

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 7

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

Wednesday, September 10

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

Friday, September 12

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

9:00 a.m. – Food Distribution at Rodriguez Park

Sunday, September 14

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

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



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37

Las Vegas, NM 87701

September 7, 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 man who lives from God’s breath can recognize with joy that the same breath sinks into the lungs of his fellowman and that they are both drawing from the same source. At this mutual realization, the fear of another disappears, a smile comes to the lips, the weapons fall, and one hand reaches out for the other. “
Henri J.M. Nouwen, With Open Hands

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: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Now is God's time.

All: Here in this house He gathers us in warmth and light.

Leader: Now is God's time

All: Here by His word He shall lead us rightly and help us believe.

Leader: Now is God's time

All: Here we will pray and sing and receive what God has to give.

*OPENING HYMN

Open my Eyes that I may See

GTG #451

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 and loving God

We are your stiff-necked people. We grumble about your grace to others. We forget to seek your advice. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as the ones who were lost and have been found. Amen

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<u>WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD</u>		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 1	Cordell Halverson
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Deuteronomy 29: 1-6, 30:11-20	Pastor Patricia Halverson
SERMON		Pastor Patricia Halverson

<u>WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD</u>		
REPOSE	<i>Faith Begins by Letting Go</i>	GTG #684

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

INVITATION

RESPONSIVE LITURGY	This is the Lord’s Table and all are welcome!
Leader: The Lord be with you People: And also with you Leader: Lift up your hearts People: We lift them up to the Lord Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord People: It is right to give our thanks and praise	

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
All: We praise you, O God.
Leader: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
All: We praise you, O God.
Leader: We give you thanks for your dear son at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
All: We praise you, O God

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	Cordell Halverson
WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP (Communion will be by intinction.)	
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION	Pastor Patricia Halverson

<u>WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME</u>		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Lead me, Guide me</i>	GTG #740

***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:**
9/7 Bonnie Trujillo 9/14 Potluck!

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 - On Sunday, September 7th, the Sunday Morning Class for Youth and Adults will begin discussing the book *We Are Called to Be a Movement* by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II.

On September 7th there will be a Class Announcement and an overview of author and sermon and the reading assignments for September 14th is pp. 3–18, Psalm 118, Luke 4. Those who have been rejected.

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, rehearse 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 Cordell and Patricia Halverson, and Ruth Hazelton as well as the Shepard of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1969).

Joining us today in the pulpit is Pastor Patricia Halverson – Patricia Halverson is a retired, ordained ELCA Lutheran pastor. In 1997 the Presbyterian Church USA and the ELCA became full communion partners, and fully accepting each others’ ministers.

My husband and I have lived in Las Vegas for over 50 years, have 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. Family is our joy.

September Elder of the Month: Cordell Halverson, ckh5@me.com, 505-235-7914
September Deacon of the Month: Juli Salman, juli@nm360.com, 505-429-0290

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 – Pastor Patricia Halverson		Worship Leader – Cordell Halverson
Pianist – Em Krall	Choral Director-Amy Hufnal	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Van Swan, Jeff Salman, Debra Allen Reid		