



# ¡BENDITOS SALUDOS!

## May 2020

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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 247**

#### 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.**

## **"Grad" & "Gress"**

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

There is a Latin root that makes its way into several English words. It is a root that seems especially applicable at the moment. There are two ways the root appears in English. One is “grad,” and the other is “gress.” What are some words you know that contain the root? For grad, some include: **gradual**, **upgrade**, **gradient**, **degrade**, **centigrade**, and **retrograde**. For gress, words include: **transgress**, **regress**, **progress**, **congress**, **aggressive**, and **egress**. With at least some of those words, it may make sense to you that the root means “step.” **Gradual** means proceeding slowly, step-by-step. **Upgrade** means to improve by stepping up. Or, **transgress**, which means stepping beyond a boundary. **Regress** is to step back. And **progress**, means to step forward.

So why the Latin root lesson? Two reasons. This month we will celebrate the **graduations** of several in our church. Presbyterianism elevates the importance of developing both head and heart. The EPIC article in this newsletter will let you know who is graduating, and from where, as they have worked hard to train their minds for the future. Please take some time to call or write our graduates to celebrate their big step forward and to help them celebrate their **progress!**

The other reason for the lesson is to recognize how coming back together as a worship community and as a society will be a **gradual** process. In his letter to the Ephesians (4:2), Paul encourages, “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” With time, we will find an **egress** from our current situation that leads us back together without the **regression** that would come from impatience. A common expression in Spanish is “poco a poco” or “paso a paso.” Their meanings respectively are “little-by-little,” and “step-by-step.”

As we celebrate scholarly milestones and as we prayerfully and lovingly live into the **progress** of the Coronavirus reality, let’s take time—time to honor the steps of our **graduates**, and the time to honor the **gradual** steps into a better reality.

Grace & Peace, Roberto

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

You are cordially invited to join in anytime for recorded daily devotions and a weekly Bible Study of First Corinthians with Pastor Kay: [secondpresabq.org](http://secondpresabq.org)



Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School Parents, be on the lookout. Anita Abeyta will send an earth care video lesson she made with her grandchildren for our Sunday School children this week.

EPIC youth, if your doorbell rings, it just might be the Chang's (see picture.) They are dropping off sidewalk chalk for our youth to draw driveway and sidewalk messages of kindness. And they are even leaving fresh biscuit dough for you to bake in the oven.

Thank you to all who made casseroles for Project Share on April 25. Mission Committee Chair, Anna Torres, said casseroles were made along with St.

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## ***REV Q. THANKS YOU***

We received a note from Rev. Quiñones with the following words:

*Dear family,*

*What a blast I had with you all celebrating my 92nd birthday. It was a very special day for me! I know Mama was somehow watching and smiled. Visiting the homebound friends was very special to me. Thanks to Beverly Molo, Lorraine Romero, and Rob for driving me. Love you all.*

*The luncheon was fantastic and the mariachis great—thanks to Anna and Jack—and to meet so many friends! It was a very special day I will never forget. Your love makes my life a joy. Again, muchas gracias por su amor y cuidado para mi.*

*Que Dios los bendiga y un fuerte abrazo.*

*Your Pastor, Jaime*

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**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, pastor@secondpresabq.org, or Beverly Chavez, by calling the Church at (505)242-8005.

Tillie Arellano	Joann Atencio	Floriada Baker	Jacob Barreras
Christopher Bernard	Esther Bernard	Concha Brown	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	Susana Esteve
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	Paul 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	Warren Smith	Keith Suazo
Raquel Tedder	Barbara Trujillo	Juanita Valdez	Jackie Van Hauen
Emilia Vásquez	Carmen Vigil		

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***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](mailto: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](mailto:deacons@secondpresabq.org)



### ***SMILE FOR SECOND!***

Now that shopping online is becoming more familiar to all of us please don't forget the Amazon Smiles account for Second, which sends the church a small amount each quarter. We are listed as United Presbyterian Church of the USA because that is our tax identification. It is easy to first set up and then you never have to worry about it again. Need help? Call Lynn Gatewood at (505) 259-2634 or email her at [dldmngatewood@aol.com](mailto:dldmngatewood@aol.com). Keep Safe!

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### ***CELEBRATING GRADUATES!***

*By Susie Chang*

We are blessed to have several young people from Second graduating from high school and college. Because of the health crisis that has been interrupting our normal activities, these students are being deprived of a "proper" graduation and all the parties and hoopla that would be afforded such accomplishments.

Thus, in keeping that in mind, we would propose that members of Second indulge in creating a mighty onslaught of cards and well wishes to these extraordinary individuals. They consider us family. We have been given a unique opportunity to pass along and perpetuate the love of Christ in their hearts just by sending a card or two. Please check your directories for addresses. If you need assistance, call the Chang's at 505-890-8309. If there is a graduate among us that is not on our list, please notify the Chang's.

Those graduating:

**Amanda Castellano** - West Mesa High School

**Nicole Castellano** - UNM, Accepted into a Master's Program for Speech Pathology

**Carlos Fuentes Esteve** - Menaul High School

**Ole Hoffsteun** - New Mexico Tech, Bachelor's Degree

**Sean Inocencio** - UNM, Master's Degree

**Gary Lucero Jr** - Menaul High School

**Isaac Ploof** - El Dorado High School

**Victoria Velasco** - UNM, Master's Degree

**Marcus Williams** - Fort Lewis College, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, will pursue a medical degree at Johns Hopkins University

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

*by Don Bixby*

### **Pentecost and Fire of the Holy Spirit, May 31st, 2020**

In the Old Testament, Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses. **The first Pentecostal feast took place 50 days after Passover.** In the New Testament, the Pentecostal feast took on new meaning as the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples, as he had foretold them. This was the final fulfillment of Jesus' mission and the beginning of the disciples preaching about Jesus as the risen Christ. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church.

### **Liturgical Colors**

Red is the color for Pentecost to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Following Pentecost Sunday, the liturgical color will be green, the color of Ordinary Time. Except for Trinity Sunday on June 7 when the color is white, the color will be green until late November when white will celebrate Christ the King Sunday followed by the Advent Season when we will change to the color purple.



## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE**

*By Eli Lopez*

Prayers of thanks that we at Second have been blessed with being Covid-19 symptom free. We have been staying home and doing our part in staying healthy. We need to continue to ensure that the life of our church also continues to stay healthy. Thank you for your continuing contributions to the life of our church. Current budget reviews indicate that we are beginning to fall short on our projected incoming funds. Session continues to explore ways to simplify our giving. You can now contribute in the following ways:

1. Continue to send checks to the church address OR to the **NEW PO Box** used only for tithes and donations:

Second Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 25561  
Albuquerque, NM 87125

2. **Online giving** is now available, through the Presbyterian Foundation. You can easily access it through our website. You can obtain your bank's routing number and your account number from a check, or use a credit or debit card. Click the DONATE button on our church website ([secondpresabq.org](http://secondpresabq.org)), or if receiving this newsletter via email you can click [here](#).



3. You can set up an **Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)**, aka bank-to-bank) through your bank. Lynn Gatewood (505-259-2634) is happy to help you coordinate.
4. Most banks also offer **free "bill pay"**, where you authorize the bank to print and send a check on your behalf.

Please remember that we participate in special offerings throughout the year. **One Great Hour of Sharing** is traditionally collected at Easter time. You can still contribute to this offering.

Thank you for your generosity to the life of the church. Stay healthy and safe. May God Bless You.

***WHAT DOES A PARISH ASSOCIATE DO WHEN SHE***

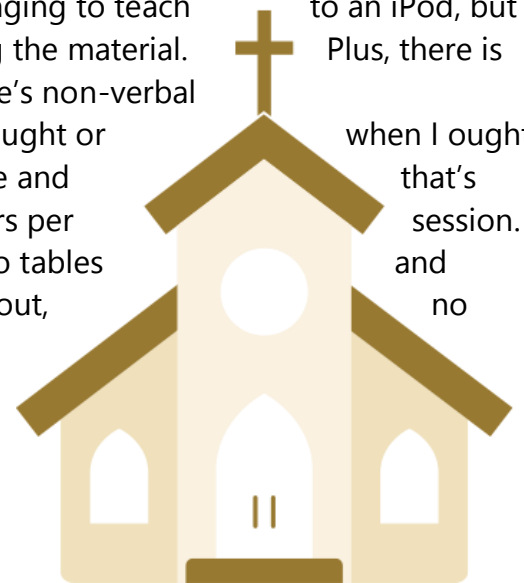
***1. Can't go to the Parish***

***2. Has no one with whom to Associate***

*By Parish Associate The Rev. Dr. Kay E. Huggins*

Well, she can still study and teach. Every week I prepare a lecture on a chapter of First Corinthians; we've covered 8 already and there are 8 more to go. It is challenging to teach I'm becoming more comfortable and I really do enjoy presenting the material. the advantage of seeing the guy behind the iPod...I know George's non-verbal communication so I can tell when I'm dwelling too long on a thought or to share even more. Though silent, I do have an audience of one and helpful. Thus, my preparation is about the same – usually 6 hours per On the other hand, there is far less physical energy to expend: no tables chairs to arrange, no sound system to set up, no papers to pass out, coffee to make. But, sadly, there are no cookies to share, no "Happy Birthdays" to sing, no catching up with the weekly threads of conversation that bind us together. I'm grateful for each phone call or email that reminds me the Wednesday Bible Study is still alive and well.

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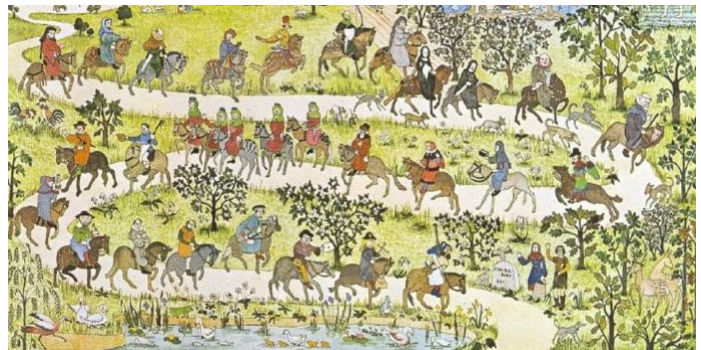


And, although there are no worship services to assist in planning or leading, I've got a new rhythm of preparing and taping morning devotions. This type of praying with and for our scattered community (and their friends and relatives) undergirds my practice of ministry. Usually, I read these lessons and pray these prayers in the comfort of my morning chair and often quite early, before dawn. But now, I'm reading and praying in advance...and doing so with an intention of steadying and challenging others into the new day. Last week we experimented with taping the devotions outside to the added enhancement of birdsongs, an occasional roar from not too distant I-40, our neighbor's dog barking...and of course: the wind/spirit/breath! The change in setting added a new dimension of beauty. I believe it is helpful.



Upon my ministry plate are also the larger than Second groups I work with. I call these my "cottage ministries" as they are small projects done with others or on my own:

- **New Mexico Pilgrimage for Unity:** The Steering Team cancelled the 2020 three-day Pilgrimage, but plan on offering other events of pilgrimage and unity. The first will be a self-guided Pilgrimage on the day before Pentecost (May 30); resources for praying while walking will be provided, as well as a videoconference (via Zoom) orientation on the evening before and a closing Zoom worship on Saturday evening.
- **Committee on Ministry (COM):** I'm assisting First Presbyterian of Aztec as they complete their Ministry Information Form and begin a search for a new pastor; I continue to check in with their Interim, Rev. Charlie Packard, who is doing an excellent job of offering worship and community connections during this COVID-19 health emergency. There are occasional small group Zoom meetings and a monthly business meeting. Though slowly, the work of COM continues. This month I'm working with a circle of pastors to reflect on what they have learned during this demanding season...and to identify the sparks of energy for the next unknown phase of ministry. I'm really looking forward to collecting stories, images and ideas to share with the Presbytery leaders and with these "season of reflection" participants.
- **New Mexico Conference of Churches:** I have less to do...as we just initiated a process of discernment on identity and purpose; this work is led by a consultant. So, I do a little consulting with the consultant; encourage the judicatory heads and their deputies (all are offering fantastic resources to their denominational congregations); and try to offer inspiration through Constant Contact missives to our mailing list.



So, there you have it! This is what a Parish Associate does when she

- 1. Can't go to the Parish*
- 2. Has no one with whom to Associate*

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### ***POQUITO DE TODO*** **(A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING)**

*By Ruth Montoya*

Thinking to myself: ...how much I miss my Second Church friends, our Pastor Rob and church staff: Karmen, Susie and Francis, Beverly, and Frank, our custodian. Our Parish Associate, Kay Huggins, keeps us connected through her online Wednesday Bible Study and daily devotions. Additionally, Pastor Rob posts a weekly on-line communication to keep us updated. Recently, a "Second Pres. Fellowship Group" was created to encourage our members to post a personal greeting, as well as sharing our daily personal sequestered experiences. However, I am concerned that those members who do not have internet capability are missing out. I am pleased that our Dedicated Deacons are printing some of the electronic messages and sending via USPS to Furthest Pew members and others they know do not have internet. I encourage all of you to pick up the phone and check in on our friends or drop off a note – easy to do and we certainly have the time.

**Stewardship:** Thanks to all of you for your faithful and continuing financial support to the church by mailing in your checks. Our designated offering counters continue to record your giving and make the bank deposits. You may continue to mail in your checks to the church or to a newly



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**Online Sunday Worship:** The realization that we have not physically congregated to worship since the third Sunday of Lent, boggles my mind! We are blessed to be called to online worship every Sunday morning by a team of clergy and laity from the Presbytery of Santa Fe. Please join in by reading the Presbytery of Santa Fe website for more information.

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**Presbytery of Santa Fe** Summer meeting is scheduled to gather in Las Vegas, NM, on Saturday, July 18. However, at this time it is uncertain whether we will meet in person or conduct our business via videoconference. Planning is ongoing!

**Presbytery Logo:** One of the issues on the July agenda will be further discussion on a new logo design to replace the current one which has been in use for the past 40 years. At the annual meeting last October, the Presbytery, following extensive discussion, voted to retire the current logo which incorporates the Zia sun symbol with a Celtic cross superimposed over it. The need for a new design resulted from the study conducted by congregations in our Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA) on The Doctrine of Discovery, (a review of its origins and implications for congregations in the PC(USA), and support for Native American Sovereignty). The Zia sun symbol is sacred to the people at Zia Pueblo, and recently, leaders from Zia have been asking groups that use the symbol to do so respectfully or to cease its use. Holding true to our Presbyterian way of doing business, a committee was appointed to visit with the leadership at Zia Pueblo, who told us that they had no problem with our use of the sun symbol, but the way it is currently depicted with 3 arms instead of 4, is incomplete, as the sun symbol "is a symbol of wholeness", and the Presbytery's design is not. They were very clear in saying that their Native traditions and Christianity should be compatible so that we can walk the same journey. Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Seth Finch, invited all the churches in the Presbytery to participate in designing a new logo and to submit their ideas at the February meeting of this year. At that meeting, the sixteen drawings that were submitted were narrowed down to a few, and the finalists will be voted on at the July meeting.

**224 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)** will be held in Baltimore, MD, June 20-27, assuming all will be clear to gather together. Commissioners from our Presbytery will be: Minister Commissioner: Rev. Tom Hart; Elder Commissioner, Ruling Elder Nelson Capitan; Youth Advisory Delegate: Derek Capitan.

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**WINGS FOR LIFE INTERNATIONAL**

*By Ann Edenfield Sweet, Executive Director/Founder*

Dear Members of Second Presbyterian Church,

I hope you are all safe and healthy. I am, and I'm staying very busy catching up with 25 years of paperwork at the house and the Wings office. I'm feeling very optimistic about the future and it looks like we will have two contracts with the NM Corrections Dept. once things open up again. We'll be doing some of our WFL Monday night educational programs in 11 prisons, and also our Wings Prison Family Days in all the prisons. We always need volunteers so if you would like to volunteer, please call me at 554-6698 (cell) or email me at [AnnEdenfield@WingsFLI.org](mailto:AnnEdenfield@WingsFLI.org) and I'll send information to you.

THANKS again for being one of our "second homes" and I'm eager to be back

In His love,  
Ann

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## ***FAMILY PROMISE***

*By Roy Bennett*



Pamela Munoz made beautiful masks for all of our families and employees.  
Doing all we can to keep the families in the shelter program safe!

To our dedicated supporters and volunteers:

Greetings to each and every one of you. We are certainly maneuvering through uncharted times and territory.

As many of you already know, Family Promise of Albuquerque has created a shelter in place at one of our local congregations for the 3 families/14 people who are currently in the shelter

program. In order to protect our families and our volunteers we increased hours for all staff to cover the shelter 24/7. We are also still trying to meet the needs of our graduated and wait-list guests. As you can imagine this is very challenging in these times, but we are committed to the families that we serve.

Just like many people joke about the weight they are gaining due to the stay at home order, our families are also facing this. We have got donations of exercise equipment and many of the families are remaining active. The emotional roller coaster that you all are riding with the uncertainty of when all this will end and we can begin creating our new normal, our families are facing that double as they have been riding a similar roller coaster due to their situation of homelessness. Sometimes you just want to get off the ride. Thankfully we have a strong staff that is supporting our families through this. It is also difficult to provide families with enough to do during the day. Craft and project ideas and supplies are greatly appreciated at this time. Being under a shelter in place has its challenges for all of us. As we all try to maneuver through these uncharted waters we ask you to keep the staff and families we serve in your thoughts and prayers.

"Every challenge, every adversity, contains within it the seeds of opportunity and growth."

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**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><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>BIRTHDAYS</b></i>	<i><b>ANNIVERSARIES</b></i>
May 1	Iona Barela Karla Woodruff	
May 2	Erin Chavez George Huggins	
May 4		Mary and Pete Mann Nancy and Toby Montoya
May 7	Damien Johnson Isabella Wilson	
May 8	Tiffany Gallegos	
May 9	Camila Lin	
May 10	Paul Martinez	
May 14		Margaret and John Castellano
May 15	Gary Lucero	
May 16	Isaac Ploof	
May 17	Joanne Lucero	
May 18	Lily Herrera Rebecca Johnson	
May 19	Barbara Anderson Mario Torres	Vivian and Jim Lechtenberger
May 20	Emma Korver-Glenn Shayla Otero Jasmine Ploof	
May 22	Darren Griego Katie Joyner	
May 24	Frank Salazar Estrella Sandoval-Padilla	
May 25	Jayseph Griego	
May 26	Sandra Duran Ayanna Reid	
May 27	Abel McBride	
May 28	Petra Martinez	

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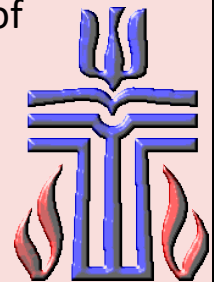
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North parking lot: 35.090788, -106.639597

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