

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 7

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

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

#### Wednesday, January 10

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

#### Friday, January 12

9:00 – Mobile Food Pantry Distribution at Rodriguez Park

#### 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



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January 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.

**MEDITATION** – *We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.* --Pope Francis

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

**WELCOME**

Pastor Katie Palmer

**PRELUDE**

Em Krall

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

D.R. Palmer

*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.*

**THE VISIT OF THE MAGI**

Matthew 2:1-12

**\*OPENING HYMNS**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are (GTG #151)*

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright (GTG #152)*

**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**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, cleanse us from all our offenses; deliver us from pride, vanity, greed and arrogance that we might live as you would have us live. Let us find our identities in your grace and love, we pray. Amen.**

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 1:7-15

**SERMON**

*Recognizing Christ, Recognizing Ourselves*

Pastor Katie Palmer

**WE SEAL GOD’S WORD**

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*As communion is served, please join in singing*

*One Bread, One Body (GTG #530)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**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** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* (GTG #488)

**\*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 – D.R. Palmer

Musician – Em Krall

Choir Director – Jordan Jones

Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford

Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton

Tech Crew – Carol Linder, Jeff Salman, Juli Salman

**\*\*\*\*\*OPPORTUNITIES\*\*\*\*\***

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

**January fellowship time reminder:**

1/7 Charlotte Wootton

1/14 Corky Halverson

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

Unfortunately, we are starting the new year without a custodian and will be working on hiring someone as soon as we can. Marcus Garcia is no longer filling the position. **In the meantime, volunteers are needed to help with keeping the church nice and clean.** If you are able to help with vacuuming, dusting, mopping, cleaning bathrooms or just general tidying up after worship on Sundays, we'd really appreciate it. Call the church office and let us know what you are willing to do. Thank you!

**Last Sunday for 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, will end Sunday, January 14, with **Ch. 5, The Cradle, the Cross, and the Gift of Emmanuel.** Class meets 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.

**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. 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.

**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 June and Roy Stallsmith, Jeremiah Street and Van Swan as well as Camino de Vida, 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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