at Rodriguez Park, Friday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Judy Long at 505-429-0379.

The Class for Adults and Youth will have a make-up session face-to-face only on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 3 p.m. in the Gathering Place (East Wing). The class 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 October 11 is Chapter 9, pp. 163-181, "Go Lower."

The reading assignment for Sunday, Oct. 15 is Chapter 10, pp. 182-200, Empty to Fill.

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.

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 Lillian Hoika, Jeanette Huling and Nina Marquez Johns and Larry Johns as well as Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Penasco, NM (1881).

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

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

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