

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 24

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Ruling Elder John Sitler and via Zoom

Monday, August 25

11:00 a.m. – Deacons in the Session Room

Tuesday, August 26

6:15 p.m. - Personnel in the Session Room

7:00 p.m. - Session in the Session Room

Friday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 24

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell and via Zoom followed by Fellowship



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August 24, 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 - Bless all who enter this sanctuary in search and in need; all who bring to this place the offering of their hearts. May our worship here lead us to fulfill our words and our hopes with acts of kindness, peace, and love.

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: In you, O LORD, we take refuge, let us never be put to shame.

All: Be to us a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to keep us safe.

Leader: You are our hope, our confidence since our youth.

All: Let our mouths be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.

***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

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Van Swan
GOSPEL READING	Luke 13:10-17	Ruling Elder John Sitler
SERMON	“Standing Up Straight”	Ruling Elder John Sitler

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE	<i>We Come to You for Healing, Lord</i>	GTG #796
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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>Standing on the Promises</i>	GTG #838
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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:**

8/24 Bonnie Trujillo 8/31 ?

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 24 is Epilogue, pp. 135- 140.

There is no class on August 31 as it is the Labor Day Holiday.

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 Melissa Gilbert, Erin, Brett Delilah, Athena, and Soledad Gilland as well as the Sandia Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1990).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Ruling Elder John Sitler – John has taught religious studies at Menaul School in Albuquerque since 1997 and served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Santa Fe. He is inspired by his students and enriched by his experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Africa. An amateur singer, he enjoys singing with Quintessence and the Immanuel Albuquerque church choir.

August Elder of the Month: Brett Gilland, brett.m.gilland@gmail.com, 505-429-3467

August Deacon of the Month: Murl Baker, 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. 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 – Ruling Elder John Sitler	Worship Leader – Van Swan
Pianist – Em Krall	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Julie Salman, Jeff Salman, Jim Croto	