



¡BENDITOS SALUDOS!

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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

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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.**

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Not in a million years would I, or the rest of us, have assumed we would be approaching Palm Sunday physically separated from each other. We certainly began Lent with a bang. Rev. Quiñones' visit was so wonderful. Jaime was able to visit many in our congregation who cannot make it to church. He worshiped with us and we were lucky enough to celebrate his 92nd birthday at the church with mariachi music and delicious food. And besides that, we were blessed by the visit from the Rev. Drs. Ary Fernandez and Beidy Aragon from the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Matanzas, Cuba. Though their visit was cut short, they were still able to worship with us, spend time with some from our church community, and participate in activities with the wider Presbytery of Santa Fe. So, you could say we started Lent with a party.

I am proposing that we end Lent with a party. I do not mean the actual Easter Sunday that we will not be able to be together on this year. That is a hard reality for all of us. But as difficult and disorienting as this social isolation is, it is for the good of our world that we stay apart for a while! And we know that at the core of Christianity is sacrifice. We are called on now, by God, to embrace that sacrifice the best we possibly can. I know it is easier for some than others. Each person's current circumstances impact their experiences. But we are still called to love God and do whatever we can for our neighbor. That has not changed. We are living an unusual Lent that may last more than 40 days alone in the wilderness. But the time will come when that changes.

And when it changes, we will have a party at the church! We will celebrate the beauty of our community. We will embrace. We will smile and laugh and taste the joy of resurrection. But until that day, let us choose each morning, to experience and honor God in all that we do. Let us focus less on the news and more upon keeping in touch with and helping others. Let us pray without ceasing for those doing so much to care for Covid-19 positive patients, and everyone who is working hard to make sure stores have food and that our society has what we need. And let us keep in the back of our minds, in an accessible place, the knowledge that this too shall pass.

Grace & Peace, 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 Cavazos
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			

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.

DOES THE CHURCH KNOW HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU?

- Please check in with the Deacons if you have not received phone calls OR emails from us.
- Please notify livewire@secondpresabq.org to ensure that we have accurate contact information for you.
- And please DO NOT forget to check your emails.

One of the ways the Deacons are staying in touch with members of our Furthest Pew folks is we are sending cards and making calls to those we can. You may contact the Deacons at deacons@secondpresabq.org

LETTER FROM PASTOR ROB, MARCH 26, 2020

Dear Second Church family,

Buenas tardes les de Dios! Having spoken to several people in our congregation lately, a common phrase I hear is: "I sure miss seeing everyone." I will echo that claim and say: "I am missing all of you very much!" However, in spite of our physical distance, I am grateful that we have ways to be in touch and be church! In the interest of keeping us on the same page, please take a moment to check out the following announcements and congregational life update.

Weekly Announcements:

Worship

Please join us together with several other churches for online worship at 10:00am this Sunday. You can find the link to the service at the church or presbytery websites:

<http://www.secondpresabq.org>

<https://santafepresbytery.org>

Because of Governor Lujan-Grisham's new orders for no groups larger than five, it will be a small group. This Sunday we will not have a group discussion to interpret scripture, but rather a traditional sermon. I was asked to preach and I look forward to preaching a standard sermon after a few weeks without being behind a pulpit.

Christian Education

Pastor Kay continues to richly feed us spiritually by provide daily prayer messages and weekly Bible studies that are also accessible from the home page of our website.

<http://www.secondpresabq.org>

Susie and Francis Chang are reaching out to the youth and helping them connect with each other. They have also connected each member of the EPIC youth group with someone in the congregation to check in with on a regular basis.

Our children's choir director Debbi Eisenhower, is reaching out to all of the children in the choir.

As for Sunday school, the Christian Education Committee is beginning to make plans to provide connection and educational opportunities for our young people. Stay tuned Sunday School angel parents for more information to come.

Pastoral Care

Remember that if a member of friend of the congregation is hospitalized and you would like a visit from a Presbyterian chaplain, please email me at pastor@secondpresabq.org or call me at 505-363-5368 and I will gladly make arrangements.

Please keep our congregation and our world in your prayers. Please especially pray this week for **Elifas Santillanes** (who is set to turn 101 years old in August.) He has had a difficult health week. Please also pray especially for Deckie Byrum's son **Victor Byrum**, who has taken ill. Deckie has gone to be with him in Oklahoma City. Prayers for **Elsie Chavez** who last Sunday celebrated her 98th birthday. Please also keep in your prayers the health of **Raquel Tedder**, sister of Reina Martinez, whose is struggling right now with her health.

Please let me know if you have a prayer request lifted up or if you know of anyone in need of help with food, supplies, or other resources: pastor@secondpresabq.org or 505-363-5358.

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Budget and Offering

To continue providing your offering to the church, you may send a check to the church address:
Second Presbyterian Church
812 Edith Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87012-2408

The Stewardship and Finance committee will soon provide us with opportunities for online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation. Also, several folks are now making Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs) from their banks, directly to the church’s account. Contact Lynn Gatewood if you are interested in this option: dldmngatewood@aol.com or 505-259-2634

Congregational Life

Your session, deacons, and many others remain active. The session is having an online meeting every week. The deacons are reaching out to everyone on the church. Please let Deacon Moderator Lorraine Romero (505-275-3357) know if you, or someone you know, has not been reached by a deacon and we can make the connection. So far, I am hearing the everyone in the church is doing okay--thanks be to God!

The stories of how people are supporting each other are remarkable. This is a time in which we are invited to be more faithful than ever.

Here are a couple of recent photos of folks from the church. The first is from the sanctuary last Friday, and the other is Randall, Emma, and Jude Korver-Glenn getting out for a hike this morning. Please send me pics or videos that I may include in future announcement postings.

Que Dios los bendiga/God bless you!
Pastor Rob

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



SPECIAL OFFERING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

Dear Members and Friends of Second,

In these days as we continue to address our health care concerns, dealing with our self-quarantines and thus missing physical contacts with our congregation, it is our hope that we will continue to pray for one another as well as for our brothers and sisters here in our country and around the world during this Lenten Season.

We are reminded by our national church to continue to support those who are impacted by national disasters (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program), feeding the hungry (Presbyterian Hunger Program), and offering hope to the poor and oppressed (Self-Development of People Program). These three essential programs are supported through our gifts to the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering** which will be received starting on Palm Sunday (April 12) and throughout the month of April. Your gifts can also be made on-line by clicking on specialofferings.pcusa.org.

The Stewardship Committee of our church expresses heartfelt appreciation to you for your faithful support throughout these days.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

By Eli Lopez

Greetings from your Finance and Stewardship committee. We pray all of you are staying healthy and safe during this, our current temporary new reality.

Your Stewardship Committee and Session continue to explore new avenues to maintain a sense of normalcy within our Church community. Our temporary normal is that there is no person to person meetings or worship in our church facilities. This includes monitoring our financial situations and ensuring staff get paid and bills are paid. Session took action to include budget and offering concerns that includes:

1. Continue writing checks and mailing them to our church address;
2. We will be setting up an option for online giving and will notify you as soon as this is available;
3. Use any option that your bank might offer for direct bank-to-bank transfers, a.k.a. Electronic Funds Transfer. If you would like to use this option with your bank, please contact Lynn Gatewood, our Paying Treasurer.

We thank you for your continued support. Stay safe and healthy.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

By Don Bixby



Food Bank Donations

The first Sunday of every month we celebrate Holy Communion and collect non-perishable food items for the regional food bank. The March donation amounted to 67 pounds. That brings this year's total donation from Second Presbyterian to 267 pounds.

In the current epidemic, we will not be meeting at the church on the first Sunday of the month so we will be missing Holy Communion and our usual collection for the food bank. Yet

the calls on the food bank system are increasing as more people are losing employment and finding their food resources limited. At the same time shopping challenges and shortages affect donations to the banks.

We had arranged to place a collection box in the foyer of Family Promise, but they have wisely decided to close the office except for appointments. So, here is a short list of actions you can take to help support the community needs for food assistance:

1. Make your own collection of food at home until the current epidemic is controlled.
2. Deliver food directly to drop boxes at:
 - Roadrunner Food Bank 5840 Office Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, open M-F 9-4
 - The Storehouse, 106 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, open Wed-Sat 9-12
 - Other collections sites about which you are aware
3. Send a check directly to these food banks
4. Send a check to Second earmarked for the food bank



Palm Sunday

As in the past several years, the Eco-palms for Palm Sunday have been provided by Yvonne Gallegos in memory of loved ones who have passed. But with the church doors closed for services we will provide palms for the on-line service, and will continue the tradition of burning the palms to be used in the Ash Wednesday service in 2021.

Easter Sunday

With no service at the church on Easter Sunday, we face a similar dilemma with our tradition of Easter lilies as with the palms. We requested a reduced order from Osuna Nursery, but they were inflexible about any change. So, we will have 30 Easter lilies delivered to the church on Good Friday. Some will be delivered by the Deacons to many of our homebound members, and some will be provided for the on-line service. You may also order plants from the remainder to take home before Easter, and can be picked up at the North church parking lot..

You can help to celebrate this Easter Season by contributing a lily in honor or memory of loved ones. To purchase a plant, please complete the form below. The cost is \$12.00 each. Please make sure your information is complete and legible.



I wish to order ___ lily(ies) to take home ____.

Or dedicated as follows: In honor of ____, In memory of ____

By: _____

Please drop the completed order form and payment in the mail, since the church office will be essentially closed for the near future.

The Worship and Music Committee continues to plan and implement whatever tasks will help to support our fellowship: helping to enhance the online Sunday services; rearranging early plans for Holy Week; checking with committee members; and keeping our fellowship and community in prayer for health and healing.

A LETTER FROM "MUSIC"

by Karmen Van Dyke

My children,

This is a strange time for those of us who are constantly planning, frequently rehearsing/practicing for regular times at the church. I miss seeing—and hearing—you. And I realize I miss the discipline required to do any/all of the above.

So, what has "Music", been doing?

The MUSIC part of Worship and Music found it necessary to begin our time apart by checking in with several musicians who, due to cancelation of all on-site worship, would no longer be playing/singing for our Lenten, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, or Easter services. The unfortunate downside of that activity is that for



several of these folks the music of the church at this time of the year is a significant part of their faith experience (note its impact on Risen Savior Catholic Community, as well as Karmen and Debi, and many of you) and for several others music is their sole income. (Please keep Miguel Ojeda and his mariachi musicians in your prayers).

I was grateful to be part of the group providing worship on behalf of the Presbytery of Santa Fe on March 22. (For those of you who listened, I added two glissandos just for Second members!) I hope many of you have taken advantage of this “online” worship experience; it has been really quite effective, I think.

I have personally benefitted from Reverend Kay’s Morning Prayer. It doesn’t always START my day, but does enhance each morning. It will be hard to lose when we get back our “previous” lives. (That’s a “hint”, Kay; too soon?)

The regular filing of past anthems has benefitted from our new schedule, although the current “shelter in place” has delayed finishing. I am cooperating with the Governor, but the church building keeps calling my name!

I’m trying to stay more connected electronically—not my forte (musical term), some would say. The Adult Choir and staff were supposed to receive dancing sheep last week, “I miss ewe”, and I LOVED the responses you sent when they successfully danced through your day. Some folks believed the card was SPAM or a virus (not COVID-19), so I will, in the future, send an “alert” when another e-card is coming.

Our next steps are unknown. I am doing no teaching and no accompanying, and John was finally asked to work from home, beginning Thursday, March 19. I have the luxury of catching up on some recommended movies and books, as well as CLEANING. I’ve considered selecting a challenging piece of choral literature and putting choral parts online—just for the fun of it. If that has any appeal, let me know. In the meantime, let’s keep each other in our thoughts and prayers, and STAY CONNECTED!

Blessings, peace, love,
Karmen Van Dyke



WINGS FOR L.I.F.E.

Dear Members and Friends of Second,

This is a perfect time to THANK YOU for your generosity and for allowing Wings For L.I.F.E. to have its second home at your lovely church. The church Elders are always so accommodating and helpful, and of course Martha Powers has become almost a regular at WFL.

I pray for all of you to remain healthy, safe, and calm, knowing that soon life will resume as normal and we will all be so blessed to be able to gather again.

THANK YOU for being part of our vital ministry of reaching out, providing a safe place, and teaching best practices to the lost, the lonely, and the hurting.

I am BUSY! I'm catching up on things, planning future WFL meetings, setting up our TV program, preparing for our LIFT workshops in the NM prisons, planning for WFL in Alabama, preparing for OK prison family day, and the prison family days in all our NM prisons. WFL will start up again as soon as we can.

In His love,
Ann Edenfield Sweet, Executive Director/Founder



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

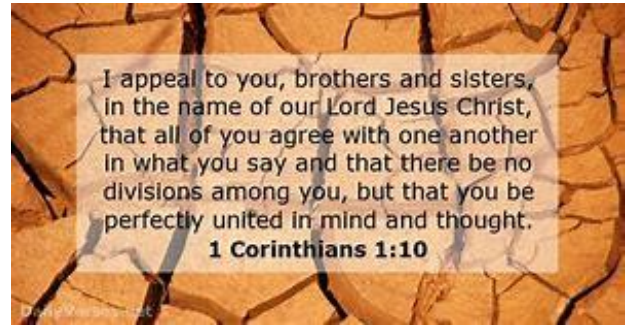
Wednesday Bible Study
Continues to Study I Corinthians

Dear Second Presbyterian family,

You are cordially invited to join our virtual Bible Study of I Corinthians. Each Wednesday, a video of 20-30 minutes goes up on the website; you can watch the video at your convenience, but it is best to have read the chapter first! For the April, the assigned readings will be:

- Wednesday April 1 – Chapter 5
- Wednesday April 8 – Chapter 6
- Wednesday April 15 – Chapter 7
- Wednesday April 22 – Chapter 8
- Wednesday April 29 – Chapter 9

There are questions for reflection built into each presentation; if you are viewing it with a Bible in hand and a friend or family member at your side, share your comments with each; if you are viewing alone, consider writing a few comments as you pause the video. Remember, you can watch previous videos or the current video more than once. May It Bless Us All!



DAILY DEVOTIONS

Morning Prayers are posted for Monday – Friday each week
The lessons come from the daily lectionary
and the prayers are the PCUSA Daily Prayer liturgy.
Prayer requests and petitions can be forwarded to
Pastor Rob: robxela@yahoo.com

You might wonder how these videos are produced...well, it's a kitchen table project! George sets up a music stand on the table and holds the iPod in place with 3 clothespins. Kay runs around stopping the chimes on the clock and turning off phones; she then sets up the muslin backdrop, checks and rechecks the passages, and prints the title and notes for scripture and prayers.

When all is ready, George says... "And you're on..." and the taping begins. After the video is clipped to begin and end smoothly, George posts the new video to the web and adjusts the titles. Usually this happens around 8pm. Then, the next morning before 6am, Kay is up to do her morning devotions...but she must remember to be a day ahead, because she needs to read the passages in the morning for that evening's taping. It is not a good idea to ask her what day it is, she is never quite sure if it's today or tomorrow!



ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

By George Huggins

During the health emergency, when we are unable to give and receive tithes and offerings during common worship, please consider continuing your support thru Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Here's more info.

The Electronic Funds Transfer Act (EFTA) of 1978 enables and governs this type of transfer, and banks typically implement the transfers using Automated Clearing Houses (ACH). YOU control the transfer, and can cancel or modify the transaction, any time before the transfer. ACHs typically process EFTs nightly.

The terminology and options vary from bank to bank. Typically, look for "Transfer Funds", or "Person to Person" payments (electronically, not via check), or "EFT".

To make the transfer recurring, enter the amount and (usually) a day of the month (or date for a single transfer) to make the transfer.

All you ever want to know about the EFTA:

https://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/caletters/2008/0807/08-07_attachment.pdf

Motivation for the act came from the desire to cut costs on the expense of the Federal Government printing and sending checks to employees, retirees, and vendors. It is exceptional that any vendor can do business with a Federal Government Agency -without- the capability to receive payments from the Agency via EFT. Invoices from the vendor to the Agency usually have the routing number and account number into which the Agency will EFT payment.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Did you ever play hide-and-seek when you were a kid? It's a favorite of children, no matter what generation! But I feel like the kid who is seeking and not finding the other kids...where are they hiding? "Oli, oli, in come free" I want to sing, "if you don't come now you'll be I-T!"

The current situation has kept me apart from the children and teens in the church and music ministry, and I sure do miss them. With their energy, passion and creativity, they remind me that no matter what is happening, God has given hope for the future.

I have been spending this time of separation emailing and texting our choir groups, keeping in touch to let them know they are missed and important to us. Even during our combined online worship, I realize how important their offerings have become to my worship. Their singing and participation are signs that all of God's children are valued and necessary in the eyes of God, and I miss them leading alongside the pastors and adult worship leaders!

The children have been preparing music for Palm Sunday and Easter, and the pieces are recorded on our church website. I want to ask them to keep learning the songs! We'll be singing them sometime in the future, so it's good to be ready!

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who encourage their kids to come and participate in our music ministry! You are a big help in showing our children that they are important members of Christ's body!

Blessings, Debi Eisenhour

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>
Apr 1	Ruth Montoya Solana Sanchez	
Apr 2	Brian Ferns	
Apr 3	Nicole Maez	
Apr 4	Molly Koenigsberg Sandra Padilla	
Apr 6	Donna Graham Marisol Lin Michelle Martinez	
Apr 8	Sarah Lopez	
Apr 9	Ella Porragas	
Apr 10	Reme Molo	
Apr 12	Jeannie Hogan	Petra and Tom Martinez
Apr 15	Matthew Van Dyke Gabriel Jaramillo	Colin and Andrea Reed
Apr 17	Toby Montoya	
Apr 18		Eugenia and James Bencomo
Apr 21	Fred Reincke Ximena McBride Yvonne Gallegos Reyes Sandoval	
Apr 22	Floriada Baker David Martinez	
Apr 23	Annika Reid	
Apr 25	Felicia Aragon	
Apr 28	Reina Cotie-Jimenez	
Apr 30	Abel McBride JR	Adolph and Jessie McCoy

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.

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North parking lot: 35.090788, -106.639597

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