

¡BENDITOS SALUDOS! February 2020

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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.



Church Membership is 249

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.

A Passionate Plea

With February's reputation for being the "love" month, it seems apropos to take a moment to think about passion. Passion is something that tends to grip our attention. When someone is passionate about something or someone, it causes an unusually high level of intensity, accelerated adrenaline, and intrigue. People often talk about wanting to have passion for a partner, a job, or an avocation. In the context of Valentine's Day, passion is linked to romantic feelings. Such passion when lived out, is never lacking for intensity, adrenaline, or intrigue. Passion, in various contexts, creates a feeling that something is valuable—it is worth all of the focus and effort to feel such passion.

However, we know that passion, romantic or not, can burn brightly, and not long after, fade away. It can be an exciting experience marked by a contained period of time, and then it's gone.

The Christian faith also uses the word passion, but differently than its common application. The faith use comes from a Latin verb which can mean: "suffer," "bare," or "endure." The Latin root is from where we get the word "patience." Passion, in this sense, is most commonly applied to the end of Jesus' life. It is also used to describe early church martyrs who were killed because of passionate adherence to the faith.

Let us take a moment to consider where passion resides in our lives. What do you value so much that concurrently generates intensity, adrenaline, and intrigue? I believe that part of being Christian is being passionate. And I also believe, that for passion to endure, it must be cultivated and stoked. Left to its own devices, it will die with time. With regards to our faith, there are values, commitments, and an eternal sense of purpose that can generate excitement within us. But, if we do nothing to cultivate the passion, it may easily fizzle. What are you most passionate about in life—especially with regards to faith and deeper values? This February, consider what you might do to make sure that your passion is fed. No need to buy your faith flowers or chocolates, but feeding it with life-giving relationships, worship, meditation, and anything else that will stimulate it, will only foster a passion that truly endures.

Happy Valentine's Day, 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
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Ray Otero	Sandra Poole	Wanda Romero Porcelo	David Preininger
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Jackie Van Hauen	Emilia Vásquez	Carmen Vigil	

LAY READERS AND USHERS/GREETERS

Date	Lay	Ushers/Greeters
	Leaders/Liturgists	
Feb 2	Gary Lucero, Jr.	Jasmine Ploof and Cruz Bencomo
Feb 9	Harriet Brandstetter	Willie Chavez and David Lopez
Feb 16	Sam Porragas	Tina Griego and Pat Gilberto
Feb 23	Yvette Gallegos	TBA

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

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ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday, February 26, begins our Lenten journey. Plans are evolving for worship with First Presbyterian, once again. Second will host the 7:00pm gathering. Details will follow.

WED BIBLE STUDY WINTER/SPRING 2020 – THE EARLY CHURCH

11am-Noon on Wednesday



Introducing: The Early Church

"From its very beginning, the Christian message was grafted onto human history. The good news Christians proclaim is that in Jesus Christ, and for our salvation, God entered human history in a unique way. History is crucial for understanding not only the life of Jesus, but the entire biblical message." Justo L. González The Story of Christianity

This is the

path through time we will follow:

January 8 - Introduction and Overview

January 15 - The Fullness of Time for Jesus' coming

January 22 - The Church in Jerusalem

January 29 - The Mission to the Gentiles

February 5 - First Conflicts with the State

February 12 - Persecution in the 2nd Century

February 19 - The Defense of the Faith

February 26 - The Deposit of Faith: Creeds & more



EPIC SOUP DRIVE FEB 2

EPIC, once again is sponsoring the soup drive that culminates on Super

Bowl Sunday, February 2. Please bring canned soup or Ramien Noodle Soup so that we might share with those in need through the Storehouse.

EPIC KINDNESS MUGS

EPIC's theme for "Kindness". So, help us spread this Valentine's around Day. We will be

offering decorated of the members forward receiving this random person the

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mugs filled with chocolate congregation in order to be someone else. The person atters. gift is solely at the choosing giving. These mugs will be available on Sunday, February 9, just in time to be shared for Valentine's Day. So please be a part of our project and spread a little random kindness!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

by Rev. Kay Huggins, Parish Associate

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



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!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MEET FEBRUARY 7

Church Women United, an ecumenical Christian women's group, will meet on Friday, February 7, at 9:30am, at Grant Chapel AME Church, 7920 Claremont Avenue NE. Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30am followed by a presentation by Carolyn Good, entitled "Anyone Can Be Scammed" at 10:00. A collection will be taken for WINGS for Life to include "anything that you would ordinarily take to Good Will···kitchen supplies, linens, clothing, etc." Come join us! Questions? Contact: Amy Costales 867–4207



WINGS 1-7-20 UPDATE FROM LIBERIA

By Ann Edenfield Sweet, Executive Director/Founder

A team of us (4) arrived in Liberia on Friday. We were greeted at the airport by some of the Wings For LIFE International Liberian team members. (15-20) They drove out, packed into cars, to greet us around 11:00 pm! What a greeting it was!!!!!

Yesterday there were protest apparently in Monrovia where we are. We only heard about it through contacts with loved ones at home and I'm sure we'll get a full update today. DON'T worry – we are fine! Instead, yesterday we visited an amazing hospital who "treats everyone and God heals" is their motto. We also unpacked our 450# of supplies into 20 packages so as we go out and visit various places we have gifts to share.

Lastly, around 6:00 pm, we went out into Raymond's neighborhood and gathered all the children, teens, and some adults (about 200 we estimate) and taught them songs and had everyone dramatized Noah and the Ark. Some of the children were animals (I especially loved all the elephants and the birds who flew on the ark), others were the Ark, others the Rainbow, and of course we had Noah and





his wife and one slow turtle. Everyone else became the rain, wind, waves and thunder. The SLOW turtle finally made it on the Ark and after the 40 days of rain, and finally the rainbow came out with God's promise to never flood the earth again, we reminded everyone that even if we are slow like the turtle, if we want to find God, He will always be there for us. That is his promise to us.

The children were so amazing, as has everyone been in Liberia. We truly have dear friends here, who have done amazing things already. In about 5 minutes we leave to meet the head of the prison system for Liberia, and then drive to one prison today, overnight in another town where we will visit that prison tomorrow. We will stop at some orphanages along the way.

We are SO blessed to be here. Pray for safe travels and for all the people we are to meet. THANKs for caring about the people around the world and for being part of our "Wings Family".

EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT PER CAPITA

BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

By Ruth Montoya

Second is joining other Presbyterian Churches in our Presbytery of Santa Fe to support the mission and ministry provided by our denomination through the Office of the General Assembly by contributing yearly to the annual **Per Capita fund.** Each of the <u>16 synods</u> within our denomination establishes an annual assessment formula for their own <u>presbyteries</u>, which <u>total 170</u>. Our own **Santa Fe Presbytery** has established a **\$35.00 per member assessment for 2020** for each of its **38 congregations**.

Please know that your gift helps to strengthen, support, and resource the work of our denomination at all levels, starting with the Office of the General Assembly, which enables numerous services on which Presbyterians depend, including the biennial meeting of the General Assembly. This year's General Assembly will convene June 20-27, in Baltimore, Maryland.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

By Don Bixby

This poem by Howard Thurman was used as our Affirmation of Faith on Epiphany Sunday.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks.
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
To make music in the heart.

Before we leave the Christmas Season behind, the following is a remembrance of Christmases past in Southern Colorado, presented by Ruth Montoya at our December 29th Service. Some will have missed the presentation, and others will enjoy experiencing it again.

A MOGOTE "CRISMES"

By Ruth Montoya

"Growing up in the small community of Mogote, Colorado, where Spanish was our primary language, the word ADVENT was unknown to our household. All we knew was that Christmas was approaching when the Montgomery Ward Christmas catalogue was delivered to our rural mailbox by a disgruntled mailman! I joined my siblings and cousins around the kitchen table to review the contents of wonderful items which we individually claimed and circled with a crayon. I think deep in our hearts, we knew none of these would actually become ours because our household economics would not make these possible. Nonetheless, we dreamed on!

My memories of Christmas really translated to a true Advent with the preparations going all around us: The cooking of traditional foods by our mothers and grandmothers, only made possible by the kitchen wood stove which was kept hot with the constant addition of wood logs. The fragrance of biscochitos permeated the house; empanaditas were made of mincemeat and pork with a splash of bourbon tossed in (only if my grandmother was feeling slightly wicked), and the endless pot of posole with pork with a side of chile caribe rounded out the traditional menu. Tamales and enchiladas were totally unknown to us until the early 50's when one of our local men married a woman from Mexico who introduced her delicious food traditions to us.

Our religious preparation came by way of the Christmas story read to us during Sunday School Class in our little church, which is now a designated historical site. Since our grandparents had long left the Catholic Church and become Presbyterian, the Bible was read to us at home as well. The story of the shepherds was a particular favorite one because our rural community abounded with sheep farms. The story led to the selection of members of our class for particular roles in the Christmas play to be performed on Christmas Eve. Because I was considered to be a good singer, I was never selected to play the Virgin Mary, a role I coveted every year – I was the soloist instead! The Christmas Eve service was always so special when visiting family members and friends filled the church. The tall pine tree in the sanctuary came from the forests near our community and was cut and set up by the men and teen boys the day before. The women and girls adorned the tree with

homemade decorations. Our own Ladies Missionary Society prepared brown paper sacks filled with peanuts, hard candy, an orange (if available) or an apple to hand out to all the children following the worship service.

Early Christmas morning when the temperature in southern Colorado often hit the 30 below zero-degree mark, the children were bundled up and sent out to the neighborhood to ask for "Mis Crismes!" with their 5- or 10-pound empty flour sacks. In expectation of our arrival, the neighbors would add peanuts, fruit and candy to our sacks, but only if we sang a song or recited a poem. Upon returning home, we were treated to cups of atole with warm milk to warm us up. I followed that tradition when my own daughter, Maria, turned four years old – her father and I bundled her up and took her out to "Mis Crismes".

At noon the family gathered at our grandparents' home to open our presents and share a big meal. The adults were always seated first at the table. In the meantime, the children played with their new toys and waited to eat until "our elders" were finished. We kept checking the contents of the pots on the stove to assure that there would be enough left for us! The Christmas of 1945 was especially meaningful for us when my Uncle Armando Gonzales, a graduate of Menaul School, was medically discharged from the Army with shell shock and was on his way to the hospital in Fort Lyons, Colorado, for treatment. My mother had managed to save enough ration stamps for the purchase of extra sugar to bake his favorite chocolate cake. The beautiful cake along with the strawberry jello with bananas, were stored in a small room at the back of the house, and when she went to serve them, they were frozen solid! Needless to say, we had to wait until later in the day to enjoy the delicious desserts.

I was sharing with my granddaughter this past week that the traditional role of the women of the household, as I remembered, was to keep the house in order, cook for the family, and to share food with whomever came to visit. The men, on the other hand, kept the wood chopped to keep the fires going and bring in water from the well. The men had their special moment of fun at the break of dawn on New Year's Day when they congregated at a home to compose "versos" and then went out with a guitar and violin to serenade each household in the community "a dar los dias" (bring in the New Year)! In appreciation, they were treated to a shot of whiskey or chokecherry wine! I'm sure all the alcohol kept them warm and happy by the time they returned home! In closing, I'm going to sing a "verso" which I composed especially for you:

Desde me casa he venido Llena de café' y biscochitos. Para darles los buenos dias A ustedes mis amigitos!"

Epiphany Traditions

The January Newsletter contained a short article about Epiphany traditions around the world. Pastor Rob referred to the Epiphany swims in several cold countries that made us shiver. But Tessie Lopez wanted to know what chalking the doors is all about. I, too, was intrigued when I saw the custom listed for Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day). Here is what I found: The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice, though it appears to be less well-known in the United States. The ritual — adapted for 2019 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home:

$$20 + C + M + B + 19$$

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "19" at the end mark the year. Thus, the inscription is a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked throughout the entire year.

Chalking is done on the Feast of the Epiphany — the Twelfth Day of Christmas and can be done at any church or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including songs, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water.

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Liturgical Season Colors

On Sunday, January 12th, we were to have celebrated the Lord's baptism. (This year the celebration was postponed until the 19th) and the color for that day is white, again, immediately changing back to green. Note that the communion table overcloth is the colorful weaving from Honduras, gifted to us by Rev. Dori Hjalmarson. On Transfiguration Sunday, February 23rd, the color is again white. February 26th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent when the color is purple. Holy Communion will be celebrated on February 2nd, the first Sunday of the month, and on Ash Wednesday.

Flowers for Worship

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall, where you can choose a date to bring flowers for the service. It is our tradition that flowers for worship are provided to honor a person or event of significance, such as the memory of a departed loved one or an anniversary. Flowers should be delivered well before the beginning of the service. These flowers may then be taken to shut-ins, if the "contributor" so desires.

Hospitality

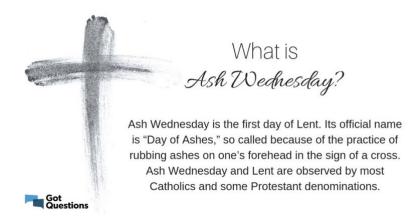
Fellowship is an important element of our church community. The gatherings after worship for coffee and conversation are in need of assistance to provide food and help with set-up and especially cleanup on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall, where you can choose a date to contribute to this valuable ministry. For questions, contact Ella Porragas or Sandra Duran.

Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless (AHCH)

During the Advent Season, Second generously contributed supplies to AHCH. We focused on towels to be used for the 50 showers per day provided by the center, and new socks, a treat for those who are on their feet all day in all kinds of weather. We delivered: 47 towels, 212 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of gloves, 28 washcloths, 3 scarves, and 6 hats. Someone also brought 3 pillows, 8 blankets, and 3 winter coats which were gratefully received at St. Martin's Day Shelter.

Food Bank Donations

The first Sunday of every month we celebrate Holy Communion and collect non-perishable food items for the regional food bank. In December, Second delivered **85 pounds** of food to Road Runner Food Bank. **Mark February 2nd** on your calendar, and let's get the Lenten Season off to a great start with food donations.



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
Feb 2	Rocky Bellini	
Feb 3	Christin Moreland	
Feb 4	Robert Deuble	
Feb 5	Priscilla Candelaria	
	Phyllis Nunns	
Feb 10		Sandra and Orlando Duran
Feb 11	Garbriel Gutierrez	
Feb 12		Bev and Reme Molo
Feb 13	Anna Torres	
Feb 14		Gerald and Betty Borron
Feb 16	Kyle Austin	
Feb 19	Diego Chavez	
Feb 21		Kay and George Huggins
		Debbie and James Romero
Feb 26	Karmen Van Dyke	
Feb 27	Jacob Castillo	
	Illiana Martinez	

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.

Q. Where was Solomon's temple located?

A. On the side of his head.

Q. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

A. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A. It's Christmas, Eve!

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Bilingual Worship Services Sundays at 10:30 am

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If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence.