

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 20

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. John Guthrie and via Zoom

Tuesday, April 22

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

Wednesday, April 23

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

6:30 p.m. – Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, April 25

8:00 a.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Sunday, April 26

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

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



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April 20, 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 - If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being. 1 Corinthians 15:19-21

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CHORAL INTROIT

Alleluia He Lives!

by Joel Raney

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*

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Stone is Rolled Away

by Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118 Selected Verses)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Leader: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

GTG #232

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

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Forgive us, Lord of life, when we live as if he is still in the grave. Forgive us when we forget that love’s redeeming work is done. Forgive us when we forget the battle is won. Forgive us when we forget that he has opened to us paradise. Forgive us when we settle for half-measures in our service to him. Forgive us for lackluster trust and skewed priorities.

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:	Acts 10:34-43	Juli Salman
GOSPEL READING	John 20:1-18	Rev. John Guthrie
SERMON	“Jesus is On the Loose!”	Rev. John Guthrie

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE	<i>The Day of Resurrection</i>	GTG #233
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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	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today!</i>	GTG #245
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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! **April fellowship time reminder:**

4/20 No fellowship today: Happy Easter

4/27 Nina Johns

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 their discussion of the book *The Bible As Story: An Introduction to Biblical Literature* by Marion G. Bontrager, Michele Hershberger, and John E. Sharp on Sunday, April 27th.

The reading assignment for April 27th is Ch. 27--Parable Genre pp. 250-259.

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 –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 Jeff, Juli, Molly, Mack, Maria and Lorenzo Salman as well as the Aztec Presbyterian Church, Aztec, 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.

April Elder of the Month: Brett Gilland, brett.m.gilland@gmail.com, 505-429-3467

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. John Guthrie	Worship Leader – Juli Salman
Pianist – Em Krall	Choir – Amy Hufnal
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew –	