

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 31

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

Wednesday, September 3

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

Friday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 7

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

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Pastor Patricia Halverson and via Zoom followed by Fellowship



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37

Las Vegas, NM 87701

August 31, 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 fire of God, his essential being, his love, is a fire unlike its earthly symbol in this, that it is only at a distance it burns – that the farther from him, it burns the worse...and when we turn and...approach him, the burning begins to change to comfort.” - From Creation in Christ by George MacDonald

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 (Based on the Book of Common Worship, p. 587)

Leader: Let us worship the gracious Creator God, revealed by Jesus Christ.
All: O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great and wonderful are your deeds.
Leader: They surpass human understanding.
All: Your ways are just and true, O Sovereign of all the ages.
Leader: Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your name?
All: You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship in your presence.
Leader: Let us worship the gracious Creator God, revealed by Jesus Christ.

*OPENING HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

GTG #331

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

Creator God, you sent Jesus, your love in human form, to reveal your boundless love for all people. Yet violent humans crucified him because he accepted, healed and fed poor outcasts, teaching that your love is gracious and free to all who trust you. Sometimes humans still turn from your Truth, preferring to live in darkness and hatred, vengeance and violence. Yet you call us to be your witnesses, followers of Christ. Help us to answer your call, live in the light and peace of your Presence, even if it means facing the fire of human anger and pain of division, as Jesus did. Strengthen us to be your people as we come to you now, in silence... *(Time for silent prayer or meditation)* Amen.

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<u>WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD</u>		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 40:27-41	Richard Lindeborg
GOSPEL READING	Luke 12:49-56	Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell
SERMON	“Why Was Jesus Stressed?	Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell
INSTALLATION OF ELDERS		
HYMN AFTER INSTALLATION	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	GTG #307

<u>WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD</u>		
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		
A HEALING SERVICE		
HYMN	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	GTG #834
THE LORD’S PRAYER		

<u>WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME</u>		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>This Is My Song</i>	GTG #340
*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/September fellowship time reminder: 8/31 Nina Marquez Johns 9/7 Bonnie Trujillo		
Sign-up sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.		
The Sunday Morning Class for Youth and Adults		
<u>There is no class this Sunday, August 31 as it is the Labor Day Holiday.</u>		
On September 7 th , the class will begin discussing the book <i>We Are Called to Be a Movement</i> by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. The reading assignments are included in the announcement of the series previously emailed to the congregation. They are also available from Richard.		
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.		
Potluck Lunch Invitation —The Deacons will host a potluck lunch on September 14, after the regular worship service. We will set up and clean up. You will bring a favorite salad, covered dish, or dessert. We will have a fun time! Repeat: we will all have a fun time.		
Invite a friend or neighbor. Anybody out there who needs a ride? Call a Deacon! You are invited! We want you to be there!		
Your Deacons: Bonnie Trujillo (Chair), Juli Salman, Nina Johns, Van Swan, and Murl Baker.		
FUPC CHOIR - Come Sing With Us!		
The FUPC Choir, under the direction of Amy Hufnal, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in Perea Hall. ALL SINGERS ARE WELCOME!! If you've never sung with us, but would like to join, please send an email to fupcnm@gmail.com , or call the office at 505-425-7763, or come join a rehearsal		
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 Mark Gillingham and Beth Urich and Chelsea Gutierrez as well as the Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1889).		
Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell – Randy grew up in a rural area just north of Butler, Pennsylvania. He attended Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania and spent his junior year at New College, Edinburgh, Scotland.		
He attended McCormick Seminary, Chicago and served congregations in Ohio, Minnesota and Arizona, taught English at a Mission School in Cameroon, Africa and was U.S. Coordinator of Companeros en Mision Presbyterian Border Ministry in Nogales, Arizona and Mexico.		
He served as pastor of this church from 2007 to 2015, when he (almost) retired.		
August Elder of the Month: Brett M. Gilland, brett.m.gilland@gmail.com , 505-429-3467		
August Deacon of the Month: Murl Baker, murlbaker2@gmail.com , 505-429-0670		
<i>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.</i>		
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<u>Assisting in Worship This Week</u>		
Preacher – Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell	Worship Leader – Richard Lindeborg	
Pianist – Em Krall	Bulletin – EJ Nelson	
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
	Tech Crew – Van Swan, Kent Reid, Karyl Lyne	