

Messenger Light

January 31, 2024



Ash Wednesday and Lent

Church Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:00am to 2:00pm

Our staff members can
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Monday through Friday:

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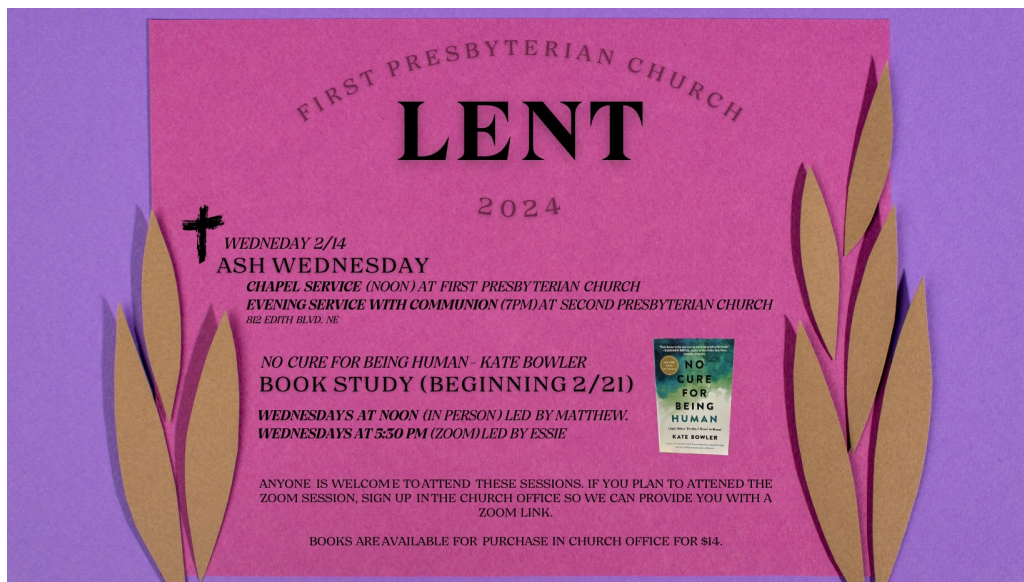
If you have an after-hours
emergency, you can reach
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Lent 2024

In the life of the Christian church, we have historically set aside the 40 days leading up to our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord as a season of penitence and rebirth, walking the way of the cross as it leads us toward the empty tomb. The date of our Easter celebration moves with the cycle of the season and the moon and this year finds us celebrating quite early. Which means that Lent begins in less than TWO WEEKS. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and the acknowledgment of our mortality. "You are dust," we hear God speak to the newly created human, "and to dust you shall return." Or, as historian Kate Bowler writes in the preface of her book *No Cure for Being Human*, "We live and we are loved and we are gone." This year **Ash Wednesday** falls on **February 14**. Isn't it romantic? Well, maybe not, but it is essential.

Ash Wednesday Noon worship in the First Presbyterian Church Chapel.

Ash Wednesday evening worship with communion, 7 PM at Second Presbyterian Church, 812 Edith Blvd. NE

Speaking of Kate Bowler's book, that is our selection for this year's Lenten Book Study. Matthew will lead an in-person discussion of the book at noon on Wednesdays beginning February 21, and Essie will lead a discussion via Zoom at 5:30 on those same Wednesdays. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the discussions. If you sign up with your email in the church office, we can send your discussion questions to consider in advance of each meeting. Online participants will need to sign up in order to receive the Zoom link. We will cover two chapters per week for a total of five sessions. The church has ordered copies of the book that can be had for \$14 in the church office, or if you'd like, you can look for the book with your favorite bookseller.

Calendar for the Week

Thursday, February 1st

- ABQ Girls Choir; 4:30 pm
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00pm in F.H.

Sunday, February 4th

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30am
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45am in CE Room 219
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45am via Zoom/In-person in Kerygma Room
- Godly Play Sunday School at 9:45am in CE Room 210
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- ABQ Boy Choir Auditions; 1:00 pm

Monday, February 5th

- Enchanters; 5:45 pm
- Women's Chorus Rehearsal; 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 6th

- Prayer / Book Study Group at 12:00pm via Zoom
- ABQ Boys Choir Rehearsal; 5:30 pm
- Sandia Pipes and Drums; 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 7th

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm in Choir Loft

Thursday, February 8th

- Financial Stewardship Committee meeting at 5:00pm via Zoom
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00pm in F.H.

Sunday, February 11th

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30am
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45am in CE Room 219
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45am via Zoom/In-person in Kerygma Room
- Godly Play Sunday School at 9:45am in CE Room 210
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- Chili/Chocolate Cookoff; 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

Mental Health Presentations

Two members of the Mental Health Committee will be making presentations during February, Healthcare month, in the Kerygma room at 9:45 AM:

On February 18th, Lane Leckman, a retired psychiatrist, will speak on depression and suicide.

On February 25th, Jen Rautman will speak about NAMI, the Alliance on Mental Illness, which addresses the needs and stresses of the mentally ill and their families.

Giving Options

FPC works in our ministries to reach out to members of the church and our greater community. You can send contributions by mailing checks to the church:

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You can give online at www.firstpresabq.org, click on the yellow "Give Online" button in the menu bar. Follow the instructions in the new window that opens to make your donations.

*** Remember to pay your Per Capita! The 2024 amount is \$37.00. You can pay in person or online.**

Reminder: We are always accepting donations to our Rio Grande Food bin (canned/dry food) and to our HopeFound box (household supplies). These ongoing ministry partners are always in need of extra supplies!



Albuquerque Refugee & Asylee Programs

Thank you for thinking of LFSRM for your donations of furniture and household goods! When a refugee family arrives, LFSRM secures an apartment and furnishes the apartment with all the necessities. We rely on donations of new and gently used items from the community to be able to give refugees a warm welcome! For large items and furniture, we are able to pick-up Monday through Friday, but please understand that we are a small operation and so we are generally not able to pick up with short notice. Please call our office in advance to schedule. Thank you for your generosity! You can pick up the full list of items in the church office!

Contact Information: Safaa Abid Housing and Donation Coordinator Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (505) 355-5352
safaa.abid@lfsrm.org www.lfsrm.org

Drop Off Location: 230 Truman St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Fundraise for A Child's Garden with Color Wheel Toys!

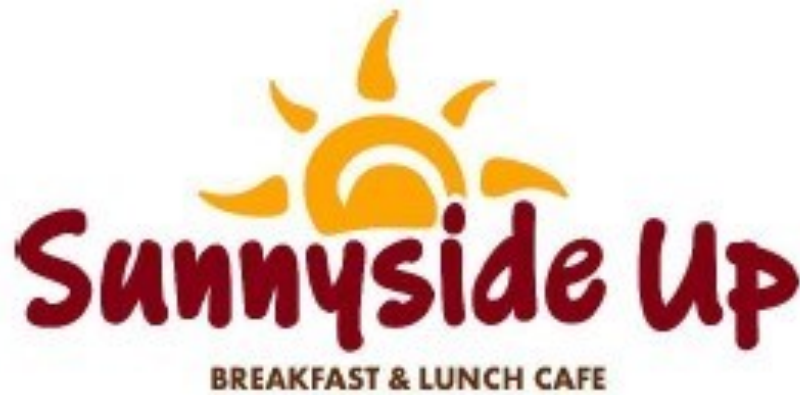
Shop at Color Wheel Toys the week of Feb 4th – 10th, 2024 and earn money for A Child's Garden.

Here's how you can **shop** with Color Wheel Toys to earn funds for A Child's Garden:

Shop **in person** at Color Wheel Toys located at 6855 4th St. NW or Shop **online** with local pickup at [Color Wheel Toys](#)

A check-out, share the special code below and 20% of sales *from your community* will go *back* to your school!

Code to use between 2/4 and 2/10: **CHILDSGAR**



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~ ~*~ Saturday, February 10 ~*~ *~*

DINE AND DONATE

Show this flyer or mention the A Child's Garden Preschool on your visit and Sunnyside Up Café will donate 20% of all food and beverage sales on your check to the organization!