

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

MESSENGER LIGHT

October 7th, 2026



Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:00am to 2:00pm

Our staff members can be reached individually by phone or email between 8am and 2pm, Monday through Friday:

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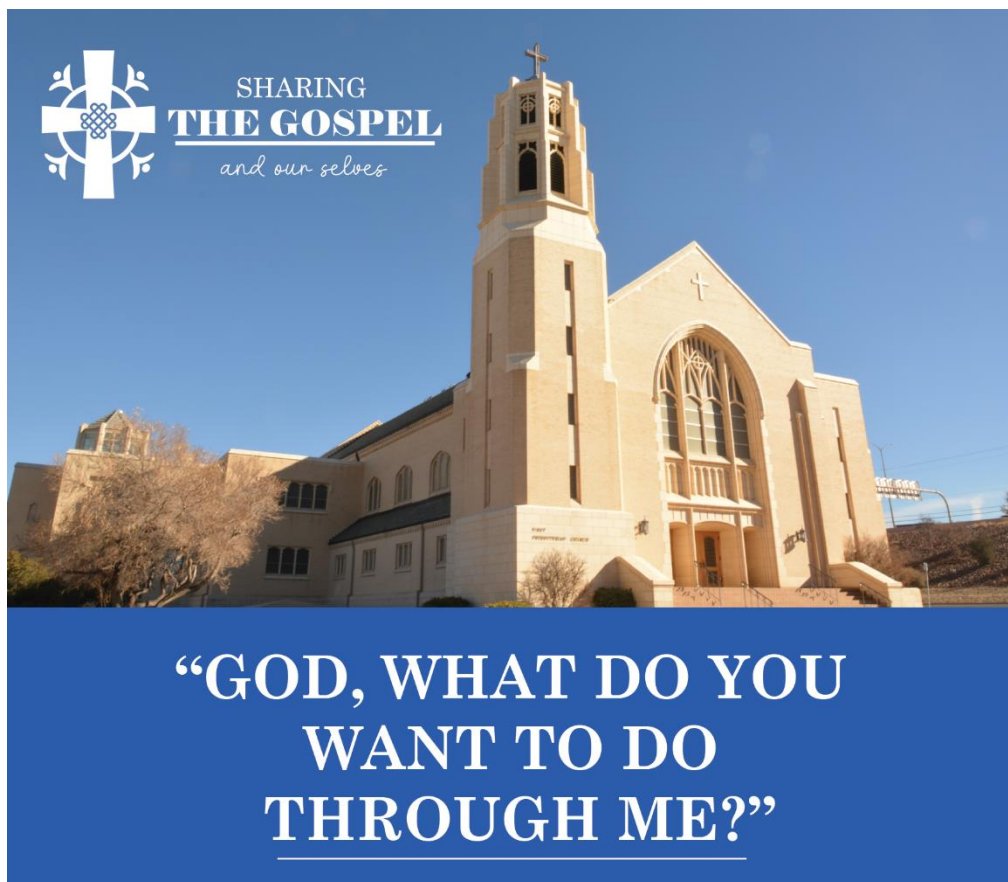
If you have an after-hours emergency, you can reach pastoral staff through our helpline at 505-764-2910

**First Presbyterian Church
(USA)**

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

To help kick off our Capital Campaign,
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A CATERED LUNCH
Sunday, October 25th after the second worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a short program with several speakers of Celebration and Thanksgiving.

We will be celebrating what God has done for our church in the past, what God has done for each of us and our church in the present, and what God will do in the future. Come and celebrate with us all the things that God provides and promises.

This is not a potluck. Just bring yourselves and be prepared to fellowship and celebrate God.

No pledge commitments will be requested at this gathering.

****Child Care will be provided****

-THE CELEBRATION TEAM-

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 7th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, October 8th

- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.

Sunday, October 11th

- In-person Fellowship Hall Communion Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in the CR.
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45 am via Zoom/In person in Kerygma Room.
- NO Godly Play Sunday School.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.
- Sarah Circle, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.
- Bluey! Parents Sunday school, from 10:00-10:45am in the Godly playrooms.

Monday, October 12th

- Kerygma Circle, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.

Tuesday, October 13th

- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in FH.
- Staff meeting, 10:30 am in CR.
- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.
- Mission, 3:30 pm in KR.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 5:15 pm in FH.

Wednesday, October 14th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Social S. Network, 11:30 am in FH.
- Personnel, 6:00 pm.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, October 15th

- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.

Sunday, October 18th

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in conference room.
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45 am via Zoom/In person in Kerygma Room.
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45 am in CE Rooms 210 & 211.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, 11:00 am.
- Bluey! Parents Sunday school, from 10:00-10:45am in the Godly playrooms.

Monday, October 19th

- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- New Mexico Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 20th

- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.
- Worship and music, 3:00 pm in the CR.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 5:30 pm in FH.

Wednesday, October 21st

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- DAR, 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, October 22nd

- Book Club, 10:00 am in the Conference room.
- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.

Sunday, October 25th

- In-person Sanctuary Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in conference room.
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45 am via Zoom/In person in Kerygma Room.
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45 am in CE Rooms 210 & 211.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, 11:00 am
- Capital Campaign- Celebration event, after 11:00 am service in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, October 26th

- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- New Mexico Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 27th

- Staff meeting, 10:30 am.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 5:15 pm in FH.
- Session, 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, October 28th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- DAR, 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, October 29th

- Book Club, 10:00 am in the Conference room.
- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.

Saturday, October 31st

- **Trunk and Treat! From 10:00 am to noon.**

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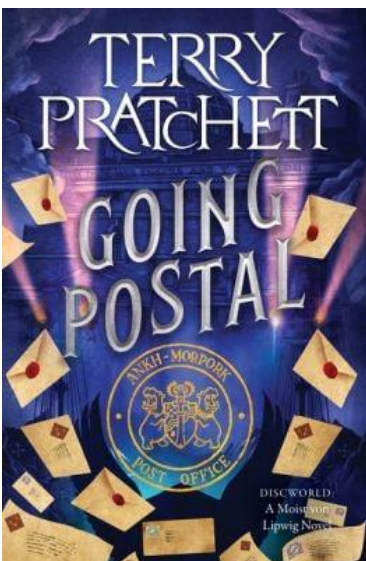
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on facebook

We have new social media!

Join the conversation! Now you can contact us any time and get any updates from the community.

Instagram: @firstpresofabq

Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of ABQ



"Going Postal" by Terry Pratchett

Please join us!

Thursday, October
22nd 10:00 am in the
Conference Room, for
our monthly
Book Club!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

JOIN US!

At the Men's
Fellowship Breakfast on
Tuesday 13th at 7:30 am in the
Fellowship Hall.



**You can register in the Office, so we can
get a burrito for you!*

A Film Showing SAMARITANS

Join us to watch a powerful documentary film about the work of the SAMARITANS, a group that provides humanitarian aid to migrants along one of the world's deadliest routes. A conversation with the director, David Damien Figueroa, will follow after the film.

Sunday, October 11th, 3-5pm

**First Congregational
United Church of Christ, ABQ**
2801 Lomas Blvd, NE



Save the date!



 **Family Promise**
of Albuquerque

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 18th 2-4pm

RSVP BY VISITING
[HTTPS://RB.GY/AERY18](https://rb.gy/aery18)

**FACILITY TOURS - REFRESHMENTS
COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

VISIT US ONLINE AT FAMILYPROMISEABQ.ORG



Acolyte Training

Join us on October 18 from Noon - 2 pm for Acolyte Training for our 11 am service!

Any child in grades 2-8th are invited to take part in this ministry.

Your child will be fed lunch and will spend an hour learning about the importance of Acolyting in worship and have some opportunities to practice.

To sign up your child please email Essie (Essie.kr@firstpresabq.org)

The Tuesday Study and Prayer Group

Will start a study of the book Them: **Why We Hate Each Other and How to Heal on 10/13 at noon.**

The group meets via Zoom from noon until 1:30. We generally read and discuss a chapter or about 20 pages per week. We also pray for the concerns and joys of the members and the requests are turned in on Sundays.

All are welcome! If you would like to join this study, contact the church office to get your name on the zoom distribution list.



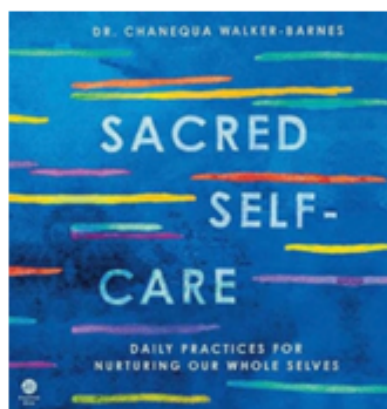


***Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Southwest
Book Discussion Group***

Everyone Welcome!

You are invited to join in a discussion of
Sacred Self-Care:
Daily Practices For Nurturing Our Whole Selves
by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes

A book suggested by Presbyterian Women's Racial Equity Committee.



Meeting Date	Chapter to Discuss	Pages to Read
October 5, 2026	Intro and Understanding Sacred Self-Care	1-36
November 2, 2026	Mastering the Self-Care Fundamentals	37-61
December 7, 2026	Practicing Self-Compassion	63-86
January 4, 2027	Setting Healthy Boundaries	87-112
February 1, 2027	Caring for our Emotional Selves	113-137
March 1, 2027	Caring for Our Minds	139-163
April 5, 2027	Practicing Self Care for Everyday Life	165-188

This is a seven-part devotional that asks what your divine creation means for how you care for yourself in order to be available to do the work God created you to do.

All meetings will be held on ZOOM the first Monday of each month,
October 2026 through April 2027 at 6:30 pm Arizona time.

For more information, please contact Chris Casanova, discussion leader, at
cdcasa06@gmail.com.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81127319573?pwd=XleZ1pb0huaBzBoMsG8vaMLhbgJgUo.1>

Meeting ID: 811 2731 9573

Passcode: pwssw



TRUNK AND TREAT



OCTOBER 31ST FROM 10:00 TO NOON
IN THE SOUTH PARKING LOT

IS AROUND THE CORNER, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

HOW CAN I HELP?

- 1 BRING A BAG OF CANDY TO THE OFFICE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 18 OR 25TH**
- 2 SIGN UP TO DECORATE YOUR TRUNKS IN THE OFFICE!**

SET UP FOR TRUNK AND TREAT STARTS AT 9:30AM
THE BEST DECORATED TRUNK WINS A PRIZE!



ACG 2026 Fall Fundraising Activities

COSTUME SHOP

Need a Halloween costume?
Stop by the Atrium and pick up
a costume!

Donations of clean, gently used
costumes accepted.

\$5.00 per costume

Costume Shop will be available throughout
the month and at Goblins in the Garden.



Pumpkin Auction

Check out and bid on our decorated
pumpkins in the Atrium from
October 19th - October 24th.

Proceeds fund
Enrichment & Music Programs

Feeling creative?
Families can contribute a
decorated pumpkin too!



Scan the QR Code to learn more about
Goblins in the Garden!



[ACG Website](#)



A CHILD'S GARDEN PRESCHOOL PRESENTS

GOBLINS IN THE GARDEN

OCTOBER 24, 2026 10:00AM-12:00PM

Costume
Parade/Contest
(with Prizes)
begins at 11:15AM



Pumpkin Silent
Auction
Bidding Closes
@ 11:45AM



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE & AT THE EVENT TO REDEEM
FOR ACTIVITIES, SNACKS, AND COSTUME SHOP!

To learn more about this event &
save on presale tickets, scan the
QR code or click on the link below
[ACG Website](#)



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