

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 6

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. John Guthrie and via Zoom followed by Lenten Luncheon
11:30 a.m. – Mission and Peacemaking in Session Room

Wednesday, April 9

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship at Charlie's
4:00 p.m. – JOT at OTM

Friday, April 11

8:00 a.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team
9:00 a.m. – Food Distribution at Rodriguiz Park

Sunday, April 13

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. David Crowley and via Zoom followed by Lenten Luncheon



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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 - Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:9-11

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 (Psalm 126)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Leader: then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the desert. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*OPENING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

GTG #610

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 boundless compassion, forgive us when we allow pride to drive our thinking and our doing. Forgive us when we are sure of ourselves, having neglected compassion. Forgive us when we fail to love others as we love ourselves. Forgive us when we prize anything above Christ: his way and his call and his presence. Forgive us when we fail to persevere for him through adversity and hardship. Grant us the wisdom to know ourselves, our faults, our failures. Grant us through your Spirit the willingness to be humble before others, to serve without need for reward. Grant us the capacity to find our value in Christ and in nothing else. We pray in his name. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD		
CHORAL ANTHEM	God’s Mercy Endures Forever	Handel/ Hal Hopson
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:	Philippians 3:4b-14	Brett Gilland
GOSPEL READING	John 12:1-8	Rev. John Guthrie
SERMON	“The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ”	Rev. John Guthrie
WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD		
RESPONSE	Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee	GTG #629

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

CHORAL COMMUNION HYMN: Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

INVITATION

RESPONSIVE LITURGY

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Leader: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them up to the Lord
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME		
*CLOSING HYMN	Fairest Lord Jesus	GTG #630

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

*****OPPORTUNITIES*****

Join us for Lenten Luncheon in Perea Hall: after worship today! April fellowship time reminder:
4/6 The Crotos and Brett Gilland, soup, Karyl Lyne, bread
4/13 Kevin Johnson, soup Bonnie Trujillo, 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 April 6 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) and the reading assignment for April 13 is: **Scripture Reading:** Luke 7:36–47. **Additional scripture:** Leviticus 6:1–7, Numbers 5:5–7, Mark 2:1–12, Mark 2:14 Luke 5:27–28, Luke 17:3–4, John 8:1–11, Romans 2:4 and 5:7–8.

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 Sharon and Ed Roe, Perla and Tony Romero, and Judi Ruprecht, as well as St. Andrew Valley Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1959).

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

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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<u>Assisting in Worship This Week</u>		
Preacher – Rev. John Guthrie		Worship Leader – Brett Gilland
Pianist – Em Krall	Choir – Amy Hufnal	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Karyl Lyne, Peter Linder, Kent Reid		