



We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. You are invited to participate in the service to the degree you are comfortable. Please write your name and address on the friendship pad when it is passed and gather for a time of friendship and refreshment in Perea Hall following worship. A church Elder will be at the communion table after worship to answer any questions you may have about membership or the church.

Progressive Dinner February 29, 4:30 p.m. - Come one, come all. We will start at Halversons' home for appetizers, then move to Perea Hall for main course, and end up at Palmers' home for dessert. Please sign up to bring part of the meal and plan to share a fun evening. Maps will be provided. See Lisa Weinstein to sign up.

Lent Sunday Class - During Lent the Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will discuss the novel *Saint Maybe* (1991) by Ann Tyler in sessions led by Pastor Katie Palmer. Books are available in the Church Office and from Richard Lindeborg. Classes are at 9:30 Sunday Mornings in the East Wing, right after the Jump Start Breakfast in Perea (Fellowship) Hall. The reading assignment for March 1 is Chapter 1--The Airmail Bowling Ball

Bible-based Class--The reading assignment for the February 23 class is Chapter 14, "Why Don't You Just Be Yourself? The Doctrine of Sin," starting on p. 270 of the book "Christian Doctrine" by Shirley Guthrie.

Lenten Lunches - We will again observe each Sunday in Lent with a Soup and Bread Lunch, starting March 1. There are signup sheets in Perea Hall. Please consider donating the money you might have spent on lunch to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Samaritan House Food Donations – February – Pasta and Sauce

Fellowship Snack Schedule: February 23 - Carol Linder

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Gordy Thatcher, Karen Topping and Tom Trigg as well as the Smith Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Truchas NM (1903). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Monday, February 17

Presidents' Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 18

7:30 a.m. – Community Life – Charlie's

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie – Charlie's

Wednesday, February 19

6:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal

Saturday, February 22

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting
La Mesa Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701
February 16, 2020 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *A few minutes ago every tree was excited, bowing to the roaring storm, waving, swirling, tossing their branches in glorious enthusiasm like worship. But though to the outer ear these trees are now silent, their songs never cease.* --John Muir

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Please use this time to share the peace of the Lord with your neighbor.)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please return to your seat when the introduction to the hymn starts.)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Em Krall

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 80:7-10)

Restore us, O God; let your face shine on us.

You brought a vine out of Egypt and planted it; it took deep root and filled the land.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine on us.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty tree with its branches.

Restore us, O God, as we gather to worship!

***OPENING HYMN** GTG #399, *God Welcomes All* (x2)

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.

One: Hear the Good News: In Christ, we are forgiven and showered with grace; in Christ we are a new creation, growing in the ways of Jesus.

Many: Thanks be to God!

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of All Growing Things, we want people to join us in the shade of the branches we grow; we want those branches to provide places in which your people can rest. Forgive us when we forget that our branches are to reach out to all your diverse people; forgive us when our branches grow lopsided rather than stretch out in all directions. Hold us fast to your vision, we pray, and guide us to spread our branches as widely as we can. (*We pause in silence for personal prayer.*) Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG #447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM *God's Mercy Endures Forever* by George Frideric Handel, arr. Hal Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:30-32 Pew Bible Page 816

SERMON *Branches.* Rev. Katie Palmer

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GTG #301, *Let Us Build a House*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;	A Dios el Padre celestial;
Praise God all creatures here below;	Al Hijo nuestro redentor
Praise God above ye heavenly host;	Y al eternal Consolador,
Praise God and Son and Holy Ghost.	Unidos todos alabad. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord in your Mercy (or Lord with Joy)

People: Hear our Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE SEAL GOD'S WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

INVITATION

SONG OF PREPARATION GTG #531, *Seed, Scattered and Sown*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be passed in the pews.

Please take bread and hold it; we will eat together.

Likewise, please take a cup and hold it; we will drink together.

If you need gluten-free bread, please alert a server.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** STF #2184, *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* (English, then Spanish)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

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Pam's Flowers on the Plaza and arranged to the Glory of God



Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Judi Ruprecht

Accompanist – Em Krall

Sound – Patrick Rucker / Sean Croto

Visuals – D.R. Palmer/Linda Solyntjes

February Elder of the Month – Robin Carlson – 505-425-7992

February Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker – 505-429-0670

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