

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, December 29

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed Fellowship in Perea Hall

Monday, December 30

7:00 a.m. – AA in upstairs classroom

6:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in The Gathering Place

Tuesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

12:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Massage Therapist in Nursery Room

6:00 p.m. – Women's AA Meeting in The Gathering Place

Wednesday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

6:00 p.m. – Al Anon meeting in The Gathering Place

Friday, January 3

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

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

7:00 p.m. – AA meeting in The Gathering Place

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37

Las Vegas, NM 87701

December 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.

MISSION AND VISION - We seek to grow in our faith, share God's love, and serve others, following the Holy Spirit that has sustained us and our ministries for over 150 years. As an inclusive and welcoming segment of the Body of Christ, we actively seek justice for all and work together to build a compassionate world where all are valued. Led by Christ and dependent on God's grace, we embrace today's challenges and live into tomorrow's opportunities.

MEDITATION

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come...Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing!" - Isaac Watts, 1719

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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

Leader: As the year ends and a new one begins, we remember that

All: The Lord is our light and our salvation,

Leader: Whom shall we fear?

All: The Lord is the at the center of our lives,

Leader: Of whom shall we be afraid?

All: Though an army encamp against us,

Leader: Though war rise up against us

All: We will be confident,

Leader: For God, the Creator God, is with us, now and always!

All: Alleluia! Let us praise God!

*OPENING HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GTG #113

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

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you've come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we humans have not welcomed the light, love and peace of Christ's presence. We usually prefer to live in the darkness of selfish, small-minded ignorance and the violence it fosters. It's easier, more profitable. We often close our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, fearing much. We sometimes intentionally forget about the life-giving power of Christ's creative Spirit within us. Its challenge is too great for us.

God of grace and truth, we ask you to increase our faith, open our minds and hearts to your Presence here, now, always. May we all receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ our Lord. We come to you now, in silence...

Leader: Amen

*Prayer for Understanding

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Sharon Vander Meer

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52

Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell

SERMON

“Jesus’ Other Father”

Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

GTG #133

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

God, thank you for our church, for the way we are called to be church to a world in need. Help us to continue to share with those in need and with each other through these gifts. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BLESSING FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL

Leader: Gracious God, source of all healing,

All: In Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken.

Leader: We bless you for this oil

All: Pressed from the fruits of the earth and given to us as a sign of healing and the fullness of life you give.

Leader: By your Spirit, we ask you to heal us all, and especially those who are anointed with this oil

All: That they may receive your healing touch and be made whole

Leader: To the glory of Christ, Emmanuel, our Redeemer. Amen

INVITATION AND ANOINTING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN**

Joy to the World

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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

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

12/29 Kent Reid and Deb Allen-Reid 1/5 _____

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

The Sunday morning Bible-based class for youth and adults will resume its discussion series of the book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr on Jan. 12.

The reading assignment for January 12 is Chapters 11 and 12, pp. 127-153.

The class is discussing the **first edition** of this book, the 2011 (hardbound or paperback edition) published by Jossey-Bass.

Classes are at 8:45 a.m. Sundays in the Session Room, next to the kitchen in Perea Hall and on Zoom on the same link as the Sunday Worship Service.

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 Ruth Hazelton, Pablo Hernandez, Lilian Hoika, and Janette Huling as well as the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, NM (1893).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell. Randy grew up in a rural area just north of Butler, Pennsylvania. He attended Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania and spent his junior year at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland.

He attended McCormick Seminary, Chicago and served congregations in Ohio, Minnesota and Arizona, taught English at a Mission School in Cameroon, Africa and was U.S. Coordinator of Companeros en Mision Presbyterian Border Ministry in Nogales, Arizona and Mexico.

He served as pastor of this church from 2007 to 2015, when he (almost) retired.

December Elder of Month: Corky Halverson, 505-235-7914

December Deacon of the Month: Juli Salman, 505-429-0290

The office is open on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. For all other times, please email or call and we will get back to you

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell	Worship Leader – Sharon Vander Meer
Pianist – Em Krall	Choir – Amy Hufnal
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
	Tech Crew – Jeff Salman, Juli Salman, Van Swan