

**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, 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**

**Monday, November 22**

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

**Tuesday, November 23**

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

**Thursday, November 25**

Happy Thanksgiving! The church office will be closed.



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1000 Douglas Avenue  
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**WELCOME!!** - We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us this week!

November 17, 2021

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This week we welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Linda Loving, who will be here with you while D.R. and I are in Kansas City to attend the memorial service for D.R.'s nephew Jared.

Linda most recently has served as Stated Supply Pastor in Dixon and as Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe. She moved to Santa Fe six years ago, "Honorably Retired" after serving Presbyterian churches around the country. Since 1989 she has also traveled widely performing JULIAN, a one-woman drama about the medieval mystic; she also filmed it in Julian's cell. Four years ago Linda published the book *A New Song to Sing: Breast Cancer as Journey of Spirit* ([www.Spirited-Voices.com](http://www.Spirited-Voices.com) for more information).

I know you will enjoy having Linda with you; I am grateful to her for being here on rather short notice!

As hard as it is to believe, the sermon series recognizing some of God's wonderful gifts to us—and the twists that make these gifts more than what we might see on the surface—ends this week. On November 28, we enter into the season of Advent, during which time our Scriptures will invite us to "Be Filled and Spring Forth." As we await the precious gift of Jesus' birth once again, I hope you will discover ways to make the Advent season meaningful for you. Consider zooming in for the Advent discussion of Celeste Allen's book *The Road to Bethlehem: Musings on the Coming King*, setting aside a special daily time for prayer and meditation, and/or doing something to gift someone in need. We have provided information on the Angel Tree Project, which provides gifts for children of prisoners, and on the Reverse Advent Calendar, which gives you an opportunity to contribute an item each day of Advent to Samaritan House clients. But opportunities to gift someone can also be as simple as a call or notecard sent to someone who is experiencing loneliness or sadness, as simple as setting aside time to have a meal or a cup of coffee with someone you haven't visited with in awhile. So think about gifting yourself with an Advent spiritual discipline and gifting others in a way that works for you.

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie



**Assisting in Worship This Week**

Preacher – Rev. Linda Loving                      Worship Leader – Kent Reid  
Director of Music - Karyl Lyne                  Accompanist – Em Krall  
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford      Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Jeff Salman, Tom Trigg



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1000 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas NM 87701

November 21, 2021 10:30 a.m.

**GOD GIVES US LIGHT**

**MEDITATION** — *Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark.* —Rabindranath Tagore

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Kent Reid

**PRELUDE** Em Krall

**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*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Reverse Advent Calendar Karyl Lyne, WAM Committee

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.  
**All: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**  
One: For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.  
**All: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**  
One: Great is your name.  
**All: Great is your love. Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Linda Loving

**OPENING HYMN** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (GTG #267)

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 9:1-7  
But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.  
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Matthew 5:14-16  
‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.’

**SERMON** *Fishing for Fallen Light* Rev. Linda Loving

**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** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (GTG #451)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**OPPORTUNITIES**

**Angel Tree** – The Mission and Peacemaking Committee 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.

**Reverse Advent Calendar!** Please join us in gifting Samaritan House with items much needed by their clients. 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. The emphasis is more strongly on personal items this year, as Samaritan House Director April Valdez has noticed particular needs of clients. Information about the calendar was sent via email on Thursday; it will also be in the December newsletter.

**The Bible-based class for adults and youth 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 is only one week 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 Alexander Ditton, Kathy Franken and Bud, Rebecca, Harper and Aurora Geng as well as Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1969).

*November Elder of the Month – Pam Abreu – 505-429-3053*  
*November Deacon of the Month – Bonnie Trujillo – 505-425-3972*

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