

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, September 26

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

Tuesday, September 27

6:30 p. – Session via Zoom

Wednesday, September 28

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

Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Presbytery Education Networking Workshops
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque



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.

September 21, 2022

Dear FUPC Family and Friends,

This Sunday, we hear a chapter from the story of Joseph. Joseph's story is the longest in Genesis and stretches over many chapters. I always think of the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" any time I hear even a small part of this story. When our daughter Tegan was in middle school, the local community theatre put on this musical and the community children's chorale in which she sang was the chorus for the musical. So we have seen it many times and lived with the music during the musical's production! The movie version, starring a young Donny Osmond, is no doubt available on Netflix or some other streaming service if you want an upbeat version of the story. And Joan Collins appears as Potiphar's wife, who figures in the text we'll be looking at Sunday.

We tend to remember Joseph's story, I think, for some of its positive highlights—that special coat he got from his father as the favored son, his rise to power in Egypt. But Joseph's story is not all upbeat; in fact it's one of constant ups and downs—highs and very low lows. We'll see that this week when Joseph is falsely accused of assault and thrown into prison. We'll notice that Joseph was a man of great integrity.

On a personal note, I share the news that D.R. and I will become grandparents again early next year. Tegan and her wife are expecting a baby girl in early March. So exciting! After recently spending a week with our other four grandchildren and, of course, noting how quickly they grow, I'm looking forward to having a newborn in my arms again.

With thanks for all of you,
Pastor Katie





FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1000 Douglas Avenue, P.O. Box 37, Las Vegas, NM 87701, 505-425-7763
 September 25, 2022 10:30 a.m.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL



MEDITATION – *One of the truest tests of integrity is its blunt refusal to be compromised.* --Chinua Achebe

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Robin Carlson

*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**

One: God called to Abram to go from his country to an unknown place.

All: And Abram went.

One: God spoke to Jacob in dreams, giving him instructions.

All: And Jacob answered, "Here I am," and did as God told him.

One: God called to Moses from a burning bush and asked him to deliver his people.

All: And Moses said, "Here I am."

One: God called to Samuel, who mistakenly thought it was someone else calling. Finally, Samuel understood.

All: And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

One: God came to Mary through the angel Gabriel, asking her to birth a savior.

All: And Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord."

One: God calls us, in many ways and in many places. Let us respond to God's call, saying,

All: God is here!

***OPENING HYMN** *God Is Here!* (GTG #409)

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*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of Steadfast Love, we know you are with us always. Yet sometimes we fail to recognize your presence. Sometimes we become "fair weather" believers, acknowledging you when things go well but not seeing you when we feel down or cast aside. It can be hard to see you at those times in our lives. Remind us, we pray, that you are with us always, walking alongside us, crying with us, and hurting with us, as well as celebrating with us in good times. Help us to trust that your steadfast love is for us and with us. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 39:1-23

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; [Potiphar] made [Joseph] overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, 'Lie with me.' But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?' And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, 'Lie with me!' But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, 'See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.' Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, 'The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.'

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, 'This is the way your servant treated me', he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

MESSAGE

Joseph Experiences God's Presence

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** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (GTG #39)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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



OPPORTUNITIES

It's a treat to once again be able to gather for **Fellowship Following Worship**. Please consider signing up to host fellowship one Sunday. It's simple—just put on a pot of coffee and a pot of hot water for tea, bring some goodies if you'd like, serve and clean up. During the water crisis, we're using a lot of disposable plates and cartoned water, so there's not even much clean up! Let Juli Salman know if you're willing to sign up for a Sunday.

You are invited to attend the **Presbytery Education Networking Workshops on October 1**. The workshops will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. that Saturday. Lunch will be served at a suggested donation of \$10. There will be three series of concurrent workshops throughout the day. For Session 1, choose from Church Finance 1, Considerations for Online Worship, and What's the Deal with Sabbath? For Session 2, choose from Church Finance 2, Personnel Ministry of the Session, and Compassion Fatigue 1. Following lunch, for Session 3, choose from Safe Church Training, Being an Elder in Church and Presbytery, and Compassion Fatigue 2. To register, contact Tiffany at admin@santafepresbytery.org.

Remember - Coffee with Katie at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Join Katie at Charlie's for coffee, conversation, and maybe a bite to eat.

The Sunday Morning Bible-based Class for Adults and Youth, 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 now! 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 October 2 are Ch. 5: The Consummation of the Covenant (pp. 81-96); SoS Ch. 4.

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 7th 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 Katie and D.R. Palmer, Lydia Palomino and Bob and Carrol Pearson as well as United Church of Angel Fire, Angel Fire, NM (1996).

Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Katie Palmer

Director of Music - Karyl Lyne

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Worship Leader – Robin Carlson

Accompanist – Em Krall

Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Judy Long, Karyl Lyne

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

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