

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 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 24

8:45 a.m. – Bible-based Class in Session Room and via Zoom

9:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Perea Hall

10:30 a.m. – Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom

Monday, September 25

11:00 a.m. – Deacons

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 a.m. – Personnel Committee

6:30 p.m. - Session

Wednesday, September 27

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

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday, September 28

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Friday, September 29

4:00 p.m. – Samaritan House Cooking Team in kitchen

Sunday, October 1

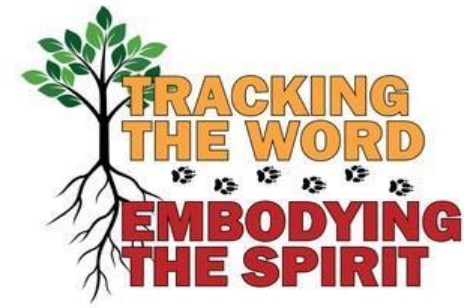
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9:30 a.m. – Choir rehearsal in Perea Hall

10:30 a.m. – World Communion Sunday Worship with Communion in sanctuary and via Zoom



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MEDITATION - *Our duty is to encourage every one in his struggle to live up to his own highest ideal, and strive at the same time to make the ideal as near as possible to the Truth.*

--19th century philosopher Swami Vivekananda

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Pastor Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Deb Allen-Reid

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

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 18:1-6)

One: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

One: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.

All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

One: The Lord is my God, my rock in whom I take refuge.

All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

One: The Lord is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

One: In my distress I call upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help.

All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised! Let us praise God in song!

***OPENING HYMNS**

I Will Call upon the Lord (GTG #621)

God Is Here Today (GTG #411), English, then Spanish

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

SILENT PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30

And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good,’ I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children. Yet you have said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number.’”

So he spent that night there, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau. . . .

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”

SERMON *Struggling with God* Pastor Katie Palmer

CHOIR ANTHEM *Walk With Me* Jordan Jones

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *From the Nets of Our Labor* (GTG #751)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Assisting in Worship This Week

Pastor – Rev. Katie Palmer	Worship Leader – Deb Allen-Reid
Musician – Em Krall	Choir Director – Jordan Jones
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Custodian - Marcus Garcia
	Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
	Tech Crew – Judy Long, D.R. Palmer, Jeff Salman



OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

September fellowship time reminder:

9/24 _____
10/1 Deacons/Renee Soderlund
10/8 _____

Signup sheet is in Perea Hall so, if you can, please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

Sunday morning class for adults and youth is discussing the book *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* by Ann Voskamp. The 2011 hardbound edition of this best seller is available for as little as \$5.00 new or used from online dealers. The class sessions are hybrid, with the live class in the Session room (next to the kitchen) and the Zoom classes on the same ID as the Sunday worship service. Enter the church through the west door. This series will run through October 22. Information about this book is in the September church newsletter. The reading assignment for October 1 is Chapter 8, pp. 141-162, “How will he not also?”

Join Pastor Katie for Coffee with Katie every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at Charlie’s.

You can donate to the **Peace and Global Witness National Offering through October 1** via our website or via a check mailed to the church office. To give online to the church, you can use our QR code:



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 Erin, Brett, Delilah, Athena and Soledad Gilland, Mark Gillingham and Beth Urech and Frank Hager as well as Community Presbyterian Church, Magdalena, NM (1907).

September Elder of the Month – Pam Abreu – 505-429-3053
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