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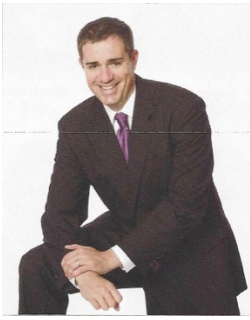
Second Presbyterian Church is a multicultural, multi-generational congregation. Our worship is bilingual, with liturgy and music in both Spanish and English, and an English language sermon.



Mission Statement of Second Presbyterian Church

Second Presbyterian Church exists as a vital worshipping community of faith guided by the good news proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Our multigenerational, multicultural, and bilingual community exemplifies the diversity of God's creation unified by God's hope and love. Our ongoing mission is to cultivate that hope and love for all generations by living and sharing it with the world.





Del Pastor

A regular feature from

The Reverend Doctor Robert B Woodruff

Head of Staff of Second Presbyterian Church.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

A gift that a church can provide is a sacred space to acknowledge milestones. We celebrate births, baptisms, birthdays, confirmations, new members, marriages, retirements, and the lives of those who have gone tenderly to eternity. Sometimes much of the meaning of our lives happens between milestones, but meaningful markers serve portals of purpose and can be special gifts.

As I write, I sit in a pew, waiting for the start of memorial service. It is for my childhood pastor who served 27 years in my home church, in Boulder, Colorado. They are expecting 900 people. The flood of memories and the recognition of familiar faces is filling my heart. I just hugged my confirmation sponsors who are now in their eighties and was scolded by a former Sunday School teacher for giving her a hard time 38 years ago. She just forgave me. This milestone of celebrating Pastor Bruce's life is a poignant reminder of the power of milestones. The most influential pastor in my growing up has gone to be with God.

Our Second Church community just experienced two notable milestones. We recently said goodbye to the Rev. Carlos López, our pastor from 1962-1968. We not only surround his sister Reina with love and prayer, but I know that for many, the thought of Carlos conjures precious memories. His passion and faith touched so many. He was always a kind friend to me and kept tabs on our congregation all these years.

We also recently celebrated the 128th birthday/anniversary of our church. It was at a Presbytery meeting in Socorro that our congregation was voted into existence. It has been a place of ministry and mission that has touched so many lives for so many years. And we are blessed to be a part of giving and receive blessings of the community for many years to come. We all connect to the congregation from different vantages, but it serves as a place of faith, hope, love and God's Spirit that touches us all.

One more milestone on the horizon, and one we will celebrate with people all over the world is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The actual anniversary is October 31 and we will be sure to acknowledge it during the year. It is a significant milestone, that along with so many others, blesses our lives with meaning.

Grace and Peace, Roberto



**PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Anyone wishing a phone call or a visit with Pastor Rob, please feel free to let him know, or Beverly Chavez, by calling the Church at (505)242-8005.

Tillie Arellano	Sandra Duran	Socorro Maes	Jerry Rivera
Ernestine Arndt	Elizabeth Everitt	Joe Martin	Enrique Reza
Maria Barela	Mary Flagg	Dora Martinez	Susan Romero Chavez
Jacob Barreras	Theresa Gallegos	Isabel Martinez	Robert "Bud" Romero
Christopher Bernard	Mike Garcia	Joan Martinez	Joan Rosaire
Nona Bowman	Tom Gonzalez, Jr.	Sigman Matthew	Elifas Santillanes
Nicholas Brown	Patricia Heinzman	MG Martinez	Ruth Santillanes
Emma Buck	Gabe Jaramillo	Adolph McCoy	Ariana Trehan
Carlos Candelaria	Nathan Kloecker	Minnie Olivas	Barbara Trujillo
Darla Capetillo	Olga Joyce	Ambrosio Ortega	Juanita Valdez
Mark Cavasos	Celia Klaus	Ray Otero	Jackie Van Hauen
Cisco Chavez	Fred Lingo	Wanda Romero Porcelo	Carmen Vigil
Lena De Herrera	Rev. Carlos Lopez	Michael Randall	George Vigil
Sandra Duran Poole	Autumn Lopez	Elizabeth Reil	Pas Vigil

Congregational Meeting



ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held Sunday, February 5, 2017, immediately following the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the annual reports and to elect members - at- large to the Nominating Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2017 Nominating Committee Slate for the Annual Congregation meeting is as follows:

- James Bencomo
- Lynn Gatewood
- David Lopez
- Alicia Montoya
- Mickey McHugh (Deacon representative)



Thanks to Bob Romero for recruiting these Congregation members.

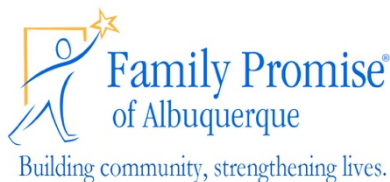
Church Officer Installation

Church officers were installed during worship on Jan 22, 2017. Out-going elders and deacons participated in the installation, including bestowing stoles on the newly installed.

From left: Pastor, Rev. Dr. Rob Woodruff; out-going Ruling Elder (RE) Steve Montoya; installed RE Reme Molo; installed RE Don Bixby; installed RE Anita Abeyta (2nd term); installed Deacon Sarah Keegan (2nd term); installed Deacon Solema Newton; and out-going Deacon Yvonne Gallegos.



To be installed at a later time are incoming Deacon Louella Gurule and RE Pat Gilberto (2nd term). Not pictured are out-going RE Ron Romero and Deacon Ella Porragas.



Volunteers Needed

Family Promise is in need of volunteers for the week of Feb 26-Mar 5, for guests staying at **First Presbyterian Church**, to provide:

- **Dinner Hosts:** Provide dinner and sit family style with the families in the program, from 5-8pm. Volunteers get information on the number of people a week ahead of time.
- **Overnight Hosts:** These volunteers stay overnight, 7pm-7:30am, in case of any issues or emergency. Beds are provided.



There are always two volunteers present. If you can help, contact Laura at Family Promise 505-268-0331 or director@familypromiseabq.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Anita Abeyta

The Sunday School children that participated in the Christmas Eve program enjoyed it very much. Thank you to Becky Johnson for helping with organizing the children.

Our Sunday School has been well attended with students at every class level. We continue to learn the books of the Bible, focusing on the New Testament.

We are still searching and praying for a music teacher to teach the 4-6 year olds. If you know of someone that may be qualified and interested, please contact Karmen Van Dyke.

BIBLE STUDY Opportunities

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study

Jan 8-Feb 26, 2017, 9 to 10 a.m. - Candelaria Conference Room

"Journey with Paul" - Lead by Rev. Dr. Frank Yates

Learn afresh the meaning of the Good News according to Paul the apostle to the Gentiles. We will examine the main theological and ethical dimensions of this fascinating servant of Christ, who gave himself completely to the mission of spreading the Gospel in the First Century.

Winter Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Jan 11-Mar 1, 2017, 11 am to Noon - Fellowship Hall

"Who is the Son of Man?" - Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins, Instructor

The central question of the Gospel of Matthew is: Who is the Son of Man? This is the title Jesus gives to himself — however, he does not define the title. It is the task of every one of his followers to search out the meaning of that title for themselves.



YOUTH GROUP – Francis and Susie Chang

The 2nd Church Youth Group will be trying something a little different. Sprinkled randomly throughout the year, we will institute a "Happy Hour" after church. During this hour, we will visit, play games and do a little mission work.

Our first Happy Hour will take place on Sunday, February 12 where we will restore the game plan for a Balloon Ministry. The Chang's will have all the necessary ingredients for this event plus venues in which we can put this ministry to good use.

All mid and senior high youth are invited to come and share in the blessings!

NEEDED: Children's Choir Director (Paid Position)

The Children's Choir program at Second Presbyterian Church was created in 2014, for 3 to 12 children from four years through 4th grade. It has on occasion included 15+ children, but that is not typical. Rehearsals are 30 to 40 minutes in length each Sunday, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m. The Children's Children Choir sings in worship every 4 to 6 weeks, usually on 1st Sundays when the children are in attendance at the entire worship service. Planning is done "seasonally" (Advent/ Christmas/Lent Easter, etc.) with the minister and music director, with other opportunities as the Children's Director sees fit.

Remuneration can be discussed, but would not be less than \$25/weekly rehearsal. Contact: Karmen Van Dyke (505)298-0702 or kvd@swcp.com.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



New Committee Leadership – Anita Romero Torres and Don Bixby

At the January meeting of the Session, new members, Don Bixby and Remy Molo, who were installed on January 22nd, were given a warm welcome. As per the order of the day, existing Session members, plus the two new members, were given the opportunity to select one of the 10 Session committees to chair during 2017. Several members elected to continue serving in their current role; others like Ruth Montoya, stepped down after many years of chairing the Worship and Music Committee to co-chair the Stewardship and Finance Committee with John VanDyke. Anita Romero Torres and new session member, Don Bixby, were welcomed as the new co-chairs of Worship and Music.

Children's Participation in Worship

Our Christian Educators took a survey from our young Church School participants regarding their interest with assisting in various areas of worship. In addition to their monetary pledge, their range of interest ran from serving as lay leaders, singing in the choir, ushering, greeters, and serving communion.

The Worship and Music Committee will continue to coordinate the participation of our youth and children in worship with the Christian Education Department.

February Worship and Ash Wednesday Planning

The Worship and Music Committee met recently to plan for the month of February and to look ahead at the Lenten Season which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. A small amount of the palm branches donated last year by Yvonne Gallegos in memory of her husband, Marty, were dried and stored in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Abel McBride has volunteered to process these and collect the ashes for use during this service.



- February 5: Communion will be served as scheduled the first Sunday of each month. We will again be participating in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** during which the congregation is invited to bring canned goods that will be delivered to the Store House. The Souper Bowl is a national program developed to help combat hunger. **Bring your canned goods!**
- February 12: A **Healing Service – Prayer for Healing and Wholeness**, will be held on this date.

MISSION - Anna Torres

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council Scholarship Celebration was held on Monday, January 16, 2017 at Congregational Albert. Martha Powers, Anna Torres, Gloria Mirabal and Jack Torres attended on behalf of Second Presbyterian Church. This year's recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship is Angeles Ruby Castorena, a senior at Manzano High School. She plans to attend NM Eastern University to study Forensics. Second Presbyterian Church has sponsored a student for over 10 years.



Susie Chang has requested that Second Presbyterian Church participate in the Meals on Wheels Program by taking a route delivering meals. Volunteers would take a route once a month for about one and a half hours to deliver these meals. Our responsibility would be to pick up prepared meals and deliver to homes. Susie Chang will present this request at the February 5 Sunday morning service.

Pastor Rob and Martha Powers attended a meeting on Sunday, January 15 at First Presbyterian Church held to recruit participants for the mission trip to Guatemala in May. Deadline to apply is January 31, 2017. Second Presbyterian Church has participated in this mission trip to Guatemala for 12 years.

Pastor Beidy from our partner church in Matanzas, Cuba has requested Sunday School materials for children. Beidy acquired curriculum materials when she was in Albuquerque two years ago and would like to continue using this same curriculum. She currently has materials to cover her until April 2017.

The Martineztown Community is continuing to meet to contest a zoning plan that may change the atmosphere and safety of the community by allowing commercial zoning.

Members of Second Presbyterian Church prepared and delivered twelve chicken casseroles to St. Martin's Hospitality Center for Project Share on Christmas Eve.



SESSION – Bev Chavez, Clerk of Session

The Session of Second Presbyterian held its regularly scheduled Session Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. After a potluck dinner the meeting was to order at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator Rob Woodruff.

The following actions were taken by the Session:

VOTED to allow the deacons to take photographs of people who would like their picture or an updated picture in the church directory.

VOTED to hold the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 5, 2017 (bring cans of soup for the Storehouse that Sunday).

VOTED to collect the 4 National Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peacemaking & Global Witness Offering, and the Joy Offering.

The following is the Organization of the Responsibilities of the Session for 2017:

VOTED on the following positions:

Clerk of Session: George Huggins
Paying Treasurer: Mary Montoya
Bookkeeper: John Van Dyke
Counting Co-ordinator: Lynn Gatewood

APPROVED Commissioners to Presbytery: Abel McBride, Gloria Mirabal, and Susie Chang
Alternate Commissioners: Anna Torres and Anita Romero Torres

2017 Committee Chairs:

Worship: Co-chairs, Anita Romero Torres & Don Bixby
Building & Grounds: Co-chairs, Abel McBride & Reme Molo
Christian Education: Anita Abeyta
Mission: Anna Torres
Hospitality: Martha Powers
Membership & Evangelism: Pat Gilberto
Stewardship & Finance: Ruth Montoya (Stewardship), John Van Dyke (Finance)
Personnel: Kris Johnson
Live Wire: George Huggins

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Rob Woodruff at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Chavez, Clerk of Session

LAY READERS AND USHERS/HOSPITALITY

Date	Lay Leaders/Liturgists	Ushers/Hospitality
Feb 5	Kris Johnson	TBD
Feb 12	Nancy Montoya	Ella and Sam Porragas
Feb 19	Eli Lopez	Anna and Jack Torres
Feb 26	Anna Torres	Tessie Lopez and Sharon Lopez

Ushers (Hospitality) please be in the sanctuary 30 minutes before the service begins, and read the instructions in the back of the church. If Acolytes are not available, light the candles at the beginning of the service and extinguish them at the end of the service. And, Thank You!!

Lay Leaders: Marie Kenny - rkenny17@q.com

Hospitality: Louella Gurulé - Lou3ag@gmail.com

WHO TO CONTACT

Session Moderator - Rev. Dr. Robert Woodruff – pastor@secondpresabq.org

Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Jaime Quinones

Parish Associate - Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins – kay.huggins@me.com

Session

Building and Grounds – Abel McBride (2018) or Reme Molo (2019) - 2pc-buildings-and-grounds@secondpresabq.org

Christian Education – Anita Abeyta (2019) - 2pc-christian-ed@secondpresabq.org

Evangelism & Membership Committee – Pat Gilberto (2019) – 2pc-membership-and-evangelism@secondpresabq.org

Hospitality – Martha Powers (2017) - 2pc-hospitality@secondpresabq.org

LiveWire – George Huggins (2018) – livewire@secondpresabq.org

Mission – Anna Torres (2017) - 2pc-mission@secondpresabq.org

Nominating – TBD - 2pc-nominating@secondpresabq.org

Personnel – Kris Johnson (2017) - 2pc-personnel@secondpresabq.org

Stewardship and Finance – John Van Dyke (2018) or Ruth Montoya (2018) - 2pc-finance-stewardship@secondpresabq.org

Worship and Music – Anita R Torres (2017) or Don Kirby (2019) - 2pc-worship@secondpresabq.org

Board of Deacons**-Class of 2017-**

Elefio Montoya

Gloria Montoya

Clarabelle Padilla

-Class of 2018-

Mickey McHugh

Beverly Molo

Kelly Van Andel

-Class of 2019-

Louella Gurule

Sarah Keegan

Solema Newton

Church Secretary – Beverly Chavez

Organist – Beverly Chavez, Clerk of Session

Bookkeeper – John Van Dyke

Paying Treasurer – Mary Montoya

Moderator Pres. Women – Mary Montoya

Counting Coordinator – Lynn Gatewood

Presbytery Commissioners – Susie Chang, Abel McBride, Glora Mirabal

Alternate Commissioners – Anna Torres, Anita Romero Torres

School Superintendent – Anita Abeyta

Youth Coordinators – Suzie and Francis Chang

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MILESTONES – God Bless You!

- *Happy Birthday and Good Wishes to all the members and friends of Second Church who are celebrating their birthday this month!*
- *Congratulations to all the happy couples who are celebrating their Anniversary.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>BIRTHDAYS</i>	<i>ANNIVERSARIES</i>
Feb 4	Robert Deuble	
Feb 5	Priscilla Candelaria	
Feb 12		Remegio and Beverly Molo
Feb 17	Diego Chavez	
Feb 21		George and Kay Huggins
Feb 25	Darren Griego	
Feb 27	Jacob Castillo	
Feb 29	Jeffrey Lin	

WINGS FOR LIFE INTERNATIONAL – Ann Edenfield Sweet

On behalf of Wings For LIFE International, I THANK the staff and members of Second Presbyterian Church for the incredible hospitality you've extend to us twice a month for years. Second Presbyterian Church has become a "second home" for Wings and all our families, and we are SO grateful!



We also thank the many Session members who have volunteered to open and close the church for us, who have become great "Wings volunteers" themselves and helped with setting tables, helped in the kitchen with preparation and cleaning, have eaten at the table with our families and interacted through mixers and table discussions, and have showered love on all of us! MANY THANKS!!!



In His Love,
Ann Edenfield Sweet, Wings For LIFE International
Executive Director/Founder

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