

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, February 18

8:45 a.m. – Lenten Study in Session Room and via Zoom

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

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day; Church Office Closed

Wednesday, February 21

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

6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon meeting in upstairs classroom

7:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Thursday, February 22

7:00 p.m. – Time, Talent and Treasure meeting via Zoom

Friday, February 23

4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Saturday, February 24

9:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom

10:00 a.m. – Presbytery of Santa Fe meeting in Rio Rancho

Sunday, February 25

8:45 a.m. – Lenten Study in Session Room and via Zoom

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

11:30 a.m. – Going Away Potluck for Judy and Michael Long in Perea Hall after worship



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STOPS ALONG THE WAY

MEDITATION – *The most important lesson that I have learned is to trust God in every circumstance. Lots of times we go through different trials and following God's plan seems like it doesn't make any sense at all. God is always in control and will never leave us.*

--Allyson Felix

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Pastor Katie Palmer

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mustard Seed Report

Las Vegas Lit Book Project

PRELUDE

Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Robin Carlson

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 28:7-9)

One: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in God my heart trusts.

All: **And so my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to God.**

One: The Lord is the strength of the people; God is the saving refuge of the anointed.

All: **O save your people, and bless us; be our shepherd, and carry us forever!**

Let us worship the God in whom we trust!

***OPENING HYMNS**

Here in This Place (GTG #401)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (GTG #610)

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

God of Love and Grace, we confess that we find it difficult to trust you. We do not always love you first; we instead make idols of wealth, possessions, power and comfort. Loving these things first means that we have not followed you by doing justice and loving our neighbor. In your great compassion, O God, renew a right spirit within us and guide us to live with trust in the way of Christ. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

Getting Ahead

Pastor Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Calls Us* (GTG #720)

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* (GTG #726)

*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 – Robin Carlson
Accompanist – Em Krall	Choir Director – Jordan Jones
Office Manager – Crystal Western Ford	
Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton	
Tech Crew – Deb Allen Reid, Carol Linder, Peter Linder	

*****OPPORTUNITIES*****

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today.

February fellowship time reminder:

2/25 Deacons

3/3 Nina/Deacons

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

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship TODAY for the purpose of receiving the annual report and approving Pastor Katie's Terms of Call. Reports have been emailed; hard copies are available in the narthex.

The Lenten discussion of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass continues through March 24. Bass refers to this book as a "theology memoir" as she invites us into her journey from evangelical to progressive Christianity. Lots of great discussion possibilities from this book! Class begins at 8:45 on Sunday mornings. The book is available for \$14.39 plus shipping from Amazon as well as from other online book sellers. Assignment for February 25 is Chapter 2, "Teacher."

The Sunday Morning Class for Adults and Youth will resume the Sunday after Easter (April 7) with discussion of the book *The Wandering Mind: What Medieval Monks Tell Us About Distraction* by Jamie Kreiner. The hardcover book is available new from Amazon for \$15 (half price) or used for \$9.75. Used prices at dealers such as AbeBooks and Alibris are competitive (prices plus shipping).

A description of the book will appear in the March newsletter and is available now from Richard Lindeborg at RALindeborg@cs.com

Going-Away Potluck for Judy and Michael Long will be held February 25 following worship. Please plan to join us and bring a dish to share. We will miss Judy and Michael so much!

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 Kathy Wentz, Bruce Wertz, Crystal Western Ford and Star Ford as well as Ranchos Presbyterian Church, Ranchos de Taos, NM (1892).

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

February Deacon of the Month – Deb Allen Reid – 505-331-9125

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