



Church Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:00am to 2:00pm

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On Ash Wednesday the following invitation is included in our service:

Friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover

We celebrate our redemption

through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration

and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ...

I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ to observe a holy Lent

By self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

I love these words of the liturgy because they are like an instruction manual for how to approach this season of the church as those called to walk in the Way of Christ. First, like Advent, Lent is a season of preparation. Thankfully, no one confuses Lent with Easter. But Lent is to Easter as Advent is to Christmas. Each of these seasons creates the kind of space that is often needed as we approach the most significant holy days and seasons of our faith. Second, the way we prepare is by re-orienting our lives. It's easy to get turned around and disoriented by the swirl of current events, family drama, and unforeseen challenges. When we say we need to repent, what we're saying is that we need to turn from the things that do not serve us, the things that knock us off our course and turn instead toward the true north of mercy and forgiveness offered to us in Jesus. Third, a holy Lent means a season that is set apart. That's what it means to be holy, to be set apart for a particular purpose. That purpose is to take an honest look at our lives in order to course correct.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, February 18th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- **Ash Wednesday, at noon in the Chapel**
- **Second Presbyterian Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm.**

Thursday, February 19th

- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- Girl Choir, 5:00 pm.
- Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm.

Sunday, February 22nd

- 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.
- 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, February 23rd

- Young Voices, 4:30 pm.
- Enchanter's rehearsal, 5:30 pm.
- Women's chorus rehearsal, 6:30 pm in choir room.

Tuesday, February 24th

- Tuesday Study group, at noon via Zoom.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Session, 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, February 25th

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

Thursday, February 26th

- Book Club, 10:00 am in the Conference room.
- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.

Friday, February 27th

- Pop's Concert, All that Jazz! 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, February 28th

- Opera SW from 10:00 am to noon, rehearsal.

Sunday, March 1st

- Called Session, 12:15 pm.
- 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.

- 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, March 2nd

- Young Voices, 4:30 pm.
- Enchanter's rehearsal, 5:30 pm.
- Women's chorus rehearsal, 6:30 pm in choir room

Tuesday, March 3rd

- Tuesday Study group, at noon via Zoom.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Opera SW, 6:30 pm.



The Sundays in Lent will be spent walking the way of the cross, taking time to learn from the Passion narrative as it's found in Matthew's gospel.

February 22- The Garden of Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-46

March 1 – Trial before the Caiaphas, Matthew 26: 57-68

March 8 – Bruce Reyes-Chow preaching

March 15 – Peter/Judas, Matthew 26:69-75 and 27:3-10

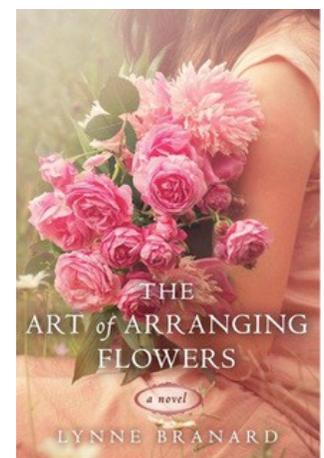
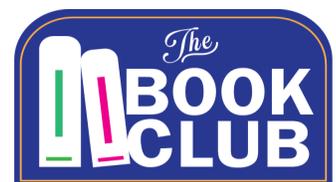
March 22 – Jesus/ Barrabas, Matthew 27:15-23

“The Art of Arranging Flowers”

by Lynne Branard

Please join us!

Thursday, February 26 at 10:00 am in the Conference room, for our monthly book club. The leader in the discussion will be Lynne Hinton!



Invitation to lent:

Sometimes it helps to take on a spiritual discipline to focus our attention: fasting, praying, reading the Lenten devotionals written by church members. Or maybe committing to some act of love toward a neighbor in need.

Whatever you do, my prayer is that you set aside this season in such a way that as you approach Jerusalem with Jesus you will be prepared once more to walk the way of the cross as it leads to resurrection.



Lenten Lecture 2026: Everything Good About God is True

Saturday March 7, 2026

10 am - 1 pm (Lunch Included)

Join us for a morning with the Rev. Bruce Reyes Chow as we talk about faith, the church, and the goodness of God. This Lecture will be based on Bruce's book "Everything Good about God True." However, you don't need to read the book to be part of this conversation! In today's world, it is essential that we know how to talk about what we believe as Christians, and Bruce's lecture will help us unlock language and ways to talk about God and our faith in powerful ways. It is going to be an incredible event and we look forward to seeing you there! Contact Essie for Questions (essie.kr@firstpresabq.org) and sign up in the office!

The Wilderness Way: A Lenten Meditation Series

Wednesdays in Lent beginning Feb. 25

5:30-6:15 pm in the chapel

The season of lent is a time of reflection and a time set aside to ground ourselves in our faith. This year we are offering the opportunity to do this together. Each Wednesday evening during lent we will gather in the chapel for a time of meditation and reflection. We hope you'll join us!

The logo for 'All that Jazz' Pops Concert & Dinner. The words 'All that Jazz' are written in a large, red, stylized cursive font. Below it, 'Pops Concert & Dinner' is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font.

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"All That Jazz" – Pops Concert and Dinner. February 27th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall Cabaret Theater. Tickets are on sale at the Church Office! One ticket for \$20 or two for \$35 and \$10 for kids under 10, musical selections from Gershwin and classic standards. This will be the best party you attend all year! Ps. Wear your best costume from the 20s.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

SUN. 2/15 Family Lenten Workshop @ 12:15 pm

COMING UP

WED. 2/18 Ash Wednesday (Noon in the chapel & 7:00 pm @ 2nd Pres)

**WEDNESDAYS
IN LENT** The Wilderness Way: A Lenten
Meditation Series @ 5:30 - 6:15 pm
in the Chapel

SAT. 3/7 Lenten Lecture: Bruce Reyes Chow
@ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

SUN. 3/29 One Service @ 10 am Followed by
PALM SUNDAY our Annual Potluck & Petting Zoo

WED. 4/1 Family Holy Week
Dinner & Service @ 5:30 pm

TH. 4/2 Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 pm

FRI. 4/3 Good Friday Prayer Stations
@ 9 am - 2 pm

SUN. 4/5 Worship @ 8:30 & 11 am
EASTER Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00 am

FUNDRAISER ALERT

Fundraiser for A Child's Garden with Color Wheel Toys!
Shop at Color Wheel Toys the week of February 15th-21st, 2026
and earn money for A Child's Garden



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10:00am-5:00pm
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