

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, December 10: Second 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
5:00 p.m. – Blue Christmas service in sanctuary
6:00 p.m. – Interfaith Prayers for Peace via Zoom

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 a.m. - Coffee with Katie at Charlie's
2:00 p.m. – Joint Operating Team at OTMCC
6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon Meeting in upstairs classroom
7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday, December 14

5:30 p.m. – Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal in The Gathering Place
6:30 p.m. – Time, Talent, and Treasure Committee

Sunday, December 17: Third 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
6:00 p.m. – Interfaith Prayers for Peace via Zoom



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GROWING INTO WHOLENESS

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December 10, 2023 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – *If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.*
Mother Teresa

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME Pastor Katie Palmer
MINUTE FOR MISSION Christmas Joy Offering Karyl Lyne
PRELUDE Em Krall
***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Jeremiah 18:1-6) Pam Abreu

One: God said to Jeremiah, “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.”
All: At the potter’s house, Jeremiah watched the potter working at his wheel. The pot he was making of clay lay spoiled in the potter’s hand.
One: So he reworked it into a different pot, as seemed good to him.
All: God said to Jeremiah, “Can I not do with you just as this potter has done? Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so you are in my hand.”

***OPENING HYMNS** *Change My Heart, O God* (GTG #695)
Prepare the Way, O Zion (GTG #106)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY (GTG #137)

*He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forever more.*

SILENT PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
 All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.
 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.
 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.
 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
 lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;
 say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'
 See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
 his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

SERMON *Peace, Now?* Pastor Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE RITUAL OF THE ADVENT WREATH: PEACE Deb Allen-Reid and Kent Reid
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A WORD ON PEACE

LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE

COME, COME EMMANUEL (GTG #91)

UNISON PRAYER:

God of Peace, our world is full of angry voices calling for vengeance, calling for retribution masked as justice, calling for destruction as a lie for peace. But we know the true peace that comes from You is available for us all, if we seek it. If we follow You. May peace light our way in this world that desperately needs it. Amen.

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, v. 1, 2, 7 (GTG #88)

***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 – Pam Abreu
Accompanist – Em Krall	Choir Director – Jordan Jones
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	Custodian - Marcus Garcia
Tech Crew – Peter Linder, Karyl Lyne, D.R. Palmer	



OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

December fellowship time reminder:

12/10 Karyl Lyne

12/17 Kent Reid and Deb Allen-Reid

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

The **annual budget meeting** will be **TODAY, December 10**, following worship.

The **Blue Christmas service** is tonight, December 10, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Advent/Christmas Season Study: 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. Reading assignment for December 17 is Chapter 3, "Home for the Holidays: Finding Our Home in the Kingdom of God."

On Sunday, December 24, we will worship at our regularly scheduled **10:30 hour as we observe the Fourth Sunday of Advent**. We will gather at **5:30 p.m. that evening for our Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Responses**.

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=d1RDUUQxQllkRDlzQnMvZStaazgzZz09>

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 Renate Rendon, Sharon and Ed Roe and Perla and Tony Romero as well as Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, NM (1893).

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

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

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