

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, March 10

8:45 a.m. – Lenten Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship
Noon – Worship Leader Training in The Gathering Place

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon meeting in upstairs classroom
6:30 p.m. – Ernie Couch and Revival Concert at First United Methodist
7:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Thursday, March 14

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal in the Gathering Place
7:00 p.m. – Time, Talent and Treasure Committee meeting via Zoom

Friday, March 15

10:00 a.m. – Jicarita Cluster meeting at First Presbyterian, Taos
4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Saturday, March 16

9:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
9:30 a.m. – FUPC Strategic Planning Meeting in Perea Hall

Sunday, March 17

8:45 a.m. – Lenten Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship
2:00 p.m. – Meadow City Academy of Music Concert in Perea Hall



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STOPS ALONG THE WAY

MEDITATION – *When we look for what's best in the person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does, so in appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred.*
--Fred Rogers

WE GATHER TOGETHER

GATHERING MUSIC *Glorify Thy Name* by Donna Adkins Choir
WELCOME Pastor Katie Palmer
MINUTE FOR MISSION Mustard Seed Recipient Vikki Gold
PRELUDE Em Krall
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Peter Linder
 *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 89 in Nan C. Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

One: I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O God!
All: **With forthright voice I will proclaim your goodness to all generations.**
One: For your abiding love rules the universe.
All: **Your faithfulness extends throughout the firmament.**
One: Your covenant from the beginning of time encompasses all who choose to walk the path of love;
All: **And to all generations that honor your Way and your Truth, will love make itself known.**

The Lord Is God (GTG #63)
God Welcomes All (GTG #399)

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*

SILENT PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

RESPONSE *Praise You*, Elizabeth Goodine Choir

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-34, 38-44

SERMON *Howdy, Neighbor!* Pastor Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE *When the Poor Ones* (GTG #762)

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 Come and Follow Me* (GTG #726)

*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 – Peter Linder Accompanist – Em Krall
 Choir Director – Jordan Jones Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford
 Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
 Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Karyl Lyne, Jeff Salman

*******OPPORTUNITIES*******

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today! **March fellowship time reminder:**

3/17 Deb Allen Reid 3/24 Carol Linder

Signup sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

Session members invite you to join them next **Saturday, March 16, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. for a Strategic Planning meeting.** We will be discerning and discussing the ways in which we need to move the church forward, given the reality of fewer church family members and, consequently, fewer financial resources.

Please note! **Our church office hours have changed.** The office is now open Mondays and Tuesdays, 9-1:30 and Thursdays from 9:00 – 1:30. The office is closed on Wednesdays and Fridays.

March Madness Deep Discussions! Poet and spiritual advisor Mark Nepo writes:
 “Unconditional love is not so much about how we receive and endure each other, as it is about the deep vow to never . . . stop bringing the flawed truth of who we are to each other.”
 We tend to be hesitant about asking the deep questions we have about our spirituality for fear we’ll be judged. This Lent, I invite you to take a risk and bring those questions to the next March Madness discussion on **March 27 at 6 p.m.**

The Lenten discussion of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass, led by Pastor Katie, continues through March 24. Class begins at 8:45 on Sunday mornings. The book is available for \$14.39 plus shipping from Amazon as well as from other online book sellers. Assigned reading for next week, March 17, is Chapter 4, “Way.”

The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will resume the Sunday after Easter (April 7) with discussion of the book *The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction* by Jamie Kreiner. A short description of the book will appear in the March newsletter. Contact Richard Lindeborg, RALindeborg@cs.com for more information.

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 Christie and Douglas Baskett, Frank and Jan Beurskens and Rod Billingsley and Karen Topping as well as First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, NM (1867).

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

March Deacon of the Month – Nina Marquez Johns – 505-426-5802

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