



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

Our staff members can be reached individually by phone or email between 8am and 2pm, Monday through Friday:

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If you have an after-hours emergency, you can reach pastoral staff through our helpline at 505-764-2910

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A Grace Place in our Sanctuary!

Before the Pandemic hit, the staff and Christian Education Committee had started conversations about converting the East Transcept in the sanctuary to a place for families and their very small children, preschool and younger. This project has now been approved by the Worship and Music Committee and is almost ready to. Pews will be removed from one section of the East Transcept and will be replaced by area rugs, soft toys and seating for children and their parents.

This new space will allow families with children of all ages to remain together for worship. Historically, the idea of childcare during worship is a relatively recent concept. We question the validity of this model, especially since many children spend time in day care or away from their parents during the week. Also, children learn to worship by being in worship! By having this space in the front of the sanctuary, children can see, hear, and even participate better than if they are sitting in the back pew of the sanctuary.

Having children in worship is what makes us a community of people of all ages. Once people walk into the door of our building, we separate people into age groups and lose our intergenerational identity. The East Transcept will give the children a place close to all the action, while at the same time giving them a safe space with clear boundaries and easy exit to the hallway and bathrooms.

We will dedicate this space in worship, Sunday August 28.

Calendar for the Week

Thursday, August 18th

- ABQ Pipes and Drums Rehearsal, 6:00pm in F.H.

Sunday, August 21st

- 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 217
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am

Tuesday, August 23rd

- Prayer / Book Study Group at 12:00pm via Zoom

Thursday, August 25th

- Summer Book Group in Kerygma Room at 10:00am
- Segura Recital Rehearsal 3:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall
- ABQ Pipes and Drums Rehearsal, 6:00pm in F.H.

Saturday, August 27th

- Segura Recital at 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 28th

- 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 217
- In-person/Livestream Sanctuary Worship Service, 11am
- Libby's Retirement Luncheon at 12:00pm in F.H.

Sunday School Update

The **Hybrid Adult class** will conclude the video series, *How Jesus Became God*, a video series by Dr., Bart Ehrman. Frank Yates leads this class in the Kerygma Room. The ***Through the Bible*** class continues to meet in CE Room 219.

Our Adult CE class this fall in the Kerygma Room will be a hybrid class starting Sunday August 28. Taught by Rev. Frank Yates, this study will continue all fall ending on December 18. Our study will cover the Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Scriptures and the Apocrypha, especially focusing on the issue of Theodicy. That concerns the problem of human suffering which presents a particular challenge to the faithful then and now. Here is the schedule:

- Aug. 28 Introduction to Wisdom Literature
- Sept 4-13 The Book of Proverbs
- Sept 25-Oct 2 The Song of Songs/Song of Solomon
- Oct 9-16 Ecclesiastes/Qoheleth
- Oct 23-Nov 20 Job
- Nov 27-Dec 4 Wisdom of Solomon (Apocrypha)
- Dec 11-18 Ecclesiasticus/Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach (Apocrypha)

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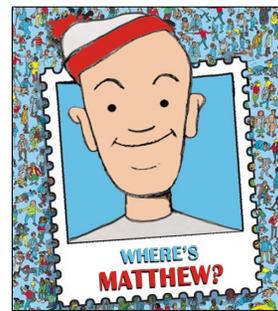
You can give online at www.firstpresabq.org, click on the yellow "Give Online" button in the menu bar. Follow the instructions in the new window that opens to make your donations.

MinistryOne App Visit the App Store on your smart phone to find "Church by Ministry One." Use this app to donate quickly and securely, and access our YouTube channel for videos and sermons.

Death Notice

The Reverend Dr. David Poling, 93, beloved husband and father, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2022. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please visit the online guestbook for Rev. Poling at www.FrenchFunerals.com. FRENCH - University 1111 University Blvd. NE (505) 843-6333. He is survived by his wife, Ann Poling; 900 Loma Colorado NE Unit 3310, Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

Where's Matthew?



Matthew is recovering from his theatrical tour of England, France, Ireland and Scotland, processing all that he saw and experienced and is gearing up to return to the office on Tuesday, September 6 following the Labor Day holiday.

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!



August 7th Picnic at Elena Gallegos Park



**Thank you to everyone
who came to our church picnic
last week!
Here is a photo of the turnout.
Hope to see you next time!**

90th + Birthday Worship Service and Celebration

Please join us for a celebration recognizing out 90+ honorees on September 24th starting with a short service at 10am followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!



Choir meeting and rehearsal

First Presbyterian is excited to offer an intensive choir meeting and rehearsal August 27th from 10:00 to Noon. We will be working together on becoming a better choir and will start learning music for the upcoming worship year. This is a great time to check out the choir if you're new or have ever wondered what it would be like to sing with us for worship. The choir is open to ALL levels of singers from beginners to advanced. So, whether you have never sung but always wanted to, or if you've sung at the Metropolitan Opera, we hope to see you and join us to make a beautiful noise.

Worship Service Update for August 28, 2022

Just a reminder for the congregation that there will be only one worship service at 11:00 am on the last Sunday in August. There will also be a luncheon following thereafter celebrating Libby Whiteley as she is retiring after working with FPC for 20 years!

Presbyterian Women to resume circle meetings in September

Presbyterian Women invite all those interested to join us in the Horizons Bible Study for 2022-23, Celebrating Sabbath by Carol Bechtel. There are currently two opportunities to participate: Second Mondays of each month at 12:30 in Kerygma Room and on zoom AND Third Sundays at 12:30 in Room 220. Study books are available in the church office for \$10 each. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women and leave in the designated mailbox in the office. Cash is also accepted.

Church email notification

The church office is aware that some members are not receiving emails from our SimpleChurch software. If you are not receiving any emails, please add the following address to your contact list: "donotreply@simplechurchcrm.com". If you continue to have issues, please contact the church office.

Thanks for sharing pictures of your garden!

We love to see how the plants from our East Central Ministries plant sale grow up!

(credit to: Deborah Fisher-Rebstock, Libby Whiteley, Cindy Morris, Ron Halbgewachs, and Carolyn Rhodes)

