

## HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

In this mailing you'll find a note from Pastor Katie and 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 join us 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. If you need help with zoom, call D.R. Palmer before Sunday. It is so good to see and hear each other! Please plan to join us!



### THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

#### Tuesday, November 3

7:30 a.m. – Personnel via Zoom

9:00 a.m. -Coffee with Katie via Zoom

1:00 p.m. – Mission and Peacemaking via Zoom

#### Thursday, November 5

9:30 a.m. – Worship and Music via Zoom

3:30 p.m. – Afternoon Tea Time via Zoom

#### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Worship Leader – Tom Trigg

Accompanist – Em Krall

Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer

Visuals – Tegan Palmer



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October 28, 2020

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I write this on a chilly, snowy day. I love looking out and seeing the smooth surface of the snow, pocked here and there with fallen leaves. I'm reminded of sledding down the big hill on Jackson Street when I was eight or nine, the neighborhood kids gathered to share the snow. I'm reminded of the first big snow Emily experienced, bundled up in her lavender snowsuit and pink boots. And I'm reminded of recently-posted videos of friends' dogs joyously leaping through snow—sometimes for the first time. To commemorate the snowfall, I've included a poem here called "Patterns in the Snow" by Elaine Northover.

On Sunday, we will be hanging out in Nineveh with the reluctant prophet Jonah. You may remember that, when God first tries to send Jonah to Nineveh, Jonah runs as fast as he can in the opposite direction, ends up on a ship, and then in the belly of a big fish. After that little adventure, Jonah decides that maybe he should, after all, just go where God sends him. We will pick up the story there.

After our time with Jonah, we will revisit Ezekiel and finish our "Voices of the Prophets" series with Jeremiah. That will bring us to the beginning of Thanksgiving week and then, believe it or not, to Advent. I don't know about you, but since COVID and its consequent changes in our lives, I feel alternately like time has slowed (Yes; we are STILL in the middle of a pandemic that has gone on now for over eight long months) and like time is moving faster than ever (What? It's almost THANKSGIVING?). Perhaps Northover's poem will give us pause to think about the patterns we are leaving on the shifting landscape of this time.

With thanks for all of you,

Pastor Katie

#### *Patterns in the Snow* by Elaine Northover

Overnight the flakes had descended,  
and left a carpet of pure white,  
A fox awakened from his sleep,  
patrolled the frosty night,  
The silent frozen world had now,  
become a canvas, new,  
For patterns to be created,  
by the feet of creatures, who  
Had ventured out to sample  
this delightful snowy land,  
Fashioned by an invisible Master,  
with his gifted hand.

His paints so subtle, had with skill,  
produced true moonlight hues,  
Such lovely shades of brilliant white,  
soft yellows and deep blues,  
An eerie earth, a changed and strange  
vast open wide expanse,  
Where, up above, each dainty snowflake,  
had started its downward dance  
And settled, on the serene landscape,  
clothed, in its simple dress,  
Where we imprint our patterns too,  
Across a snowbound wilderness.

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

November 1, 2020 10:30 a.m.

**VOICES OF THE PROPHETS**



**MEDITATION** – *The wonderful news is that our Lord is a God of mercy, and He responds to repentance.* – Billy Graham

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

- WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer
- PRELUDE** Em Krall
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Tom Trigg
- MINUTE FOR MISSION** 21-Day Racial Justice Challenge – Karyl Lyne
- PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today, visit with them, and wish them the peace of Christ.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 103:1-5)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Let us praise the Lord of blessing and mercy!

**OPENING HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (GTG #475)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Jonah 3:1-4:11

Chapter 3: The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Chapter 4: But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'  
<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.'  
<sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

**SERMON** *Shade Over Our Heads* Rev. Katie Palmer

**WE RESPOND TO AND SEAL GOD'S WORD**

**RESPONSE** *Mercy* by William Shakespeare

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**CLOSING HYMN** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (GTG #435)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Welcome!*

We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today!

**The Sunday morning bible-based class** is now discussing the book "Man in White" by Johnny Cash. You can get a copy quickly by using express mailing from Amazon, Alibris, Abe, or other online sources. The Class is using the 1986 hardbound (HarperCollins) white cover edition, rather than the newer black cover editions. Richard Lindeborg can order a copy to be shipped to your home. The reading assignment for November 8 is Chapter 3, "The Purge" (Synagogue of the Isles of the Sea, the scourge, the Feast of Weeks, Saul criticized as over-zealous) pp. 90-114.

**This year's Advent Study** will be a discussion led by Richard Lindeborg of the book *Hidden Christmas: The surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ* by Timothy Keller (2016). Sessions will be on Zoom at 9:15 on Sunday mornings starting November 29. Books are readily available. Alibris has hardback copies for as little as \$6.00 including shipping, Abe Books for \$8 and Amazon for \$10. Paper Trail may also be able to order copies. If you prefer, Richard can order a copy shipped directly to your home.

Your Session has made a commitment to accept the **21-Day Racial Justice Challenge**, which challenges us to do something each day to raise our awareness about racism. Please plan to join your leaders in this effort. You will find the activities for the 21-Day Challenge in the article at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism/>

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – November –Pasta and Sauce - Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House.

**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 Bud & Rebecca Geng and family, Frank Hager, and Pat & Corky Halverson as well as Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, Rio Rancho NM (1986).

*November Elder of the Month – Tom Trigg – 505-426-5821*

*November Deacon of the Month – Bonnie Trujillo – 505-425-3972*

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