

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, January 14**

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

**Wednesday, January 17**

NO Coffee with Katie

**Saturday, January 20**

9:00 a.m. – Worship and Music Planning Retreat

**Sunday, January 21**

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



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January 14, 2024 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** – *Worship does not satisfy our hunger for God – it whets our appetite.*

– Eugene Peterson

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**WELCOME**

Pastor Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE**

Jordan Jones

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Sharon VanderMeer

*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 22 in Nan C. Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*)

One: To You, O God, I lift up my voice in the great congregation

**All: For you promise to remain with those whose love is steadfast.**

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God's way of love

**All: And all the families of the nations shall bow down with grateful hearts.**

One: For the power and authority belong to the Most High, who rules over the nations.

Let us worship together!

**\*OPENING HYMNS**

*We Praise You, O God* (GTG #612)

*As the Deer* (GTG #626)

**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*

## UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Loving and merciful God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by. Forgive us, O God, and reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit and Truth. Amen.

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

John 4:19-24

#### SERMON

*What Is True Worship Anyway?*

Pastor Katie Palmer, D.R. Palmer

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SUNG RESPONSE *O God in Whom All Life Begins* (GTG #308)

#### WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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

### WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*CLOSING HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (GTG #547)

#### \*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 – Sharon VanderMeer

Musician – Jordan Jones

Choir Director – Jordan Jones

Substitute Office Manager – EJ Nelson

Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton

Tech Crew – Peter Linder, D.R. Palmer, Jeff Salman

## \*\*\*\*\*OPPORTUNITIES\*\*\*\*\*

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

#### January fellowship time reminder:

1/14 Corky Halverson

1/21 Carol Linder

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

**Choir rehearsal resumes Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.** Plan to come make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**Stay tuned for word on Rainbow Ringers rehearsal information;** scheduling for this season is still in progress!

**Theology of Bruce Springsteen Resumes January 21:** The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will resume its discussion of the book *The Grace of God and the Grace of Man: The Theologies of Bruce Springsteen* on January 21 and continue through February 11. See recent newsletters for how to order the book (available in paperback for as little as \$12.01). A list of the reading assignments and the songs/albums discussed in each chapter is available from Richard at [ralindeborg@cs.com](mailto:ralindeborg@cs.com). The audio for most songs is available on Youtube and elsewhere on the Internet. The reading for January 21 is Ch. 4, "Sin", pp. 85-99.

There will be **NO Coffee with Katie** this week because Katie has to be in Santa Fe for a medical appointment (and we all know how hard those are to schedule!). But she'll be back at Charlie's on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

**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 Ann and Andy Taylor-Trujillo, Maxine (Gordy) Thatcher, and Karen Topping and Rod Billingsley as well as Covenant Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM.

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

*January Deacon of the Month – Bonnie Trujillo – 505-617-0459*

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