

**HELLO FUPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

In this mailing you'll find the bulletin for Sunday's worship service. Join us Sunday at 10:30 in the sanctuary or 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**

**Tuesday, November 16**

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

6:30 p.m. – Session via Zoom



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**WELCOME!!** - We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us this week!

November 10, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

I did a bit of a doubletake when I put the date on the bulletin for this Sunday. November 14! Not only did it somehow get to be mid-November, but the date clicked in my head as my niece Karen's birthday. November is a big birthday month in the family. Karen and her older sister Teresa both have November birthdays (they are 11 ½ months apart in age). Teresa's birthday is the day before mine, making her one day short of being exactly four years younger than I. These nieces' mother also had a November birthday. And two of our grandchildren have birthdays this month, too; Diamond turns 8 and Will turns 6. It's curious how family birthdays sometimes cluster like that. In fact, these birthdays not only all happen in November, but three of them clump together—Teresa's, mine, and Will's on the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>—dates that almost always fall on Thanksgiving weekend. When I was a kid, I used to be a bit disappointed that I had to share a birthday with a major holiday weekend; it sometimes felt like MY day got a little lost in the holiday celebration. Now, I rather like sharing all these birthdays during a month when we focus on gratitude. It's a strong reminder that we have so much for which to be thankful—family, relationships, our very lives. Whether or not your family has a cluster of birthdays this month, I wish you moments set aside to be grateful.

Before COVID, our family had started a tradition of meeting in Kansas City for the holiday. Emily and Pat would pack up the kids and drive there from Milwaukee; Tegan and Rosalie would drive in from Denver; and we would drive up from Vegas. Of course, that couldn't happen last year and won't happen this year because COVID has rearranged our lives. But Emily, Tegan, D.R. and I will be in Kansas City very briefly this month to attend the memorial service for D.R.'s nephew Jared. As is often true for memorial services, this service will offer bittersweet time to gather with family while we give thanks for Jared's too-short life and say our goodbyes. Please hold the Palmer family in prayer, especially Jared's two young children.

Worship this Sunday will give us yet another reason to be thankful as we recognize even more of the gifts God gives us. Over the last few weeks, we have looked at the gifts of bread (including the unique economy God suggests for us, which emphasizes sharing rather than hoarding), full hearts capable of carrying our character and repenting when we need to, holy bodies that are temples for the living Christ, and this week, living water that can help us quench our thirst for justice and righteousness. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie



**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer      Worship Leader – Judi Ruprecht  
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne      Accompanist – Jordan Jones  
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford      Zoom Host – D.R. Palmer



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701  
November 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.

## GOD GIVES US LIVING WATER

**MEDITATION** — *On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' --Jesus, in John 7:37-38*

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WELCOME** Rev. Katie Palmer  
**PRELUDE** Jordan Jones  
**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Judi Ruprecht  
*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,  
visit with them and wish them the peace of Christ*  
**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Angel Tree Pat Halverson, M&P Committee

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 63:1-4)

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.  
**All: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**  
One: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.  
**All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you!**  
One: I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
**All: Let us worship God!**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN** *Ho, All Who Thirst* (GTG #479)

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem;  
the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**SERMON** *Justice from the Heart* Rev. Katie Palmer

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING** *Doxology*

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

**OPPORTUNITIES**

### WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

**CLOSING HYMN** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* (GTG #757)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

### OPPORTUNITIES

**Angel Tree** – Mission and Peacemaking is again offering an opportunity to help a child whose parent or parents are in prison. Sadly, incarceration can become a generational problem. If children of prisoners have support from different avenues, this cycle can be broken.

Depending upon whether there are still local children needing support, we will decide if we will choose supporting by buying the gifts or donating to help children outside of San Miguel County. If there are still local children needing an Angel Tree sponsor, we would be expected to give an article of clothing and a toy. Sizes and toy suggestions would be provided.

All those interested, please contact Pat Halverson: [ckpat@mac.com](mailto:ckpat@mac.com) or 505-239-4263 as soon as possible.

Watch your email for information on collecting items for a **Reverse Advent Calendar**. Rather than open a calendar door to find a surprise inside, the Reverse Advent Calendar provides an opportunity to put an item in a box each day to be gifted to Samaritan House for distribution to someone in need. Food, such as canned goods and cereal, and personal items, such as toothbrushes and deodorant, are examples of items to collect. A list of items will be provided for you to collect items, which will be delivered to Samaritan House before Christmas. More information coming your way soon!

**Project To Benefit Samaritan House Clients** - Community Life invites you to participate in a special collection for Samaritan House. Starting Nov. 1, we will be collecting packages of men's underwear, t-shirts, and socks in sizes medium and large. When clients come in to shower at Samaritan House, it is nice for them to get new undergarments to put on. There will be a collection box right inside the door of the East Wing of the church for you to drop off your contribution during office hours, or we will be happy to come pick them up from you. Call Pam at 505-429-3053 to arrange a pickup. We will deliver everything to Samaritan House right before Thanksgiving.

**The Bible-based class for adults and youth** is now discussing John Donne's Holy Sonnets. The reading assignment for the November 21 session is Sonnets 13-19. Please email Richard Lindeborg to request a copy of the sonnets. ([ralindeborg@cs.com](mailto:ralindeborg@cs.com)) Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. on Zoom.

Our Advent series starts November 28. The book is *The Road to Bethlehem: Musings on the Coming King* by Celeste Allen. See the November newsletter for details. There are only two weeks to get your copy of the book. The reading assignment for the first session is the introduction and Meditations 1-6. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. on Zoom.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – November–Pasta and Sauce. Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House, 501 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**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 Linda Cunningham, Theresa M. DeHerrera and Pauline Dimsey as well as Sandia Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1990).

*November Elder of the Month* – Pam Abreu – 505-429-3053  
*November Deacon of the Month* – Bonnie Trujillo – 505-425-3972  
*Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – Noon*

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