

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, August 17**

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rod Billingsley and via Zoom

**Friday, August 22**

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

**Sunday, August 24**

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

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



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August 17, 2025

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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** - Father, You chose time and place of our birth. When we walked away, You called us back home. Those times we were full of fear, You reminded us that you are always near. Today grant a vision of your abiding presence, providence and grace in our lives

**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: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

**All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand...then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

**All: Restore us O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*God of the Sparrow*

GTG #22

**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**

**Dear God, we remember several lines from an old song. “You know when we’re sleeping, You know when we’re awake. You know if we’ve been bad or good, so be good for goodness sake.” We really can’t pretend. Sometimes we’re bad. We hurt others and ourselves. Help us as we seek reconciliation with others and You. Amen**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Jeremiah 23: 23-29	Peter Linder
<b>SECOND SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2	Rod Billingsley
<b>SERMON</b>	“Where is the Finish Line?”	Rod Billingsley

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

<b>RESPONSE</b>	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	GTG #450
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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**

<b>*CLOSING HYMN</b>	<i>I am the Lord of Sea &amp; Sky</i>	GTG #69
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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! **August fellowship time reminder:**  
8/17 Murl Baker and Sean Croto                      8/24 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 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. The reading assignment for August 17 is A Time to Act, pp. 97-133 and the reading assignment for August 24 is Epilogue, pp. 135- 140.

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 Kathy Franken, Bud, Rebecca, Harper, and Rory Geng as well as the Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1947).

**Kind House Ukraine Bakery (KHUB)** - Join us at noon on August 17<sup>th</sup> in Room #322 of NMHU Student Union building when Glenda Moore will be speaking about KHUB and the work they do to support the Ukrainian people during these trying times.

**Joining us today in the pulpit is Rod Billingsley** – Rod is a former member of the Las Vegas FUPC and currently preaches two Sundays each month at the Mora FUPC. He is married to another former member Karen Topping.

**August Elder of the Month:** Brett Gilland, [brett.m.gilland@gmail.com](mailto:brett.m.gilland@gmail.com), 505-429-3467  
**August Deacon of the Month:** Murl Baker, [murlbaker2@gmail.com](mailto:murlbaker2@gmail.com), 505-429-0670

*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](mailto: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 – Rod Billingsley	Worship Leader – Peter Linder
Pianist – Em Krall	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Deb Allen-Reid, Van Swan, Kent Reid	