

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, October 19

8:45 a.m. – Adult class in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. Jeff Hopson and via Zoom
Followed by Fellowship

Tuesday, October 21

1:00 p.m. – PNC meeting in the Session Room

Wednesday, October 22

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

Friday, October 24

4:00 a.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Sunday, October 26

8:45 a.m. – Adult class in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell and via Zoom
followed by Fellowship



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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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CHORAL INTROIT *Deep Peace* *Benjamin Harlan*

WELCOME

***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.*

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L – Yea, we walk through valleys of giants.
P – But we will fear not our adversaries.
L – We come to worship God; there is no other!
All – We will worship and bow down to our God alone; we will rise up and be more than conquerors.

***OPENING HYMN** *Lord of the Dance* GTG #157

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

L -Lord, just like David faced the giant Goliath, we stand before you today. We confess that we have been afraid when facing our own 'Goliaths' – the challenges of discouragement, fear, and doubt that stand before us.
P - We admit our own fault has sometimes given these giants power in life. We have failed to trust fully in Your strength and power, allowing fear to paralyze instead of stepping out in faith, as David did.
All - We ask for Your forgiveness.
L - Wash me clean with Your precious blood, and help me to see my challenges as opportunities for You to reveal Your strength within me.
P – Remind us You are greater than any giant that stands against us.
All - Give us the courage to trust in Your power, to stand firm in faith, and to remember that the battle belongs to the Just. Help us overcome the giants in our life, for You are faithful to see us through to triumph.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

<u>WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD</u>		
SCRIPTURE READING	1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49	
CHORAL ANTHEM	<i>Gonna Sit Down</i>	Trad. Spiritual
SERMON	Giants In Your Way	

<u>WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD</u>		
RESPONSE	<i>Open My Eyes that I May See</i>	GTG #451

CALL FOR OFFERING
There are many, many ways to give to God. Monetary offerings, time and talents. Putting our shoulders to the wheel. When we pour together what God has given us, we can move mountains in God’s will.

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION- (a unison prayer)
Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts, given from Heaven above. Take and use our offering...evidence of our love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

<u>WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME</u>		
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>Go to the World</i>	GTG #295

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

MEDITATON:
"When your faith is challenged, remember that you stand on the Rock of Jesus Christ. His Word is a firm place to stand. He does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17). He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Dig your heels in and trust the One who is beneath you. Jennifer Yates

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

*****OPPORTUNITIES*****	
Join us for Fellowship in Perea Hall: after worship today! October fellowship time reminder: 10/19 Pat and Corky Halverson	10/26 Van Swan

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 *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Rev Nadia Bolz-Weber. You’ll find information on ordering this book along with the reading assignments in the recent emails announcing this course and in the hand-out on the table in the Narthex.

The reading assignments for Oct 19 are Chapters 3-5, pp. 22-49 and the reading assignments for Oct 26 are Chapters 6-9, pp. 53-79.

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 Carol, Ken, Christina, and Niky Litherland well as the Aztec Presbyterian Church, Aztec, NM (1889).

October Elder of the Month: Carol Linder, carollinder@msn.com , 505-429-2139
October Deacon of the Month: Van Swan, gvslswan@gmail.com , 505-426-4348

Our office hours are on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. If you need to reach us outside of office hours, you may call and leave a message at 505-425-7763 or email us at fupcnm@gmail.com. You may contact our Transitional Pastor, Rev. Jeff Hopson at 610 425 2920 (cell) or via email at HJeffHopson@gmail.com.

<i>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. Jeff Hopson		Worship Leader – Robin Carlson
Pianist – Em Krall	Choral Director-Amy Hufnal	Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Peter Linder, Jeff Salman, Debra Allen-Reid		