

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, July 13

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Pastor Siobhan O'Connell-Croto and via Zoom followed by Fellowship

Friday, July 18

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

4:00 p.m. – Mark Adams Presentation: Frontera de Cristo (with pot luck) in Perea Hall

Sunday, July 20

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with John Guthrie and via Zoom followed by the Congregational Meeting and Fellowship



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July 13, 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 - The writer of Ecclesiastes emphasizes the many seasons of our lives, seasons that we live out very differently, but seasons we all must go through. There is a time and a purpose for everything—and the time and purpose are always known by the Lord—and not by us at least, not while we are going through these times and seasons. We don't have control over all these things—certainly not when we are born or when we die. God leads us to plant and keep on planting. We are called to sow seeds throughout our lives and trust God for the harvest.

Pastor Karen Crawford

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

Leader: Let us be still for a moment as we draw near to worship God...

All: Take just a few seconds to remind ourselves why we gather together today...

Leader: Listen, God speaks even through the background noise of the world around us...Lord God, in this short time together, open our ears and our eyes to see your vision for this place and our part within it.

Teach us, hear our prayers and enable us for service wherever you might take us, to your praise and glory. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

GTG #220

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING:

Esther 4:1-17

Robin Carlson

GOSPEL READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Pastor Siobhan O’Connell-Croto

SERMON

“Time for Every Purpose”

Pastor Siobhan O’Connell-Croto

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE

*To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under heaven*

*A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep*

*To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose, under heaven*

*A time to build up, a time to break down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones
A time to gather stones together*

*To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under heaven*

*A time of love, a time of hate
A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace
A time to refrain from embracing*

*To everything, turn, turn, turn
There is a season, turn, turn, turn
And a time to every purpose under heaven*

*A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to mend, a time to sew
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late*

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

God, thank you for Christ’s 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 After each prayer please say, **We Praise You, O God**

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN**

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

GTG #42

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

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

Join us for Fellowship Luncheon in Perea Hall: after worship today! **July fellowship time reminder:**

7/13 Murl Baker

7/20 _____

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

Congregational Meeting: Please join us on July 20th for an important Congregational Meeting which will be held immediately after the service.

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 assignments are:

July 13-Times, Places, and Practices: Ch. 4, pp. 59-64 and Ch. 11, pp. 167-190

July 20 - Times, Places, and Practices: Ch.16, pp. 243-254 and Ch.17 pp. 267-270 Plus Epilogue, Ch. 18, pp. 271-282.

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.

Mark Adams Presentation: Frontera de Cristo, July 18 @ 4 pm. Mark Adams and a group of 8 to 12 people from Fontera de Cristo will be passing through Las Vegas on Friday, July 18. We will have a pot luck dinner after which Mark’s group will present a program of current information on the situation at the Douglas/Agua Prieta border. We need host families willing to allow members from this group to stay overnight in their homes. Please reach out to Carol Litherland (ctlitherland@nmhu.edu, 505-429-0923) if you are able to host a member of Fontera de Cristo.

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 Rod Billingsley and Karen Topping, and Renee, Peter, and Alastair Buchanan, as well as Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1955).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Pastor Siobhan O’Connell-Croto. Pastor Siobhan O’Connell-Croto grew up at FUPC, where she and her husband Jim, led the youth group she once belonged to. FUPC also supported her pursuit of ministry. A member of Los Mensajeros, local group of Commissioned Pastors, she did chaplaincy at Alta Vista Regional Hospital and served as Commissioned Pastor for First Presbyterian Church Raton for four years. She, Jim, and son Sean live in Las Vegas.

July Elder of the Month: Carol Litherland, ctlitherland@nmhu.edu, 505-429-0923

July Deacon of the Month: Van Swan, gvslswan@gmail.com, 505-426-4348

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 – Pastor Siobhan O’Connell-Croto Worship Leader – Robin Carlson
Pianist – Ron Maltais Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Kent Reid, Deb Allen-Reid, Jim Croto