

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 27

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

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

Monday, April 28

11 a.m. – Deacons in the Session Room

Wednesday, April 30

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

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

Friday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 4

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Pastor Patricia Halverson and via Zoom followed by Fellowship



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April 27, 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 - Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

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 (based on Psalm 118: 19-24, 29

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

All: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

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

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

Leader: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

***OPENING HYMN**

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

GTG #266

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 *From Call to Worship Year C Volume 37.1 page 150*

Almighty God, we acknowledge that we belong to you, and that you hold the keys of death and life. Yet we have sought to preserve old ways of living, rather than embracing the new life you have given us. We have disbelieved your good news, even when its signs are all around us. Forgive our refusal to trust you. Set us free by your Spirit from the fear that binds us in unbelief. Fill us with the new life in Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts.5:27-32 Judi Ruprecht

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31 Rev. Sara Armstrong (HR)

SERMON “Blessed Unbelief” Rev. Sara Armstrong (HR)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE *Thine is the Glory* GTG #238

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** *May We Behold You* GTG #817

***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/May fellowship time reminder:**
 4/27 – Nina Johns 5/4 - Bonnie Trujillo
 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 continuing our discussion of *The Bible As Story: An Introduction to Biblical Literature* by Marion G. Bontrager, Michele Hershberger, and John E. Sharp

The reading assignment for April 27 is Ch. 27--Parable Genre pp. 250-259 and the reading assignment for May 4 is Ch. 28--Epistle Genre pp. 260-267

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.

Thank you to the Little Flower Shop and Pam's Flowers for their generous donation of the flowers we used to adorn our Easter Cross.

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 Trudi Samuelson, Shirley Sandoval, and Mary Schipper and Tom Trigg, as well as the First Presbyterian Church of Belen, Belen, NM (1964).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. Sara Armstrong (HR). Sara is joyfully retired after 34 years as a pastor. Those years included pastoring five churches in New Mexico and Colorado and ten years sharing a Mission Co-Worker position in Peru with her husband, Rusty Edmondson. These days she serves on boards in Peru and New Mexico, kayaks, gardens, works with the Presbytery and forms new friendships in her chosen retirement town of Raton, New Mexico.

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

April Deacon of the Month: Nina Johns, ninamjohns@gmail.com, 505-426-5802

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Sara Armstrong (HR) Worship Leader – Judi Ruprecht
Pianist – Em Krall Choir – Amy Hufnal Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Deb Allen-Reid, Jeff Salman, Karyl Lyne