

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, April 7

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship with communion in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship

### Monday, April 8

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

### Wednesday, April 10

NO Coffee with Katie

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

3:00 p.m. – Joint Operating Team at Old Town Mission Community Center

6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon meeting in upstairs classroom

7:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

### Friday, April 12

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

9:30 a.m. – Mobile Food Distribution at Rodriguez Park

4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

### Saturday, April 13

9:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

### Sunday, April 14

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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1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37

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April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.



## WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE

**MEDITATION** – *There's beauty everywhere. There are amazing things happening everywhere, you just have to be able to open your eyes and witness it. Some days, that's harder than others.*

--Sarah McLachlan

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WELCOME**

Pastor Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Carol Litherland

*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** *The Gathering* by Casey J

Jordan Jones, Mar Valdez, Lena Chavez

**\*OPENING HYMNS** *Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord* (GTG #389)

*Sing a New Song unto the Lord* (GTG #276)

**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*

**UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**O God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and to one another, but we are content to live in separation.**

**You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.**

**You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.**

**Forgive us. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 1:1-14

**SERMON**

*Witness*

Pastor Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**RESPONSE**

*Go to the World (GTG #295)*

**WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**WE SEAL GOD'S WORD**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** (Please see insert)

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION:** *All Belong Here* by The Many

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* (STF #2184)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *The Blessing* by Cody Carnes & Cari Jobe

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

**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Pastor – Rev. Katie Palmer      Worship Leader – Carol Litherland

Accompanist – Jordan Jones      Musicians – Lena Chavez, Jordan Jones, Mar Valdez

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton

Tech Crew – Deb Allen-Reid, D.R. Palmer, Jeff Salman

**\*\*\*\*\*OPPORTUNITIES\*\*\*\*\***

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

4/7      Robin Carlson                      3/14      Charlotte Wootton

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

**Pastor Katie Palmer's last Sunday with us will be on Pentecost, Sunday May 19.** We will be having a celebration of her retirement on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 (or 3:00) pm. As a congregation we need to formally end our relationship with Pastor Katie. **A brief congregational meeting will be held on Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> following the worship service.** A member of the Santa Fe Presbytery Commission on Ministry will be present at the meeting and will be available to answer any questions the congregation has about next steps.

Do you like your experiences at First United Presbyterian? Are you fairly new to this faith community and want to learn more? Have you been part of this faith community for a while but, for whatever reason, have not become a member? If so, **join Pastor Katie for an Inquiry Class for Potential Membership following worship on Sunday, May 5,** to learn more about the presbyterian faith tradition and this faith community in particular. Bring your questions and your interest; we'll explore together. This class will prepare you to join the church, should you decide to move forward with membership. We'll meet for a couple of hours; lunch will be provided. If you are interested but can't attend at this time, please let Pastor Katie know.

**The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth** has begun their discussion of *The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction* by Jamie Kreiner. It's not too late to join! The hardcover book is available new from Amazon for \$15 (half price) or used for \$9.75. Used prices at dealers such as AbeBooks and Alibris are competitive (prices plus shipping). You can find a short description of the book in the April newsletter; a longer description is available from Richard Lindeborg at [RALindeborg@cs.com](mailto:RALindeborg@cs.com). Class meets at 8:45 on Sunday mornings in the Session Room (next to the kitchen).

**To give online to the church,** scan the green QR code at the right, or send your donation in via check to the church office. Thank you!



**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 Pauline Dimsey, Barbara Dorris and Kathy Franken as well as Smith Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Truchas, NM (1903).

*April Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland – 505-429-0923*

*April Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman – 505-429-0290*

*Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 – 1:30; Closed Wednesday and Friday*

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