

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, September 22

8:45 a.m. – Adult class in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Frank Yates
and via Zoom followed by fellowship

Monday, September 23

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
11:00 a.m. – Deacons in the Session Room

Tuesday, September 24

11:45 a.m. – Rotary Meeting in Perea Hall
12:30 p.m. Massage Therapist in Nursery Room
6:00 p.m. – Womens' AA Meeting in The Gathering Place
6:30 p.m. – Session in the Session Room

Wednesday, September 25

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
6:00 p.m. – Al-Anon meeting in upstairs classroom
6:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal in Perea Hall

Friday, September 27

7:00 a.m. – AA meeting in upstairs classroom
4:00 p.m. - Samaritan House Cook Team

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

8:45 a.m. – Adult Study in Session Room and via Zoom
10:30 a.m. –Worship in sanctuary with Rev. J.R. (Randy) Campbell and via Zoom
followed by fellowship



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September 22, 2024 10:30 a.m.

MEDITATION – William Sloane Coffin's Credo: A Church is where we try to think, speak and act in God's way, not in the way of a fear-filled world. A church is a home for love, a home for brothers and sisters to dwell in unity, to rest and be healed, to let go of their defenses and be free. Free from worries, free from tensions, free to laugh, free to cry.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Carol Linder

PRELUDE

Em Krall

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Carol Linder

*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 (from Psalm 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in harmony

All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard

Leader: On the beard of Aaron, running down the color of his robes

All: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion

All: For there the Lion ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

***OPENING HYMNS**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

GTG #667

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.*

*****OPPORTUNITIES*****

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

All: Gracious and merciful God, we open to you our hearts and confess our sins to you and one another. Lord, have mercy upon us in our pride and our hardness of heart. Forgive the disdain we harbor in our hearts for others, though they be sisters and brothers for whom Christ died. Forgive our contempt for those with whom we disagree. Gracious God, fill our hearts with a love that overcomes our differences and heals our divisions. We offer this prayer in the name of Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent prayers.....Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Carol Linder
GOSPEL READING Matthew 10: 1-4 Carol Linder
SECOND READING Ephesians 5: 8-14 Rev. Dr. Frank Yates
SERMON “Children of Light” Rev. Dr. Frank Yates

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

RESPONSE I Love You, Lord GTG #627

WITH THANKS FOR GENEROUS GIVING

God, thank you for our church, for the way we are called to be church to a world in need. Help us to continue to share with those in need and with each other through these gifts. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN God of Our Life GTG #686
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE Em Krall

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

Join us for fellowship in Perea Hall after worship today! **September fellowship time reminder:**

9/22 Nina Johns 9/29 Carol Linder

Signup sheet is in Perea Hall; please sign up for a Sunday. Nothing elaborate is expected.

The Sunday morning Bible-based class for adults and youth has started a new discussion series on the book *Tell Her Story: How Women Led, Taught, and Ministered in the Early Church.* The reading assignment for September 22 is Chapter 7, pp. 113-127 (Phoebe, Paul's Trusted Proxy). The reading for September 29 is Chapter 8, pp. 128-140, Prisca, Strategic Church Leader and Expert Teacher. Classes are at 8:45 a.m. Sundays in the Session Room, next to the kitchen in Perea Hall and on Zoom on the same link as the Sunday Worship Service.

Circle of Care is for those of us who live alone. The concept is a work in progress, but its core purpose would be to call each other each day at a certain time. If the person did not respond there would be a system of follow up. Please join a planning meeting in Perea Hall following fellowship today to learn more. This is for everyone who is interested in participating in or planning Circle of Care, or both.

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 Gay Veit, and Jane and Willy Ryan Warsaw as well as Community Presbyterian Church, Glenwood, NM (1921).

Bio - Rev. Dr. Frank Yates, minister member of Santa Fe Presbytery, retired from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque in 2014. Since then he has served as an interim at Las Vegas FUPC and three other congregations in Albuquerque and soon to become the interim at Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church. Frank is married to Sharon Yates, the associated stated clerk of the Synod of the Southwest, and daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Don Wales, who served as pastor at Las Vegas. Frank received his M.Div. and D.Min. at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

September Elder of Month: Carol Litherland 505-429-0923

September Deacon of the Month: Nina Johns 505-426-5802

The office is open on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. For all other times, please email or call and we will get back to you

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Assisting in Worship This Week

Preacher – Rev. Dr. Frank Yates Worship Leader – Carol Linder
Accompanist – Em Krall Bulletin – EJ Nelson
Custodian – Henry Herrera Sanctuary Hosts – Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wootton
Tech Crew – Peter Linder, Kent Reid, Deb Allen-Reid