

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 23

8:45 a.m. – Adult class in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by Lenten Luncheon

Monday, March 24

11:00 a.m. – Deacons in Session Room

Tuesday, March 25

6:15 p.m. – Personnel and Session in Session Room

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 a.m. – Coffee and Fellowship at Charlie's

6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Thursday, March 27

5:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Friday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 30

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom with Rev. Patricia Halverson followed by Lenten Luncheon

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March 23, 2025 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 - From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." - Matthew 4:17

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CHORAL INTROIT

This is My Father's World

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: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

All: let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Leader: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

All: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***OPENING HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

GTG #611

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 mercy and compassion, as we continue this journey through the season of Lent, we recall that self-examination and repentance are essential components of the season’s discipline. Forgive us, we pray, when we are quick to look for the sins of others while ignoring our own. Forgive us when our repentance is tepid and weak.

Move us to confront our sinfulness fully, and to offer genuine repentance with humility. Then grant us, in your mercy, the ability to accept and embrace the forgiveness you offer, even before we repent. We pray in the name of the one who died and rose so that the grip of sin is now and forever broken. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM *Great Gittin’ Up Mornin’* Trad. Spiritual Arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:1-9 Rev. John Guthrie

SERMON “Repentance and Second Chances” Rev. John Guthrie

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* GTG #418

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 AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* GTG #649

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

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

Join us for Lenten Luncheons in Perea Hall: after worship today! **March luncheon reminder:**
3/23 Pat and Corky Halverson, bread and soup, Nina Johns, bread and soup
3/30 Deb Allen-Reid, bread and soup, Karyl Lyne, soup, and Carol Linder, bread
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 is discussing our Lenten Study, Forgiveness, A Concept Central to Christianity today. This discussion will continue through April 13th.

The reading assignment for March 23 is: Scripture Readings: Matthew 5:43-48 and Matthew 7:1-6. Additional scriptures: Psalm 69, Psalm 94, Psalm 109, Matthew 5:21–24, Matthew 10:11-16 and the reading assignments for March 30 is: **Scripture Reading:** Luke 23:32–43. **Additional scripture:** Psalm 51, Matthew 25:31–46, Mark 14:17–30, Luke 6:20–36, Luke 19:1–9, 1 Corinthians 13 (especially verses 4–7).

To receive the readings via email, send a request to Richard Lindeborg at RALindeborg@cs.com. 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.

Favorite Hymn Project – Many requests have been received and we are now singing some of the requested hymns in our worship services. Hymn requests are still being accepted. Leave your choices on a scrap of paper in one of the labeled cylinders at the front or back of the sanctuary, or call /email the church office.

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 Bob and Carol Pearson, and Duffy Peterson, as well as the Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1889).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. John Guthrie. John is married to Nancy. They have four sons and three grandchildren. John’s first career was teaching and researching in physics at a regional university in Oklahoma. John was ordained by the PC(USA) in 2006 and has served churches in Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. He is now semi-retired. He and Nancy live in Santa Fe.

March Elder of the Month: Karyl Lyne, karyloz505@gmail.com 505-718-6475
March Deacon of the Month: Deb Allen-Reid, pethyena@gmail.com, 505-331-9125

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. John Guthrie Worship Leader – Peter Linder
Pianist – Em Krall Choir – Amy Hufnal Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Kent Reid, Karyl Lyne, Carol Linder