

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 14

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom  
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. John Guthrieand via Zoom  
followed by a Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday, September 17

6:30 p.m. – Choir in Perea Hall

Friday, September 19

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

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 Scanlon and via Zoom  
followed by Fellowship



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September 14, 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** - For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:22-25

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

*Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*

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 Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**All: It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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

Holy One, we confess that we do not understand sin. We do not understand our own sin. We do not understand the sin of our culture. The Apostle Paul wrote that he can will to do what is right, but cannot, after all, do it. He does not do the good he wants to do, but rather does the evil he does not want to do. We acknowledge that Paul’s experience is also ours.

Forgive us, we pray, our sin and the sin of the culture in which we live, which often draws us in and entraps us. We find deep comfort in the knowledge that you search for and find us when we are lost, separated from you in our sin. Thank you, Mighty One, God of Mercy. Amen.

	<u>WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD</u>	
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>Gloria Deo</i>	Mary Lynn Lightfoot

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Maria Weinrich
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GOSPEL READING	Luke 15:1-10	Rev. John Guthrie
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SERMON	“Joy in the Presence of the Angels”	Rev. John Guthrie
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	<u>WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD</u>	
RESPONSE	<i>Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound</i>	GTG #649

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

	<u>WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME</u>	
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!</i>	GTG #263

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	*Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.
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\*\*\*\*\*OPPORTUNITIES\*\*\*\*\*

Join us for Fellowship in Perea Hall: after worship today! September fellowship time reminder: 9/14 Potluck! 9/21 Murl Baker  
Sign-up sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

**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, Maria Weinrich, and Murl Baker.

**Peace and Global Mission Offerring** – The Peace and Global Mission Offering supports peacemaking and reconciliation both locally and around the globe. Consider contributing to this offering by using one of the special envelopes in the pews or by selecting the donate button on our website [www.lvpresbyterian.org](http://www.lvpresbyterian.org).

**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 14th are pp. 3–18, Psalm 118, Luke 4. Those who have been rejected. 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.

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.

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**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](mailto: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 Pablo Hernandez, Lillian Hoika, and Jeanette Huling as well as St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1959).

**Joining us today in the pulpit is Rev. John Guthrie**– John is married to Nancy, and they have four sons and three grandchildren. John served on the physics faculty at a regional university in Oklahoma for several years before pursuing the call to ordained ministry. He was ordained by the PC(USA) in 2006 and has served churches in Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. He is now semi-retired. He and Nancy live in Santa Fe.

**September Elder of the Month:** Cordell Halverson, [ckh5@me.com](mailto:ckh5@me.com), 505-235-7914  
**September Deacon of the Month:** Juli Salman, [juli@nm360.com](mailto: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](mailto:fupcnm@gmail.com). Phone and email messages are being picked up throughout each day, 7 days a week.*

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<b><u>Assisting in Worship This Week</u></b>			
Preacher – Rev. John Guthrie		Worship Leader – Maria Weinrich	
Pianist – Em Krall	Choir – Amy Hufnal	Bulletin – EJ Nelson	
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton		
Tech Crew – Julie Salman, Jeff Salman, Jim Croto			