

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

MESSENGER LIGHT

September 2nd, 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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505-764-2902

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505-900-5317

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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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505-764-2900
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REV.
DR. **JOSÉ
RAMON
IRIZARRY**

**GUEST
PREACHER**

**SEPTEMBER 13TH:
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES**

The Reverend Dr. José Ramon Irizarry became Austin Seminary's tenth president in June 2022. Since 2016, Irizarry has served as Vice President of Education at the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A scholar in the field of practical theology, Irizarry teaches at Villanova University and has held teaching and administrative positions at various educational and theological institutions including The University of Cambridge (Visiting Fellow), Lutheran School of Theology, the Pacific School of Religion, and McCormick Theological Seminary.

Out of his expertise as a bilingual educator, Dr. Irizarry directed Cambridge College's regional campus in his native San Juan, Puerto Rico, (2011-2015) and served as academic dean, acting president, and held The Limardo Chair in Practical Theology at the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico (2007-2011). He earned degrees from the University of Puerto Rico (BA), McCormick Theological Seminary (MDiv), and Northwestern University (PhD) as well as professional certifications from the Università per Stranieri di Perugia, Italy, Boston College, and Cornell University.

For more information or questions about the September calendar, please call the church office.

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 2nd

- Archives, 10:00 am.

Thursday, September 3rd

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

Sunday, September 6th

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in CE Room 219.
- Adult Sunday School at 9:45 am via Zoom/In-person in Kerygma Room.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, 11:00 am.

Monday, September 7th– LABOR DAY

- Church Office Closed.

-Tuesday, September 8th

- 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, September 9th

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

Thursday, September 10th

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

Friday, September 11th

- Church Women United, 8:30-12:00 pm in the FH.

Saturday, September 12th

- Watercolor society, 8:30 am in the FH.
- ABQ Girl choir retreat, 10:00-1:00 pm.

Sunday, September 13th– REV. JOSE IRIZARRY

- 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.
- Sarah Circle, 12:30 pm in KR.
- FPC young families bowling outing, 1:00– 2:00 pm.
- Opera rehearsal 52:00-4:00 pm.

Monday, September 14th

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

Tuesday, September 15th

- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.

- Opera rehearsal , 3:00 pm, in the Sanctuary.
- Worship and music, 3:00 pm in the CR.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 5:30 pm in FH.
- Opera SW, 6:30– 8:30 pm, in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, September 16th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- DAR, 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Opera rehearsal 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, September 17th

- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.
- Opera SW, 6:30– 8:30 pm

Sunday, September 20th– 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

- 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.

Monday, September 21st

- Kerygma circle, 12:30 in the KR.
- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- New Mexico Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, September 22nd

- Staff meeting, 10:30 am.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 5:15 pm in FH.
- Session, 6:30 pm.
- Opera SW, 6:30– 8:30 pm

Wednesday, September 23rd

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- DAR, 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- ACG staff, 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, September 24th

- Book Club, 10:00 am in the Conference room.
- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.
- Opera SW, 6:30– 8:30 pm

Sunday, September 27th

- 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.

FPC YOUNG FAMILIES

BOWLING

SEPTEMBER 13TH
1:00-2:00 PM

 Silva Lanes 
3010 Eubank Blvd NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87111

Call the Church Office to
RSVP by September 9th



THE CHILI & BANDIT PLAYBOOK:



**A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR
PARENTS BASED ON BLUEY!**

WHEN?: October Sunday's 4th, 11th and 18th!

WHERE?: At the Goodly Play rooms!

WHAT TIME?: From 10:00 am to 10:45 am

MEN'S BREAKFAST



JOIN US!

At the Men's
Fellowship Breakfast on
Tuesday 8th at 7:30 am in the
Fellowship Hall.

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

calling

"singing is good for the soul"



all singers!

Rehearsals:

EVERY WEDNESDAY:
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

*September 9th first choir
rehearsal, 6:30 pm*

Worship call:

EVERY SUNDAY:
10:15 AM TO NOON

**Everyone is
welcome!**

***If you love to sing ... or know someone
that does. Come join us!***

The FPC choir sings a blend of music centering around
the classical liturgical tradition.

From Bach to Gospel, the Chancel Choir of FPC ABQ has
been offering world class choral music for over 100 years
and delights sharing musical gifts with the community.

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**The Worship and Music Committee is calling all
current and past Elders to HELP SERVE COMMUNION!**

We need 4 Elders for the 11:00 am Worship Service:
Sunday, September 20th, 90th Birthday Celebration
Sunday, October 4th, World Communion Sunday

The sign-up will be at the Church Office
or you can contact Nancy Holliday
(505) 554-7476 or 58holliday76@gmail.com



SECOND CHANCE TO MEET

THE ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

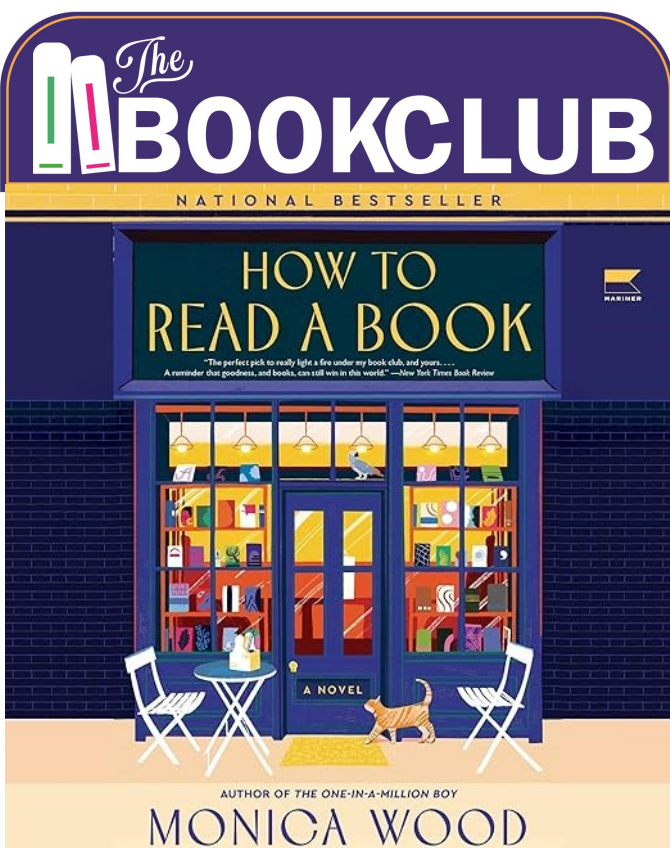
The Board of the Endowment Foundation cordially invites you to a **second informational meeting** regarding the Foundation **by Zoom on Monday, September 14 at 5:00 PM**. The meeting should last under one hour.

A Zoom invitation will be sent to you by email just prior to the meeting.

Like the gathering in July, the purpose is to learn about the Foundation and for you to ask any questions about the Foundation that you may have.

No request for donations will be made at this gathering.

Come meet the Foundation Board. We would love to have you attend.



“How to Read a Book”

by **Monica Wood**

Please join us!

Thursday, September 24th 10:00 am in the
Conference Room, for our monthly
Book Club.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026. 1:00-3:15 pm. Second Presbyterian Church

GET INVOLVED

STAY INFORMED

Sept 1, 1-3:15pm

Second Presbyterian Church

Join us from 1:00-3:15 to talk with several government officials, discuss our upcoming elections, engage in open conversation, and enjoy refreshments.

Schedule

1:00 – 2:00

Round-robin sharing: “How ya doin’?”

2:00 – 2:30

“How the Bureau of Elections is Preparing for the Nov 3 Gen. Election”

2:30 – 2:45

Question and Answer period

2:45 - 3:15

Refreshments

Deputy County Clerk

Kelli Baca



Engagement/Outreach Manager

Estevan Vásquez



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– MISSION NOTES –



Thank you!!!

Last Thursday we put together hygiene products for students and for distribution through the Blue Door Neighborhood Center operated by BCBS in the South Valley, and we can't express how grateful we are for your help and the community love we received on Sunday after service, ya'll helped with Comida project, packing 7 different meals packs for the CNM community.



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

RSVP:
(505) 764-2900

*From
Generation To
Generation*

**Celebrating America's
250th and the Faithful
Saints Among Us**

Join Us for a 4th of July-style picnic

**September 20, 2026
12:00 pm**

**Presented by the Deacons of
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Family Worship ChAt



Join us! on Wednesday September 16 at 5:30 pm in room 220, for a **pizza dinner and a chat about worship!**

As we gear up for the new school year, we are looking to check-in about all things worship. We want to take the time for you all to have all the information you need for the coming year

Conversation Highlights

Pizza for dinner!

Sunday morning childcare

Grace Space

Acolytes

Childcare will be provided during the time of conversation

Location

Room 220 

16th @5:30 pm
September, 2026

RSVP by Sep.14th with Rev. Essie

