



¡BENDITOS SALUDOS!

March 2020

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ALBUQUERQUE, NM
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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 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’ ll sort ‘em out later.” – GOD



Del Pastor

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

Two Lenten Journeys

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Our Ash Wednesday service with First Presbyterian marked the beginning of the season of Lent. As you will read in the Worship and Music section of this newsletter, much is planned for the season. But while we consider our own spiritual Lenten journeys, I am excited to bring to your attention two important Lenten journeys that will bring special visitors to us.

March 1st, Jerry Martinez will bring Rev. Quiñones to spend a week with us in Albuquerque. Jaime really looks forward to seeing many of you. Another significant journey will be that of the Rev. Drs. Ary Fernandez and Beidy Casas Aragon from our sister church in Matanzas, Cuba. They will join us March 3-19. It has been more than five years since our pulpit exchange with them and it will be wonderful to reconnect. Next year, their church will celebrate its 100th anniversary! Keep in mind that it is the same church where our former pastor Manolo Rodriguez and Reina Martinez' father were pastors.

Jaime will be with us in worship on the 8th and Ary and Beidy will join us the 8th and 15th for worship. Beidy will preach the latter Sunday. And on the 8th, you are cordially invited at 1pm, after worship, to a 92nd birthday party for Jaime. Immediately following, Ary will give a presentation about the current social realities in Cuba and update us on the work of the Presbyterian Church. The party and presentation will be open to anyone in the presbytery. It will be a wonderful occasion!

Blessings to you on your Lenten journey,
Roberto

Did you know?

Pastor Rob serves on the Board of
[New Mexico Voices for Children!](http://www.newmexicovoicesforchildren.org)





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
Francisco Chavez	Elsie Chavez	Adelina 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
Mary Randall	Michael Randall	Enrique Reza	Jerry Rivera
Robert "Bud" Romero	Susan Romero	Joan Rosaire	Frank Salazar
Les Sandoval	Elifas Santillanes	Keith Suazo	Raquel Tedder
Barbara Trujillo	Juanita Valdez	Jackie Van Hauen	Emilia Vásquez
Carmen Vigil			

LAY READERS AND USHERS/GREETERS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Lay Leaders/Liturgists</i>	<i>Ushers/Greeters</i>
Mar 1	Emmanuel Johnson	The Johnson Family
Mar 8	Dora Martinez	Joey Candelaria and Willie Chavez
Mar 15	Jack Torres	Yvette Gallegos and Jon Hanna
Mar 22	TBD	Imelda Atencio and Juanita Lucero
Mar 29	Randall Korver-Glenn	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

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.

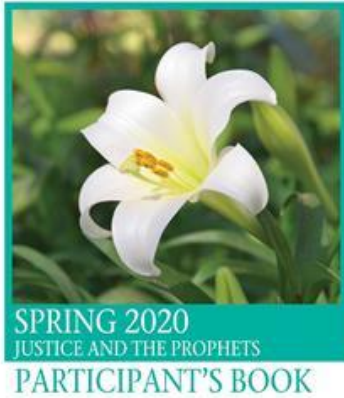
Have a calendar event that's not on Second's calendar? Go to our website [home](#) page, point to "HOME", click on "CALENDAR" on the pop-up, scroll past the Google calendar, then use the form to let us know. The update will be sent to the Pastor (Rob), Office (Bev), and Livewire. List it!



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

by Rev. Kay Huggins, Parish Associate

**9:00 – 10:00 am, in the Conference Room of JI Candelaria Wing
Spring Quarter of The Present Word: Justice and The Prophets**



Join the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Discussion: Conference Room, Candelaria Wing, every Sunday at 9:00am. **Spring quarter begins March 1st**, with a focus on justice as presented in Scriptures from the prophets and in the reading for Easter Sunday, which is taken from I Corinthians. The prophets communicated God's will to the people. They called for repentance and justice.

Unit I, "God Requires Justice"

Unit II, "God Promises a Just Kingdom"

Unit III, "Called to God's Work of Justice"

All are welcome at this weekly discussion of faith and life.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING MARCH 4

First Corinthians addresses the basic tenets of Christian faith as well as down-to-earth matters of moral conduct and standards of Christian living, including such topics as speaking in tongues, The Resurrection, the Lord's Supper, and problems of marriage.



The letter also includes Paul's memorable definition of Christian love.

Please join the Wednesday (11:00am-Noon) Bible Study as we continue to investigate culture and challenges of the early church by using this rich and confusing epistle! Led by Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins, Parish Associate.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN FRITO PIE LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 29, 2020

After worship

Fund raiser luncheon for PM

\$7 Adults - \$3 Children

ELDERS AND DEACONS INSTALLED



(picture by Mike McHugh)

Elders and Deacons were ordained and installed during the worship service on January 26, 2020.

In the picture above are:

Back Row: James Bencomo (Elder Class of 2022), Steve Montoya (Elder Class of 2021), Allan Holmquist (Elder Class of 2022), Randall Korver-Glenn (Elder Class of 2022)

Middle Row: Clarabelle Padilla (Deacon Class of 2020), Solema Newton (Deacon Class of 2022), Beverly Molo (Deacon Class of 2022)

Front Row: Mickey McHugh (Elder Class of 2022), Carla Drake (Deacon Class of 2022), Deckie Herrera-Byrum (Deacon Class of 2022)

Not pictured: Reme Molo (Deacon Class of 2021)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS APPOINTED

During the Session Stated meeting of February 18, 2020, the following were appointed Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs for 2020:

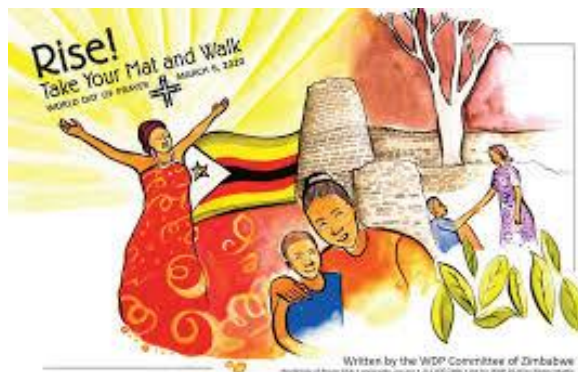
Buildings and Grounds – Abel McBride	Nominating – Sandra Duran
Christian Education – Kris Johnson	Personnel – Randall Korver-Glenn
Evangelism & Membership – Steve Montoya	Security – James Bencomo
Hospitality – Mickey McHugh & Ella Porrugas	Stewardship and Finance – Eli Lopez
Live Wire – George Huggins	Worship and Music – Allan Holmquist
Mission – Anna Torres	

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD
DAY OF PRAYER



Church Women United, an ecumenical gathering of Christian women, will meet for World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6th at St.

Timothy Lutheran Church, 211 Jefferson NE. The theme of the service is "RISE! Take Your Mat and Walk" and is written by the women of Zimbabwe. Coffee fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the service beginning at 10:00. Please join us and bring a friend! For more information or questions, call Sharon Hamilton at 620-0223.



THE LENTEN SEASON 2020

By Don Bixby



Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26 this year, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion.

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer. During Lent the liturgical color is purple. Purple is used because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and because purple is the color associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

Why 40 days? Forty is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21st century (and not all do significantly) use it as a time for prayer and penance. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain

the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, as a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on March 1st, the first Sunday of the month and the first Sunday of Lent. Pastor Rob has announced a provocative theme of water and baptism for the Lenten Season. The choirs and instrumentalists, beginning with harpist Donese Mayfield, have been asked to present musical responses to the theme of "living water."

Flowers for Worship: There are still some vacant spaces on the sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall, so that 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. Flowers may then be taken to members of the Furthest Pew, 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 Porrugas or Sandra Duran.



Food Bank Donations

The first Sunday of every month we celebrate Holy Communion and collect non-perishable food items for the regional food bank. EPIC collected 124 pounds of soups on Souper Sunday, which was delivered to the Storehouse Food Pantry. That delivery brings Second's total for the year to 209 pounds of donated food. Mark March 1st on your calendar, and let's get the Lenten Season off to a great start with help for the hungry.

TO THOSE WHO BRING SMALL CHILDREN TO CHURCH

There you are at church. Your baby or toddler is restless. Perhaps even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the church. All the while you're a little embarrassed, maybe a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."

I want you - mothers and/or fathers - to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. Seeing young parents and their small children brighten her day; she may have just received bad news about her health but seeing the vitality of young ones removes - if but for a moment - her fears. The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of goodness. But he sees you - a young family - in church every week. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the Church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to church.



Bring your children to church! If we don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should. - Author unknown



WINGS FOR L.I.F.E. AT SECOND

By Ann Edenfield Sweet

**Each month, Second and Fourth Monday, 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!

March 23	March 9	Managing Feelings in a Healthy Way	Mary Pepper
	Advice From Returning Citizens	Panel Discussion	

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

"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."
Matthew 25:40

SECURITY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

By Eli Lopez



Members and Friends of Second have again responded to our needs. Your security ministry committee has grown to fifteen persons. All are attending meetings regularly, providing constructive ideas, and following through with these ideas in efforts to make them a reality and make our congregation feel safe and secure while worshipping. The security ministry has a working list of 13 action items that cover a wide range of security and safety. The team has started with items that can be addressed relatively quickly and with few resources. However, there are a number of action items that will require significant resources to complete. In order to address the expected costs, some of the members have made monetary donations, and others have used their skills to install lights and cameras. Yet others are using their leadership skills to keep this momentum going and to identify and explore other ways to address each action item.

We have also been blessed to see the active participation of Observant Ushers who have stepped forward to serve in this role. We went from having three observant ushers alternating every Sunday to eighteen members who came forward and attended the first training, inputting new ideas and being excited about serving in this role.

You have probably already seen the activities in worship that are silently taking place. This ministry is serious about safety and is being proactive in its decisions and actions, all for the good of the whole.

We are also aware and sensitive that change can be hard. We are comfortable with the familiar and have grown up in a church culture that church is always safe and no harm comes to us in the house of the Lord. Incidents around the world have shown that our new reality has to include the knowledge that houses of worship are targets for violence and we must create a culture of awareness. The mission of the security ministry is to shift our culture to one of proactive rather than reactive attention. So please be aware of your surroundings, stay safe and help others stay safe. Because SAFETY and SECURITY is EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

LILY ORDER FORM

Name _____

of lilies @ \$12.00 each _____

Amount paid: _____

In honor/memory of: _____

____ I will take my lily(ies) home after the Easter Worship Service.

____ I would like to have my lily delivered to a shut-in.

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.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>BIRTHDAYS</i>	<i>ANNIVERSARIES</i>
Mar 2	Eva Avila Olivia Krieg	
Mar 3	Michelle Romero	
Mar 8	Jaime Quiñones	
Mar 10	Marcus Williams	
Mar 11	Janet Cortez Gloria Solis	
Mar 12	Alicia Montoya Lucero Sanchez	
Mar 14	Juanita Lucero	
Mar 15		Marie and Rick Kenny Dolores and Bob Romero
Mar 17	John Van Dyke	
Mar 18	Barbara Trujillo	Jennifer and Martin Wilson
Mar 19	Anita Chavez Nicole Gatewood	
Mar 22	Lauren Atwood	
Mar 23	Isabella Martinez	
Mar 24	Henrietta Van Maanen	
Mar 25	Marie Kenny	
Mar 26	Sally Ruybal	Thelma and Arthur Trujillo
Mar 29	Horace Romero	
Mar 31	Cruz Romero	

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.

Did you know?

Pastor Kay is Interim Executive Director of
[The New Mexico Conference of Churches](http://TheNewMexicoConferenceofChurches.org)



March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday school 10:00 AM Storehouse food collection 10:30 AM Bilingual Worship Service 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Fellowship Time ... EPIC Lock-In 						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:00 AM Adult Sunday school 10:30 AM Bilingual Worship Service 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Fellowship Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women - Bible Study & Potluck 5:30 PM WINGS Ministry 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Deacons' Meeting school 9:00 AM Adult Sunday school 10:30 AM Bilingual Worship Service 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Fellowship Time 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Patrick's Day 5:15 PM Session Potluck Meal 6:00 PM Session Meeting 				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday school 10:30 AM Bilingual Worship Service 11:30 AM Children's Choir 11:30 AM Frito Pie Luncheon 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April Fools Day 			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Choir Practice 		
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM LiveWire Committee 6:00 PM Choir Practice 		
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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Church Women United
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Congregational Work Day 10:00 AM Session Records Review
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Church Women United
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Sandia Mountain Retreat
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Congregational Work Day

Mountain Time Time Zone

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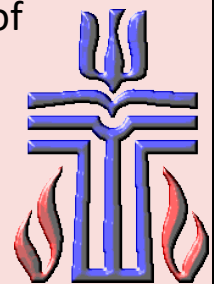
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Bilingual Worship Services Sundays at 10:30 am

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.