

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, September 21

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. Hannah Scanlonand via Zoom

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

1:00 p.m. – PNC in the Session Room
6:15 p.m. - Personnel in the Session Room
7:00 p.m. - Session in the Session Room

Wednesday, September 24

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

Friday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 28

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. San Williams and via Zoom followed by Fellowship



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1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37
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September 21, 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 - “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his book Strength to Love (1963)

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: May we feel the freedom to love – to love God and to love one another.
ALL: Feeling this freedom, may we resist the temptation to be enslaved to hate, violence and fear.
Leader: May God give us the courage to respond to cruel actions and hateful words with love.
ALL: May we be free to love.
Leader: May our words and our actions speak love into a loveless world.
ALL: May we be free to love.
Leader: May we feel the freedom to love – to love God and to love one another.

*OPENING HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling GTG #366

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

We thank you, God of love, for the good things we have managed to accomplish, the temptations we recognized and overcome, and for the wrongs, small or large, for which we have been able to make restitution. It is good to know we have not always been foolish nor rebellious sinners.

Yet we have not lived, most holy Friend, with the glory you intended for us. We have not even lived up to our own meagre expectations. We fail you, we fail those around us, and we disappoint ourselves.

As you have graciously done in the past, look now upon our patchy lives and work that miracle of grace which is beyond human endeavour. Pity our folly and failure, forgive our sins; both the sins we see and the ones to which we are blind. Save us from the chronic perversity in our nature and bring us to your peace.

Thank you, loving God. We are grateful that humanity continues to be your project. Our brokenness is brought together by your almighty tenderness, our wounds are dressed by your steady fingers, our foolish moves are countered by your long sighted strategies, and our small stock of faith is tended by your patience.

Wonderful is your saving love! Through Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Amen!
Prayer from: “Brief Prayers for Busy People” by Bruce D Prewer

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalms 14:1-7	Kent Reid
SCRIPTURE READING	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Kent Reid
SERMON	“Free to Love”	Rev. Hannah Scanlon

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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	All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name	GTG #263
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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! September fellowship time reminder:
9/21 Murl Baker 9/28 Juli Salman
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 *We Are Called to Be a Movement* by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II.

The reading assignments for September 21 are pp. 18-24 (Top); Exodus 3; 1 Samuel 17: 1-49; Judges 4; Luke 2:1-20. Chosen ones—Moses, David, Jael, Shepherds
Isaiah 10:1-4; Ezekiel 22:23-31, Jeremiah 22:1-8, Matthew 25:14-30
Lawmakers and governments

The reading assignments for September 28 are pp. 24 (bottom) – 54 (top)
The USA’s rejected stones.
Advocates

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.

FUPC Choir - Come Sing With Us!
The FUPC Choir, under the direction of Amy Hufnal, rehearses on Wednesdays 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

Communion by Intinction – Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. To receive the elements, please form two lines. There will be three servers, two for the bread and the preacher of the day for the wine. Take a piece of bread, trying not to touch or disturb nearby pieces of bread. Touch the bread into the wine. Just wet the tip of the bread! Do not let your fingers or fingernails dip into the wine! Turn to the right or left and return to your seat, eating the bread and wine on your way back. If you need to wipe your hands, there are boxes of Kleenex on the window sills.

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 Nina and Larry Johns, and Bryan Johnson as well as the United Church of Angel Fire, Angel Fire, NM (1996)

Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. Hannah Scanlon– Rev. Hannah Scanlon is the school Chaplain of Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is one of the two remaining PCUSA secondary schools in the country! She was ordained and installed at Menaul in 2022, which is also when she moved to New Mexico. She holds a B.A. in Philosophy from Calvin College, an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and is now a Ph.D. candidate in Theology at the University of Toronto. She delights in preaching in chapel, teaching religion classes and coaching the cross-country team. When she isn’t working, Scanlon enjoys running, cooking delicious vegan food, and gardening.

September Elder of the Month: Brett Gilland, brett.m.gilland@gmail.com, 505-429-3467
September 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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<u>Assisting in Worship This Week</u>		
Preacher – Rev. Hannah Scanlon		Worship Leader – Kent Reid
Pianist – Em Krall	Choir Director – Amy Hufnal	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Peter Linder, Debra Allen-Reid		