

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, November 26

NO Bible-based Class

10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary and via Zoom followed by fellowship
NO Interfaith Prayers for Peace via Zoom

Monday, November 27

11:00 a.m. – Deacons meeting in Session Room

11:00 a.m. – Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting in The Gathering Place

Tuesday, November 28

6:30 p.m. – Session meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 29

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

9:00 a.m. – Worship and Music Committee in sanctuary

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

Thursday, November 30

5:30 p.m. - Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal in The Gathering Place

Friday, December 1

4:00 p.m. – Samaritan House cooking team in kitchen

Saturday, December 2

11:00 a.m. – Church Holiday Luncheon at Charlie's

2:00 p.m. – Jordan Jones' studio recital in sanctuary

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

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

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

11:45 a.m. – 2024 Budget meeting in Perea Hall

6:00 p.m. - Interfaith Prayers for Peace via Zoom



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CHRIST THE KING DAY

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – Christ above us, Christ beneath us, Christ beside us, Christ within us. Invisible we see you, Christ above us. With earthly eyes we see above us, clouds or sunshine, grey or bright.
One of George MacLeod's best known Celtic Prayer

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Pastor Patricia Halverson

PRELUDE

Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Judi Ruprecht

*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** (Select verses from Psalm 95)

One: O, come let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

One: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

OPENING HYMN *Christ is Alive* (GTG #246)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

SILENT PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,

and I will make them lie down, says the Lord. I will seek the lost and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion and every title that can be given not only in the present age, but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

SERMON Pastor Patricia Halverson

RESPONSE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (GTG #187)

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** *Rejoice the Lord is King* (GTG #363)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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

Assisting in Worship This Week

Pastor – Rev. Patricia Halverson	Worship Leader – Judi Ruprecht
Musician – Em Krall	Choir Director – Jordan Jones
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Custodian - Marcus Garcia
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Karyl Lyne, Deb Allen-Reid	

November Elder of the Month – Judy Long – 505-429-0379

November Deacon of the Month – Murl Baker – 505-429-0670

December Elder of the Month – Carol Litherland – 505-429-0923

December Deacon of the Month – Juli Salman – 505-429-0290

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Rev. Katie Palmer – Office: 425-7763 Cell: 303-775-7356 pastorkatiepalmer@gmail.com



OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

November fellowship time reminder:

12/3 Juli Salman and Carol Linder

12/10 Karyl Lyne

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

If you would like to receive an **Angel Tree child's name for Christmas**, contact Pat Halverson at 505-239-4263.

Please join us for the **Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. at Charlie's Café**. It is dutch treat. Please RSVP to Juli Salman at juli@nm360.com. All are welcome!

On Saturday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m., Jordan Jones will be having a studio recital of his voice and piano students in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend and it will be followed by a reception in Perea Hall.

Plan now to attend the **2024 Budget Meeting on Sunday, December 3, following worship**. This meeting gives not only church officers but the entire congregation the opportunity to hear about the proposed budget for 2024 and the church's financial status and to ask questions. Hope to see you there, following first Sunday fellowship with cake for December birthdays!

You are invited to **join us on Sunday, December 10, at 5:00 p.m. for a Blue Christmas service**. This service recognizes that the holiday season can be especially difficult for people who have experienced loss, who are dealing with personal struggles, or who feel the pain of the world. The service will offer a space to sing simple songs of prayer, to acknowledge our hurts, and to be in silence together.

Please join us for **Interfaith Prayers for Peace on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**. Begun by a group of interfaith leaders, this group currently represents members of FUPC, First United Methodist, St. Paul's Peace, the Sufi community, the Quaker community, the Buddhist community, and the Jewish community. Leadership of the service rotates among participants. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81596197728?pwd=d1RDUUQxQllkRDlzMmVZStaazgzZz09>
The group will not meet on November 26 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.



CROP Walk donations can be mailed to:

CROP Walk Treasurer

Pam Abreu

714 Myrtle Ave., Las Vegas, NM 87701

Donations will be accepted through the end of November. Checks can be made out to CWS/CROP.

Our Advent/Christmas Season Study will begin on Sunday, December 3. The series will be discussion of the book *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark* by Tracy S. Daub led by Katie and D.R. Palmer. The class will meet on Sundays December 3, 10, 17 and January 7 and 14 from 8:45 – 9:30 in the Session Room. Daub's book is available for \$13.99 plus shipping on Amazon, from \$10.24 on Alibris, and also from other booksellers. For more information about the book, see the November newsletter.

The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will resume its study of the theologies of Bruce Springsteen on January 21.

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

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 Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, Rio Rancho, NM (1986).