



Healing

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

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As I write this, tens of millions of people have already voted early, or by mail-in ballot in the general election. Tens of millions more will turn out to cast their votes on election day. By the time you receive this, we may know the result of the election, or we may not. So many conversations I've had over the past few weeks have shared a weariness over it all. It's hard to tell if the relentless campaigning and 24-7 news cycle bring any added benefit to this exercise of our democratic system of government, or if it is nothing more than expensive noise. I hear a longing for peace amidst the onslaught of ads and texts and direct mail supporting or detracting from all manner of candidates.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." This coming Sunday, November 10th, we are going to set aside some time in worship to rest in the healing grace of God that is offered to us in Jesus. We marked this Sunday on the calendar some months back recognizing that regardless of the outcome of the election, everyone would be weary and in need of rest; that our nation and certainly our church family would need some healing from the bruising rhetoric of partisan politics. More than ever we are in need of the reminder from Psalm 146 that we do not put our trust in the rule of earthly leaders, that our hope is not in political outcomes but in the Holy One our God.

Whether the candidate you supported wins, or not, I encourage you to come to worship on the 10th, either early or late. We will offer anointing of oil and prayers of healing for anyone who needs it. And we will lift up each other, our nation, and this world that God so loves to the healing work of God in Jesus Christ. For we are all made one in Him.

Calendar for the Week

Thursday, November 7th

- ABQ Girls' Chorus, 4:00pm in Choir room
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 10th

- 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, 9:45am in CE Room 210 & 211
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- Mental Health Committee listening session, 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 11th

- Enchanters, 5:45pm in Choir room
- Women's Chorus Rehearsal in F.H. at 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 12th

- Building and Grounds; 9:00 am, Conference Room
- ABQ Boys' Choir, 5:00pm in Choir room
- Worship and Music; 5:30 pm, Kerygma Room
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal; 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 13th

- Personnel Committee; 6:00 pm, Conference Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm in Choir Loft

Thursday, November 14th

- ABQ Girls' Chorus, 4:00pm in Choir room
- High Desert Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 16th

- Presbyterian Women will gather at Second Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. For questions or more details, you may contact Susan Keil Smith at susankeil1246@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 17th

- 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, 9:45am in CE Room 210 & 211
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am

Reminder: We are always accepting donations to our Rio Grande Food bin (canned/dry food) and to our



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.**

Quilters Needed for Advent!

This Advent season we will be doing a quilting project for worship, and Essie is looking for several folks with quilting experience to help us with our quilting squares! If this is a talent you have reach out to Essie for more information (essie.kr@firstpresabq.org).

Advent Study & Devotional Books

Join us this advent as we dive into our new advent study and devotional books: *Words for the Beginning: Advent Reminders for New Seasons*. This resource was created by a team of pastors and artists from the ministry Sanctified Art. All advent long you will see this theme being woven into our worship and community. Reading along in your advent devotional or by joining our advent study group is one way to join us this season!

If you are interested in reserving a FREE copy of the devotional for yourself OR if you would like to sign up for our Advent study group (who will be using the same devotional resource) Sign up below. Pick up for ALL devotional booklets will be Sunday November 24 & Sunday December 1 in the church office.

Dates and Times for Advent Study Group:

Tuesday, December 3 @ 6pm (on Zoom)

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6 pm (on Zoom)

Tuesday, December 17 @ 6 pm (on Zoom)

Sunday, December 22 @ 6 pm (in person)

The final gathering will be in person in the Lower Commons area, and we will celebrate the advent season together with hot cocoa and candlelight!

Link to the sign up:

<https://forms.gle/aG8Zhe8vUa5hTi959>

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Santa Fe

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Santa Fe will be meeting on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Second Presbyterian Church, 812 Edith NE, from 10:00am—1:00pm, for the purpose of re-convening after the pandemic. We will listen and learn about the state of PW from the participants who attended the National Gathering in August in St. Louis. We will also look forward as to how we wish to organize given the current social climate and active PWs within the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

Lunch will be available for all participants. A \$10 donation is suggested. Please let Susan Keil Smith know if you can attend, susankeil1246@gmail.com.

We extend an open invitation to all to participate in the following opportunities:

Monthly PW Bible Study, using the Horizons Study “Let Justice Roll Down”. A Presbytery group gathers on the third Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30 on zoom. Anyone interested may contact Susan Keil Smith at susankeil1246@gmail.com to be included.

HERITAGE CLUB NEWS

We are delighted to announce two new donations to the Heritage Club of FPC from the John A. Farris Charitable Trust and Charles Hall.

With regard to the gift from the John A. Farris Charitable Trust, we are pleased that John created this estate plan after inquiring about how to do so several years ago. John was referred to an Albuquerque attorney who is well known for her estate planning prowess. In consultation with her, and among other estate planning steps, he established his charitable trust and the Foundation was one of its beneficiaries following John's recent passing. We are so very grateful for John's thoughtfulness and planning.

We are also pleased to recognize Chuck Hall who has made a second contribution to the Foundation which again adds him to our Heritage Club. Chuck's previous contribution was made in memory of his wife Geralyn. We thank Chuck for his continued support of our efforts to help the Church.

Similar planning and gifts on the part of our members, has resulted in the Foundation's receipt of very substantial gifts over the years. These gifts help the Foundation's ability to support FPC financially to the extent that it does.

For information about ways you can give to the Foundation, please contact Bob Bowersock, Executive Director, at 505-263-2798.



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Marketplace

Handcrafted wood items
Hand made greeting cards

Silent Auction

Artwork, Jewelry, Services, and more

Lunch \$15

Green Chile Stew, a Tamale, and a Tortilla

Bake Sale

Sunday, November 17

11am - 1pm

YOUR SHOPPING BENEFITS

Habitat for Humanity
ABQ Asylum Seekers Welcome
Family Promise
Fathers Building Futures
Heifer International
Café Justo and more

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5301 Ponderosa Avenue NE

(Across from Montgomery Park, Just East of San Mateo Blvd.)