

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**

**Monday, August 29**

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds

**Wednesday, August 31**

NO Coffee with Katie

**Thursday, September 1**

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

5:30 p.m. – Amnesty International



First United Presbyterian Church  
1000 Douglas Avenue  
PO Box 37  
Las Vegas NM 87701



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

August 19, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

As you read this, D.R. and I will be in San Diego with our daughter Emily and her family, exploring the zoo and the beach and generally having a great time with Emily, our son-in-law Pat, and our four grandchildren. We have not seen them since last August, so we are excited about this week of vacation with them.

I know you will welcome the Rev. Ken Cuthbertson to the pulpit. Rev. Ken Cuthbertson is a retired member of Santa Fe Presbytery. He has been a friend of FUPC for many years. Ken and his husband, Doug, live in Albuquerque, and worship with the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church.

Once we return from California, I will attend a short clergy retreat of the presbytery from August 30 – September 1, but will be back in the pulpit on September 4, when we will be exploring the ways in which some well-known Bible characters responded to God's call in their lives and what insights their responses might show us, even if we're not called to do the same things. (I don't know about you, but I couldn't build a seaworthy ark under any circumstances!)

With thanks for all of you,  
Pastor Katie

**REMEMBER:**  
**CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT**  
**SEPTEMBER 24**



**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701  
August 28, 2022 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** – *Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.* -- Mt. 5:5

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME** Ann Taylor-Trujillo

**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*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** – from Psalm 113

**One:** Praise the Holy One! Praise, O servants of the Holy One; praise God's Holy Name.

**All:** **Blessed be the name of the Holy One from this time on and forevermore.**

**One:** From the rising of the sun to its setting the Holy Name is to be praised.

**All:** **The Holy One is high above all nations, and God's glory above the heavens.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *How Lovely, Lord* (GTG #402) (Psalm 84)

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY**

In her wonderful hymn "For Everyone Born", the late New Zealand writer Shirley Erena Murray reminds us that there is a place for each and all of us at God's all-inclusive table, a warm welcome for people of every race, every socio-economic status, and every gender and age. And, there is also a place for the just and unjust, for all who need to forgive and be forgiven, for all who seek a new way of living... because God delights in each and every one. And so, with joy ...

*We remember that, **before** we confess and no matter what we confess to God,  
we can be assured of God's Love and Mercy*

**UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** (based on Ephesians 5:8, & 4:1-3)

Loving God, we acknowledge that we are weak and mortal beings, prone to doing wrong. But, in Christ, you call us to live as children of the Light. Help us to always turn to you as we seek to lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the ruler's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble person.

Psalm 113:5-9

Who is like the Holy One our God, who is seated on high,  
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Our God raises the poor from the dust,  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

To make them sit with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.

God gives the childless woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Holy One!

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

**MESSAGE**

*"A Place at the Table"*

Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SUNG RESPONSE** *Help Us Accept Each Other* (GTG #754)

**WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

Loving Creator in heaven, holy is your name. Your *kin*-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who act wrongly against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the *kin*-dom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* (GTG #770)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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



## OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up now to join us for a **Congregational Retreat on September 24 at 9:00 a.m.** There is no cost; lunch will be provided. We'll have a day of fellowship, fun, and thinking about the future of our church family. You can sign up in the narthex or call the church office to let Crystal know you plan to attend.

There will be a **concert on Sunday, August 28, from 4-6:00 p.m. in our church sanctuary by The New Mexico Bach Society.** The concert is open to everyone, admission is \$15 at the door and masks are required.

There will be no **Coffee with Katie** this week as Katie will be attending a clergy retreat of the presbytery. Plan to join Katie at Charlie's on Wednesday, September 7, at 8:30 a.m. for the next Coffee with Katie.

On Sunday, September 11, from 3-4:30 p.m., there will be a **Sundae Sunday event at the United World College** to meet students who are participating in the Get Away Family program. For families who have been assigned a student(s), this will be an opportunity to meet and chat with one another. For those who do not have a specific student assigned to them, you are welcome to come and learn about the Get Away program, meet staff and students and enjoy a nice afternoon at the UWC campus.

**There will be no Sunday Morning Bible-Based Class for Adults and Youth on September 4, Labor Day weekend.**

The class, now hybrid from the church teleconferencing room upstairs, is discussing the book *Song of Songs: A Biblical-Theological, Allegorical, Christological Interpretation* by James M. Hamilton Jr. The book is available in paperback for as little as \$7.39 from Amazon, \$7.43 from Alibris, and \$8.81 from AbeBooks. New copies are available from Amazon or the publisher (Christian Focus Publications) for \$14.99 (all prices plus shipping). Richard Lindeborg can order a copy for you from Amazon and have it delivered to your home with free shipping. The book is in short supply so order early.

Zoom attendees should use the same link as for the Worship Service. In-person attendees should use the east entrance to the church. Class is in the first classroom upstairs. The readings for September 11 are Ch. 2: The Exemplary King (pp. 35-51) and the Biblical Song of Songs Ch. 1.

**Samaritan House Food Donations** – September – Canned milk and canned vegetables. 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 Carol and Ken Litherland, Christina Litherland and Nicky Litherland as well as Sandia Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM (1990).

### Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Worship Leader – Ann Taylor Trujillo

Accompanist – Em Krall

Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Karyl Lyne, Jeff Salman

*August Elder of the Month – Karyl Lyne - 505-718-6475*

*September Elder of the Month – D.R. Palmer – 303-775-7259*

*August Deacon of the Month – Sharon VanderMeer – 505-617-0839*

*September Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker - 505-429-0670*

*Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – Noon*

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