

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, May 18

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with John Gutrhie and via Zoom followed by a Potluck.

12:30 p.m. – Know Your Rights presentation by the New Mexico Dream Team

Monday, May 19

11 a.m. – Deacons in the Session Room

Wednesday, May 20

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

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

Friday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 22

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

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



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May 18, 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 - There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CHORAL INTROIT

Lord, We Have Come

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 148, Selected Verses

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Leader: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

GTG #32

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 whose love consistently surprises, we confess that we sometimes try to limit the bounds of those who are embraced in that love. Because we are most comfortable with those who are like us, we are reluctant to recognize and welcome those who are different. We acknowledge this inclination, and we recognize it as sin.

Forgive us, we pray. Remind us daily of the example set by your Son, who kept company with those who were rejected by the polite society of his day. Forgive us when we exclude and reject those who are different from us, and teach us instead the radical inclusion we find in the words and actions of your risen Son. We pray in his name. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM	African Psalm	by Patrick Liebergen
<small>by</small> PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Revelation 21:1-6	Maria Weinrich
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 11:1-18	Rev. John Guthrie
SERMON	“Make No Distinction!”	Rev. John Guthrie

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE	<i>Thine is the Glory</i>	GTG #238
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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>Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (vss. 2-4)</i>	GTG #234
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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

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

Join us for Potluck Luncheon in Perea Hall: after worship today! **May fellowship time reminder:**
5/18 Potluck 5/26 Nina Johns

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

Know Your Rights – 12:30 today, the New Mexico Dream Team will present a workshop called Know Your Rights. This workshop provides information to churches about how to handle a situation where ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents come to a church looking for people.

The Sunday morning Bible-based class for youth and adults is discussing the book *Worship in the Early Church* by Justo L. González and Catherine Gunsalus González, published by Westminster John Knox Press (WJK), the academic and trade imprint of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC). The reading assignment for May 18 is Baptism: Ch. 5, pp. 65-80 and Ch. 9, pp. 129-154. **There is no class on Sunday, May 25th.** 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 Gay Veit, Jane Warsaw and Willy Ryan as well as the Cuba Presbyterian Church, Cuba, NM (1889).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. John Guthrie. John is married to Nancy, and they have four sons and three grandchildren. John served on the physics faculty at a regional university in Oklahoma for several years before pursuing the call to ordained ministry. He 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.

May Elder of the Month: Corky Halverson, ckh5@me.com, 505-235-7914

May Deacon of the Month: Bonnie Trujillo, bonnie@rezio.net, 505-617-0459

Our office hours on Tuesday have been temporarily suspended; however, it is easy to reach us. You may call and leave a message at 505-425-7763 or email us at fupcnm@gmail.com. Phone and email messages are being picked up throughout each day, 7 days a week.

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Assisting in Worship This Week

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