

BENDITOS SALUDOS! December 2019

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Organized on January 27, 1889

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.



Church Membership is 248

Mission Statement of Second Presbyterian Church

Second Presbyterian Church is 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.

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"Just LOVE everyone, I' 11 sort 'em out later." - GOD

Del Pastor



A regular feature from The Reverend Doctor Robert B Woodruff Head of Staff of Second Presbyterian Church.

What Are We Waiting For?

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

December 1st marks the first Sunday of Advent. The two words most commonly associated with the liturgical season of Advent are: "coming" and "waiting." The Latin word *adventus* means coming. In this season, we wait for the coming of the Christ child. And we do so in two different ways. First, we experience the waiting of the Hebrew people when they readied themselves for the coming of a savior. We wait as though we do not know what the savior will be like. We also wait as we re-live the season, at one level, already knowing the outcome. We do so preparing ourselves to yet again embrace God becoming flesh and examine what that means for our faith.

Advent is a season that falls during a busy time of the year. In many churches, Advent sermons echo the call for us to slow down our life rhythms during this season so that we may be thoughtful and intentional about our waiting. And every year, many of us are rather unsuccessful at altering our pace. Instead of savoring the season, we pass through it at a frantic tempo. We do not get the best of the season—the season gets the best of us.

This year, we will intentionally engage the busy season both ways. Our sermon, scripture passages will come from Isaiah.

Advent 1 (December 1): Isaiah 2: 1-5 Advent 2 (December 8): 11:1-10 Advent 3 (December 15) Isaiah 35: 1-10 Advent 4 (December 22) Isaiah 7: 10-16

From the passages, we will look back at what the early Hebrews conceived when they were waiting for a messiah. We can draw upon meaning from their faith more than two-thousand-years later. We will consider how ancient faith regarding the coming messiah speaks deeply to us today And, we will live the holiday reconsidering its enduring power. I hope you can join us for worship! What are you waiting for? That is exactly what we will be examining as we worship this Advent.

God bless you this Advent and grant you a Merry Christmas!

Roberto



PRAYER LIST 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	Joann Atencio	Floriada Baker	Jacob Barreras
Christopher Bernard	Nicholas Brown	Emma Buck	Victor Byrum
Molly Campione	Amanda Candelaria	Darla Capetillo	Mark Cavasos
Cisco Chavez	Elsie Chavez	Lena De Herrera	Jack & Penny Dorwart
Sandra Duran	Elizabeth Everitt	Mike Garcia	Patricia Heinzman
Celia Klaus	Jonathan Leavitt	Katie Lewis	Fred Lingo
Autumn Lopez	Sharon Lopez	Edna Lozoya	Alice Maestas
Joe Martin	Dora Martinez	Isabel Martinez	M G Martinez
Sigman Matthew	Adolph McCoy	Jared Montoya	Laura Montoya
Tom Oler	Minnie Olivas	Eva Ortega	Karen Ortega
Ray Otero	Sandra Poole	Wanda Romero Porcelo	David Preininger
Michael Randall	Enrique Reza	Jerry Rivera	Robert "Bud" Romero
Susan Romero	Joan Rosaire	Les Sandoval Family	Elifas Santillanes
Keith Suazo	Raquel Tedder	Barbara Trujillo	Juanita Valdez
Jackie Van Hauen	Emilia Vásquez	Carmen Vigil	

LAY READERS AND USHERS/GREETERS

Date	Lay Leaders/Liturgists	Ushers/Greeters
Dec 1	Jasmine Ploof	The Woodruff Family
Dec 8	Eli Johnson	Abel and Alma McBride
Dec 15	Valentina Woodruff	Yvette Gallegos and John Hanna
Dec 22	TBD	Pat Gilberto and Anita Abeyta
Dec 24	TBD	Lorraine Romero and Solema Newton
Dec 29	TBD	Martha Powers and Olga Joyce

Ushers/Greeters 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. At the end of the service, take the flame/light from the candles to the back of the church (symbolizing the light going into the world), then extinguish.

Lay Leaders: Karmen Van Dyke - kvd@swcp.com

Ushers: Louella Gurulé - Lou3ag@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS IS COMING: ORDER POINSETTIAS!

The Advent Season and Christmas are here! Please consider your gift of a poinsettia to enhance the sanctuary during the coming holiday.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM	
Name Amount paid # of poinsettias @ \$12.00 each Amount paid	
In memory/honor of	
Please check one: I will take my plant(s) home after the Christmas Eve Service Please have the Deacons deliver my plant(s) to a member of Furthest Per	v

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If we've got your contact info wrong for either !Benditos Saludos;, the Church Directory, or email announcements, or if you want to stop, or begin, any of these communications, please send email to livewire@secondpresabq.org, or notify the church office at 505-242-8005.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

By Don Bixby



Candles as Symbols of Light - During Advent candles are used in many ways to symbolize the light of Christ's birth in the darkening days of December. Each Sunday a family group will be lighting the candles in the Advent Wreath, celebrating Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The Joy candle is pink while the other candles are purple, the liturgical color of Advent. On Christmas Eve we will be celebrating the coming of the Christ child, followed by the lighting of hand-held candles. It is our tradition that the flame of

these candles is passed from one person to another while the congregation sings "Silent Night." Finally, we gather outside around a fire to sing familiar carols to celebrate Christ's birth. Come join the Light. The service begins at 7pm. The following families will be lighting the candles in the Advent Wreath:

12/1 First Sunday of Advent - Jennifer Atencio Wilson family 12/8 Second Sunday of Advent -Randall and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn and family 12/15 Third Sunday of Advent - Pat and Don Bixby and Caroline Zeek 12/22 Fourth Sunday of Advent -Jude and Desirae Austin Family 12/24 Christmas Eve - Iris Sandoval, Annika and Ayanna Reid

Sign-up Sheets The programs and worship services of Second Presbyterian Church are maintained by the large and small gifts and acts of thoughtfulness by many people. For these gifts we are all grateful. You can support our programs in many ways, but there are signup sheets for three ways in the Fellowship Hall: 1) providing flowers, 2) serving as ushers, 3) helping with hospitality. You might want to choose dates with special significance.

Don't forget to sign up for Christmas Caroling for Shut-in members on December 15th after the John Van Dyke Celebration!

Policies and Procedures --- You may not know that Second Presbyterian Church has a Policies and Procedures Manual that lays out guidelines for most aspects of our corporate activities and responsibilities. These guidelines have been developed to provide direction and consistency for the functions of the church. The Worship and Music Committee with input from others has updated the policies for ushers, weddings, funerals, and use and rental of fellowship hall. The purpose was to reflect current practices, technologies, and resources.

Food Donation On the first Sunday of the month you are invited to bring nonperishable foods that will be taken to the Albuquerque food bank to help feed the many in our community who are without adequate fool.

SECURITY MINISTRY

by Eli Lopez Church SAFETY everyone's responsibility

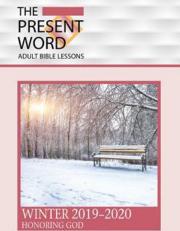
The mission of Second Presbyterian Security Ministry committee, is "to maintain an open, welcoming worship experience by enhancing our awareness of church safety and security to enrich our community of observant Christians." We are blessed to be able to worship and feel safe in our sanctuary. Your security committee has been diligently working to ensure that our environment is as safe as it can be. You might have already noticed some proactive measures which have taken place, such as locking the door in the fellowship hall during worship. A sign has been posted on the door informing late comers they are welcome to enter through the sanctuary. We have initiated an OBSERVER USHER role, a person who sits in the back of the church with

the other ushers. This person's role is only to observe and intervene on the occasion there would be disruptive behavior. Members of the committee have been alternating in this role. However, the role of keeping the congregation safe is the responsibility of all members. We are in need of volunteers to fill this role. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Let's continue to be observant and proactive in staying SAFE.



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

9:00 – 10:00 am, in the Conference Room of JI Candelaria Wing Winter Quarter of The Present Word: Honoring God



LEADER'S GUIDE

Welcome to the winter quarter of The Present Word, a study of personal and corporate expressions of worship. We begin our study with King David, known as "a man after God's own heart." David is a strong example of a spiritual leader who worships God in his own life but who also takes bold measures to ensure Israel's right worship as prescribed in God's holy covenant. On December 22, the fourth Sunday of Advent, we look at worship through the eyes of Mary's Song in Luke 1. Her worshipful song of thanksgiving and praise is reminiscent of many of the Hebrew psalms attributed to David.

In January 2020, we explore worship through the building of the Temple in Jerusalem. While David put all the plans in place for constructing a house for God, it was his son Solomon whom God ordained to complete the work. In February, we join the disciples to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from his teaching on honoring God through our worship.

The class shares leadership for each Sunday; the discussions are lively; and everyone receives a blessing through participating. Whether young or old, well studied or new to scripture, this class is a unique opportunity to explore

scripture in community. Study guides are provided (large print!) and the class size expands from 7 to 15 depending on your participation!

In December, the class will be led by our Parish Associate, the Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins.

By Don Bixby



The statistics are grim. According to the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness, over 20,000 persons – over 2 % of Bernalillo County residents – will experience homelessness during the year. For over three decades, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless (AHCH) has served our community as the only health care organization

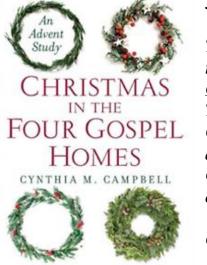
in Central New Mexico dedicated exclusively to providing services to homeless people. When people experience homelessness, access to adequate health care can mean the difference between getting back on your feet or dying. AHCH believes all people are entitled to health care, including those living in cars or motels, couch surfing, on the street, in shelters and in transitional housing. Having access to medical care for chronic conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, chronic pain, is essential.

Towels and Socks for the Holiday Campaign AHCH provides critical services to over 7,000 men, women and children every year. By addressing the health-related causes of homelessness, AHCH makes it possible for people to find solutions to end their homelessness. While the needs are many, Second is focusing again this year on a collection of towels and stockings for men, women and children, during the Advent Season. The clinic Resources Center has showers for the homeless and towels are always in demand. For folks who are out on the street all day, a fresh pair of socks is a treasure. Please put bath towels and socks on your holiday shopping list for the homeless. For questions or further information contact Pat Bixby.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – ADVENT!

By Rev. Kay Huggins, Parish Associate



Join the Wednesday Bible Study for Advent!

This Advent, beginning on November 27 and continuing through three Wednesdays in December, we are studying Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes, by Cynthia M. Campbell. There is no more important question to answer than, "Who is Jesus Christ to you?" and no better time to ask this question than Advent as you prepare your heart and home for celebrating Christ's birth. Consider joining us! Study books are \$5.00 and well worth every cent.

Come. Share. Prepare. Learn. - Rev. Kay Huggins

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

By Gloria Mirabal



Saturday, December 7, 2019, -- 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10.00 - Children \$5.00 Tickets may be purchased at the door. Takeout meals are available.

It's that time again for the Annual Presbyterian Women's Mexican Dinner and Boutique. Mark your calendars for December 7, 2019, 4:30-6:30pm at Second Presbyterian Church and make plans to attend. Tickets will be sold by

any PW member and will also be available at the door. The women of the church will be serving a delicious Mexican Dinner along with fresh sopaipillas and biscochitos! Bring a good appetite and enjoy! Please invite your family and friends to join you.

The Boutique, located in the Candelaria Wing, will be open from 4:30-6:30 as well. Many beautiful handcrafted items in the Boutique are created lovingly by talented members of our congregation. There will also be gently used items available for sale. The fresh smell of home baked items will be awaiting you as you enter the door to the Boutique. Delicious home baked goodies, pies, homemade jam are made by the excellent bakers in our congregation and will be available for sale at the Bake Sale. So be sure to plan on visiting the Boutique and Bake Sale, it promises to be a great and delicious shopping experience! You may even be able to get all your Christmas shopping done!

The proceeds from the Mexican Dinner and Boutique help support Menaul School, Camino De Vida, and other missions that the Presbyterian Women help fund. We hope to see you Saturday, December 7, at Second for a very enjoyable evening!

WINGS FOR L.I.F.E. DECEMBER 2019

Second Presbyterian Church Monday evenings 5:30–7:30pm

Dinner, Mixers, Speakers, After-dinner tutoring & programming for Pre-K & K-12, & Karate Everyone welcome – Bring your families – Volunteers of all ages needed!

Wings For LIFE International's mission is transforming lives to break the generational cycle of incarceration.

Matthew 25:40 NRSV

"I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Wings For L.I.F.E. - Life-skills Imparted to Families through Education (WFL), is a national and state



Best Practice model whose **mission** is TRANSFORMING LIVES TO BREAK THE GENERATIONAL CYCLE OF INCARCERATION. WFL has won numerous awards, including the *National Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention* (top program in the U.S.) from the American Probation and Parole Association, the NM Children's Law Institute's *Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Award*, the *NM Innovative Program Star Award*, (top 10 behavioral health programs in NM) and the Martin Luther King, Jr. *Keep the Dream Alive Award*.

Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

by Eli Lopez

BOOKKEEPING TRANSITION COMPLETED - Chad Poole, a longtime friend of Second church, with the cooperation and assistance of John Van Dyke, has helped transition our bookkeeping to an electronic system called QuickBooks. This system is compatible with the contributions module of our CHurch Management System (CHMS), Breeze. The financial reports through October, 2019, have been completed and reported to Session. We are grateful to Mr. Poole for graciously giving of his time for our church, at no remuneration. He has also agreed to continue to assist us in this role for the foreseeable future. THANK YOU, Mr. POOLE!! **20/20 VISION STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN THEME** - The Stewardship campaign has been quite successful. Our 20/20 vision theme has been well received and Pastor Rob has done an excellent job promoting this theme, both through the children's sermon and from the pulpit. The minute for mission testimonials for stewardship by Esther Lopez and Susie and Francis Chang on the support and success of our investment in our youth, and Miss Gonzales' letter of long-standing support of our church were excellent. Your Stewardship team, Pastor Rob, Ruth Montoya, Toby Montoya, Lynn Gatewood and Eli Lopez coordinated the development of the letter, brochure, and pledge cards for the mail out to the congregation, to coincide with Dedication Sunday. Dedication Sunday was also a success, wherein 44 pledge cards were brought forward. In addition, 12 children's pledge cards were received for other activities in the church, such as ushering, singing, etc.

CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL

OFFERING - During the season of Advent and Christmas, we want to share the power of being with those we love and those in need. The Christmas Joy offering goes to support two major missions: young people through the ministry of Presbyterian related schools, including Menaul School, and the Board of Pensions for church workers and their families, who have faithfully served the church find themselves in need of



financial aid. The offering is divided 50/50 between each of these missions. The Christmas Joy offering will be received on December 22. Thank you for supporting this offering.

NEW DATE for John Van Dyke's Celebration - Date to recognize John's contributions to Second was rescheduled to December 15 after worship Service. Hope to see you all there.

STAYING TRUE TO GOD'S JUSTICE

"People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway."

Rev. Luis Torregroza



Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM *REV. LUIS TORREGROZA*

[Our seventh pastor,] Rev. Luis Torregroza was recommended to us by the Home Missions Council of Presbytery as a possible candidate for our pulpit, after the Rev. Dr. Lansing Bloom resigned.

Rev. Torregroza, who was living in Vera Cruz, Mexico, at the time, was contacted and he accepted our invitation to occupy our pulpit. It is our understanding that he was a graduate of Louisville Seminary and returned to Mexico soon after graduation. He began his tenure with us in July 1915, and resigned in July of 1916 to accept a position as a teacher of Spanish at Menaul School. A little research at the Menaul Historical Library revealed a faculty picture of Rev. Luis Torregroza in the 1916 Sandstorm Yearbook.

There are no Minutes of the Session that were recorded during his year with us, so we know very little about his work here. We do know that during his tenure, people were fleeing the revolution in Mexico and many were coming into Arizona, Texas, and New Mexico. Since we were a Spanish Church, and had a Mexican pastor, it was a natural attraction for these refugees. Epifanio Arreola, who was from Mexico and was the first elder of our Church, and Dr. Thompson, who was our second Pastor and a

former missionary in Mexico, began this attraction years before. Several families from Mexico joined our Church over the years and some of their descendants are still members.

It's unfortunate that not much was recorded of his ministry here but our loss was Menaul School's gain. He did help recruit our next "interim pastor" from Menaul School, a Mr. Melecio Trujillo.

From "A History of Second Presbyterian Church, 1889-2015", Gil Solis, ed.; pages 23-24

[Ed. Note – It is interesting to read that it is deep in our history to welcome refugees.]

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERING

Women of the Presbytery of Santa Fe

Countering Injustice As Bearers of God's Lifegiving Love: Rev. Jamie Martinez, Chaplain, UNM Hospital, will lead guided

meditation/reflection and discussion on our call to justice work and our roles in countering injustice. **Sharing Stories of Our Mission and Ministry of Love and Justice:** Representatives from Santa Fe Presbytery Congregations will convey



ways they have engaged in partnerships that show their mission of love and justice in areas of: homelessness; racism/discrimination; food insecurity/hunger; education; poverty, violence. **Acknowledging the Historical Perspective of the Struggle for Women's Rights and Human Rights in the Finger Lakes Region of New York:** Carol Main, from Grand Canyon Presbytery and Synod of the Southwest Representative to the PW PCUSA 2019 Mission Experience will share her insights from her July 2019 visit to historical sites involved in justice work related to suffrage and abolition.

Together in Service: Participants will join together in a letter writing project to asylees. Download Flyer for more information and Sign-Up details

Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque NM *MILESTONES – God Bless You!*

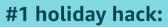
- Happy Birthday and Good Wishes to all our members and friends of who are celebrating their birthday this month!
- Congratulations to all the happy couples who are celebrating their Anniversary.

Date	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
Dec 1	Tilda Chavez	
	Margaret Perea	
Dec 3	Anita Torres	
Dec 4	Lorraine Jimenez	Karla and Rob Woodruff
Dec 6	Gary Lucero	
Dec 8	Gloria Montoya	
	Dolores Romero	
Dec 11	Jamie Martinez	
Dec 12	Kelly Van Andel	
	Kera Wilson	
	Tom Woodruff	
Dec 13	Alice Bellini	
Dec 13	Yvette Gallegos	
Dec 14	Deckie Herrera-Byrum	
	Rebecca Torres	
Dec 15	Christopher Padilla-Sandoval	
Dec 16	Woody Woodruff	
Dec 17	Eli Johnson	
Dec 21	Tom Mirabal	
Dec 22	Cristina Ortega	
Dec 25		Carol and Eli Lopez
Dec 26	Mackenzie Mead	
Dec 27	Jude Avila	
Dec 31		Candace and Bob Deuble

Church policy is to publish known birthdays in the newsletter unless the celebrant requests the date and/or month NOT to be published. This is to provide for some protection against identity theft. If you do NOT want your birth month/date to be published, please notify the LiveWire committee via email at livewire@secondpresabq.org or by notifying the Pastor or Office.

AMAZON SMILE

"United Presbyterian Church of the USA" Many of you are shopping for Christmas gifts. This is a good opportunity to increase Second's donations thru the AmazonSmile program. When you shop for gifts at smile.amazon.com/ch/85-6070506, AmazonSmile donates to Second. USE IT YEAR-ROUND!



When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

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December 2019	er 2019					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Adult Sunday school 10:00 AM Storehouse food collection 10:30 AM Bilingual Worship 21:30 AM Congregation Stated Meeting 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Fellowship Time	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	3 = 10:00 AM Worship and Mu- sic	4 Study - Advent	6:00 PM Choir Practice	United	7 Work Day 4:30 PM PW Dinner and Boutique
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South parking lot: 35.090136, -106.640028 North parking lot: 35.090788, -106.639597 If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence.