

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 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

Tuesday, July 22

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

Friday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 27

8:45 a.m. – Adult class in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. Sara Armstrongl and via Zoom
followed by Fellowship



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FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 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 - With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.
Ephesians 1:8-10

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION El Valle Community Center Geri Madrid

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 52:8-9

Leader: I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
All: I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
Leader: I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.
All: In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

***OPENING HYMN** To God Be the Glory GTG #634

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 who created the cosmos, who alone rules over it and nurtures it, the Scriptures nevertheless remind us that the people you created for your own continuously chose to chase after idols made of wood and stone and metal. We who are also your people no longer worship these not-gods, but we have substituted idols like security, influence, money, pleasure, distraction, and fame. These not-gods are less substantial than the ones of old, but no less perilous to our well-being and standing before you.

Forgive us, we pray, for our unfaithfulness. Through your Holy Spirit, draw us again to you and remind us continuously that there is only one God, only One who is due our praise and adoration, only One who deserves our complete dedication and allegiance. We pray in the name of your Son, in whom your fullness is pleased to dwell. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Amos 8:7-12	Pastor Patricia Halverson
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Colossians 1:15-28	Rev. John Guthrie
SERMON	“In Him the Fullness of God Was Pleased to Dwell”	Rev. John Guthrie

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!</i>	GTG #263
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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

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	GTG #268
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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! **July fellowship time reminder:**
7/20 Carol Linder 7/27 Carol Litherland
Sign-up sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

Congregational Meeting: Please join us after today’s service for our Congregational Meeting.

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

On July 27, we will begin discussing the book *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*, by Pope Francis. This paperback book is available new from the publisher for \$17, new from Amazon for \$10.59 or used from \$5.58, from Alibris from \$.99 and from AbeBooks from \$3.73, all plus shipping. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy sent directly to you from Amazon with no shipping charge.

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.

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 George and Elizabeth Bunch and Randy Campbell well as the First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1880).

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 a 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.

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 – Rev. John Guthrie	Worship Leader – Pastor Patricia Halverson
Pianist – Ron Maltais	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Peter Linder, Kent Reid, Deb Allen-Reid	