

Messenger Light

September 22, 2021



Livestream Starting this Sunday

We are staffing the church for limited hours during the re-opening phase of the State's plan. If you need to stop by, please call first. Please be advised that any visitors will be required to wear a face mask if not fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and observe social distancing protocols.

Our staff members can be reached individually by phone or email between 8am and 4pm, Monday through Friday:

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If you have an after-hours emergency, you can reach Matthew through our Helpline at 505-764-2910

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As most of you likely know, we've been offering a recorded worship service on YouTube that goes live on Sunday mornings. While this was a lifeline during the 14 months in which we were unable to gather in-person due to COVID concerns, it was a poor substitute for the experience of live worship with our congregation. Early in that process we attempted to stream something like live worship via our online platforms, but our internet bandwidth was insufficient for the task. Since then, we've made a significant investment and have upgraded our internet connection to a local fiber optic network, giving us more than ample bandwidth for uploading a live broadcast of our worship service. That means that starting this Sunday, September 26th, the service on YouTube will not be a pre-recorded production, but rather a live broadcast of our 11:00am service and everyone who is there. We will continue to invest time, energy and resources to make access to worship available to those who are unable to attend in person. There is a clear value to having this option for homebound members and those who have moved out of state but want to continue their connection with First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. However, there is still no substitute for being present in-person, in our sanctuary, to feel the Spirit as it moves between and among us, to hear each other's voices lifted up to God. Worship is, after all, not the work of the staff, but the work of the people. It is our collective offering of ourselves as a community to God. While we will work within our technical capacity to make our online offering as good as it can be, I hope that when you can make it, we will see you here in the sanctuary, so that we may collectively bring our worship to the glory of God.

~ Rev. Matthew Miller

To view our livestream services, visit our YouTube channel at the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCtefdBVIyzXtOpdikx2nFg>



Calendar for the Week

Wednesday, September 22nd

- EarthCare Zoom Program at 7:00pm (see insert for details)

Sunday, September 26th

- In-person Outdoor 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 (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45am in-person in CE Room 217 and on Zoom
- Summer Choir Rehearsal at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Livestream Virtual Worship Service at 11:00am
- In-person Sanctuary Worship Service at 11:00am
- **Congregational Meeting at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary**
- Deacons Meeting at 1:00pm via Zoom
- Safety Team Meeting at 2:30pm via Zoom

Tuesday, September 28th

- Prayer / Book Study Group at 12:00pm via Zoom meeting with Marjorie Buck

Wednesday, September 29th

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall, 7:00—8:30pm

Sunday, October 3rd ~ World Communion Sunday

- **Peace & Global Witness Offering**
- Fellowship Choir Rehearsal in F.H. at 8:00am
- In-person Outdoor Worship Service at 8:30am
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45am via Zoom/In-person in Kerygma Room
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45am in-person in CE Room 217 and on Zoom
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal in F.H. at 10:30am
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Congregational Meeting

On September 26th, following the 11am worship service, we will be hosting a congregational meeting. If you are able, please try to attend this important congregational meeting. We will be nominating officers for the coming year. To meet the quorum, we need at least 72 members to participate. We will be livestreaming this meeting in the sanctuary, so if you are watching the service online, stay tuned-in so you can also partake in the meeting. Please also identify your participation by commenting in the live chat.

Online 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.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Donate now at <https://pma.pcusa.org/>

As a church, we will take up this Special Offering on October 3rd for World Communion Sunday.

90+ Birthday Celebration Coming Soon

This year, the celebration will take place on November 13th. If you know anyone who is 90 or older, and has been part of our church fellowship, please contact the church office at 505-764-2911 so we may include them in this momentous occasion!

The Tiny Home Village Project of ABQ

Saturday, November 20th, 11am to 1pm. The Tiny Home Village (THV) is a transitional housing community with tiny homes available to the unsheltered of Albuquerque, NM. Albuquerque began this program to provide shelter and resources to help people transition from life on the street to permanent housing. Please join us as we celebrate our new Tiny Home Village at 101 Texas SE, Albuquerque. This Fundraising Event will feature food, facts, and tours of the new tiny home village. Purchase tickets and join the fiesta! For more information, visit the Facebook page at: <https://fb.me/e/1003eUPjE>

Albuquerque Young Adult Volunteer Program

ABQYAV Feature



Peter- ABQYAV 2021-2022

My name is Peter Compton and I am a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During my time there, I pursued undergrad degrees in both Biology and Public Health, graduating this past May. I am a long time resident of the Triangle Area, growing up in Apex, NC and attending First Presbyterian Church in Durham. Even though my education had a broad focus on health and medicine, I have a wide range of interests that include history, languages, social justice, and the environment, and hobbies that include hiking, swimming, reading, and crosswords. Although moving out west will be a big transition for me, I could not be more excited for the opportunities that the YAV program has to offer out in Albuquerque.

To support the group during their YAV year, visit the abqyav.com/donate page.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Great news! The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be resuming its meetings at Millie's Restaurant on Jefferson on the second Tuesday of each month beginning on October 12th. We hope to see you there!

7308 Jefferson Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

La Mesa Presbyterian Church Presents:

"Summer Art Soirée"

Art Serving the La Mesa Community

Virtual ART Auction

September 18th to September 25th

7401 Copper Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108



"Art Serving the Community"

Virtual Art Soirée

- *Bidding Owl Silent Auction:*
 - Bidding *OPENS* at 9 a.m. September 18, 2021
 - Bidding *CLOSES* at 9:00 pm September 25, 2021
 - Log onto: <https://www.biddingowl.com/LaMesaPresbyterianChurch>
- *Need more information?*
 - Log onto: <http://www.lamesapresabq.org> OR <https://www.facebook.com/La.Mesa.Presbyterian.ABQ>
 - You can also send an email to summersoiree2021@gmail.com
 - or Chris Walseth at christinawalseth@comcast.net



The Presbytery's Earth Care Team has become very concerned about the signs of a crumbling world environment. We see average global temperatures rising, extreme weather events such as hurricanes, droughts, floods, heat waves, forest fires increasing, and water availability decreasing in many areas. These are frightening and the recent U.N. report on climate change leaves no room for doubt that the human race has and is making a major contribution to these effects on our globe.

To make members of our Presbytery aware of all of this and how lifestyles can change to minimize our impacts, the Earth Care Team has planned three special Zoom programs for this coming fall. Each program will include time for question/comment with the presenter. And we hope you'll note the dates on your calendars now.

First: On Wednesday, September 22, at 7:00pm Marlin Johnson, retired from the US Forest Service, will focus on the actions we each can take as individuals to reduce carbon emissions as well as minimize our individual impacts on God's creation in other ways. What may seem modest contributions, can have a much greater impact when taken together. In addition to his career background in caring to forests, Marlin is widely read on many subjects relating to environmental degradation of our planet. Examples include the U.N. report on climate change and many other topics such as the impacts of fertilizers on water quality, living with reduced water availability as climate changes and soil erosion, and related productivity losses.

The focus of this first Zoom program is personal actions each of us can take. You will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. Here is a Zoom registration link for September 22nd:

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlucOutqDItEtcMIbRASWeojO3fMmPEfAdW>

Second: On Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00pm, Rev. Martha Sadongei, Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona. She is a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma (my father's tribe) and reared in the Tohono O'odham values (my mother's tribe). Martha will speak on EarthCare concerns from a Native American perspective. Among the questions to be addressed: What were the lessons your culture taught you about caring for the earth? What were the lessons the church taught you as you grew up? And...What are the lessons about EarthCare you are teaching in your ministry today?

Third: On Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00pm: Our program will be led a member of the New Mexico Native American community and focus on the key EarthCare issues to the Native American community. Details to follow.