



**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

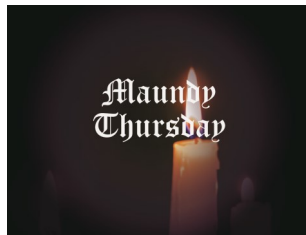
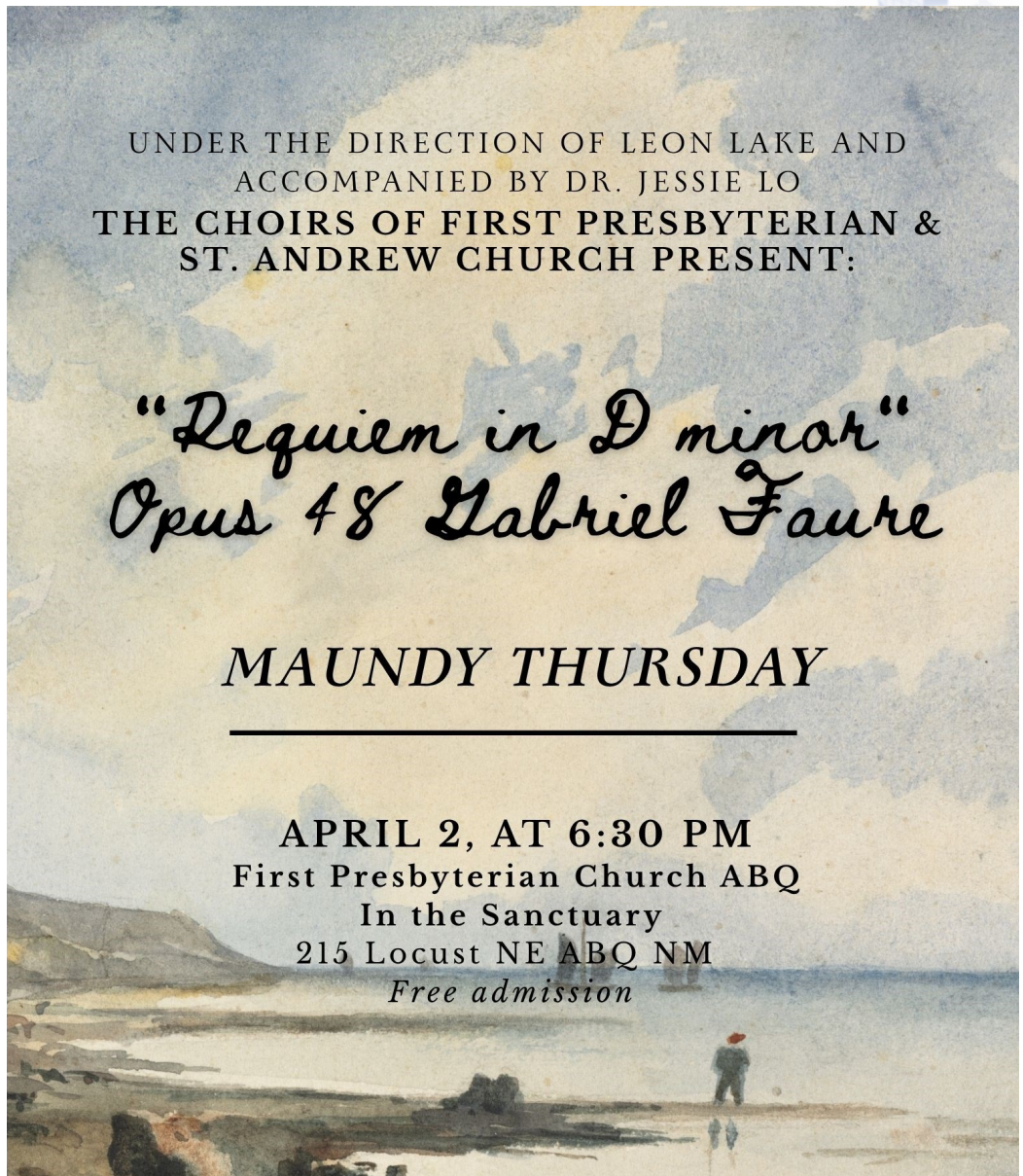
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UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LEON LAKE AND  
ACCOMPANIED BY DR. JESSIE LO  
**THE CHOIRS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN &  
ST. ANDREW CHURCH PRESENT:**

*"Requiem in D minor"*  
*Opus 48 Gabriel Faure*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**APRIL 2, AT 6:30 PM**  
**First Presbyterian Church ABQ**  
**In the Sanctuary**  
215 Locust NE ABQ NM  
*Free admission*



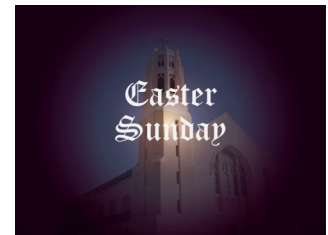
**April 2nd**

The Tenebrae Communion Service, will be in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm. The live stream service option, will be available for those who can't attend in person.



**April 3rd**

The Chapel will be open, for those who want to come and have a moment of silent.



**April 5th**

We will be having 2 services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am both with communion service. And our Easter egg hunt will start in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### **Wednesday, April 1st**

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

### **Thursday, April 2nd- Maundy Thursday**

- Tenebrae Communion Service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm.

### **Saturday, April 3rd- Good Friday**

- Chapel Open.

### **Sunday, April 5th- Easter**

- In-person Fellowship Hall Worship Service at 8:30 am.
- Through the Bible Class at 9:45 am in CE Room 219.
- **Easter Egg hunt at 9:45 am.**
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, 11:00 am.

### **-Monday, April 6th**

- A Child's Garden, 8:00-12:00 am in the FH.
- Church Office Closed.

### **-Tuesday, April 7th**

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

### **Wednesday, April 8th**

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Social Services network 10:00 am in the FH.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

### **Thursday, April 9th**

- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.

### **Saturday, April 11th**

- Water Color society, 8:30-12:30 pm.

### **Sunday, April 12th**

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

### **Monday, April 13th**

- PW Circle, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.
- A Child's Garden, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Young Voices, 4:30 pm.
- Enchanter's rehearsal, 5:30 pm.
- Women's chorus rehearsal, 6:30 pm in choir room.

### **Tuesday, April 14th**

- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday Study group, at noon via Zoom.
- Mission, 3:30 pm.
- Building and Grounds, 5:30 pm.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in FH.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Please join us in the Kerygma Sunday School class on Sunday, **April 12 at 9:45 AM** for a presentation from Rev. Jamie (Harris) Martinez who will be presenting from her doctoral work.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**



Join us! At the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Tuesday 14th at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

*\*You can register in the Office,*

## **First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque is Certified as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation**

Albuquerque, New Mexico – First Presbyterian Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2027. The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that take seriously God's charge to "till and keep" the garden, that is our shared common home.



# May Their Memory *be* a Blessing



## Joan Cole

Joan's service will be held in the First Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, April 1, starting at 9:00 am. Following a small reception, a private graveside interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park.

*In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Alzheimer's Association or the Deacon's fund at First Presbyterian Church.*

# SID FENDLEY & FRIENDS 20TH ANNUAL SWEET JAZZ

BENEFIT CONCERT  
SILENT AUCTION

Sunday 19 April 2026 | 4:00-6:00 PM

Sandia Presbyterian Church  
10704 Paseo Del Norte NE

Visit [www.familypromiseabq.org](http://www.familypromiseabq.org) for tickets



## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Facing the Final Chapter: Medical Aid in Dying and the Choices People Make Rev. Jamie (Harris) Martinez**

As Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) becomes a more visible part of end-of-life care in New Mexico, it is increasingly important for faith communities to understand how best to offer care, compassion, and informed support. Many families and loved ones impacted by MAiD often find themselves having to educate their faith/support communities rather than being able to access the care needed.

In this timely course, Rev. Jamie Martinez will guide us through the legal, ethical, theological, and pastoral dimensions of MAiD. Together, we will explore how and why individuals may choose this option, and how we as a faith community can offer presence, understanding, and care to all who are affected.

This class is part of a doctoral dissertation project through the University of Redlands. The purpose of the project is to provide education to local PCUSA congregations about Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD). Specifically, the course aims to foster greater understanding of why individuals may choose to pursue MAiD, to examine the ethical consideration involved, and to explore the theological questions it raises within a Christian context.

At the end of the course, you will be asked to complete a brief survey. By completing the survey, you will help to evaluate how effective the class was in meeting these goals. Your anonymous responses will help improve future iterations of this course and will contribute to a broader understanding of how congregations can become more informed, compassionate, and supportive in situations involving MAiD.

*This research study was approved by the University of Redlands IRB, Protocol Number: 2025-017*



# Grandfriend's DAY 2026

*"Saruman believes it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but that is not what I have found. I found it is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay... small acts of kindness and love. Why Bilbo Baggins? Perhaps because I am afraid, and he gives me courage."*  
Gandalf in The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

A Child's Garden held two Grandfriend's Day this week. Two days because not every child goes to school five days a week. Grandfriends because some children may not have grandparents able to attend and some children may have people other than grandparents to attend.

As the day begins, the children gather in their classrooms to make final preparations for the program. A diverse group of grandfriends enter Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque. A light breakfast, better than that available in many motels, is available and grandfriends take their seats.

The children enter one class at a time. Each entrance brings giggles and laughter. Adults and children turn their heads seeking the special friend, hunting the beloved child. Peels of joy and energetic waves ensue when eye contact occurs. Greetings in Spanish and English are exchanged.

The children sit together in their classes. Each class presents a small sample of the larger rainbow of the human family in the school. The director invites one class at a time to come forward and present a song they have practiced. The laughter increases as the children move. Greetings and waves again are exchanged. Grandfriends move about to find the right angle for the right photo.

Grandfriends spread out to the rooms where the class, or classes, of their child, or children, meet. In a chaotic jumble of movement backed by a joyous cacophony, children excitedly show their grandfriends their rooms, cubbies, tables and chairs, artwork, games, puzzles, and activities. They take their grandfriends outside to see the swings, slides, climbing structure, riding toys, sand box, and water play station.

The sound and motion slowly abate as grandfriends and children exchange one last word and one final hug for the day and leave. Eventually the time allotted ends and all the grandfriends depart to do whatever comes next in their days. The children and teachers begin, as well as they are able, the routine of school.

Today's memories are stored carefully in my heart. From there, when they are needed, and they will be needed, I will take them out and gently reexamine them. And the day's small acts of kindness and love will give me courage and hope.

Thank you, A Child's Garden, for Grandfriend's Day, and for all the work you do.

***A letter from A Child's Garden Grandparent\****

# CARING FOR CREATION

Sponsored by Presbytery of Santa Fe Earth Care Team

**APRIL 11, 2026**

**12:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**MENAU SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**301 MENAU BLVD NE**

**ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107**

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

**THE REV. DR. ANDREW BLACK**

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH, SANTA FE

FOUNDER OF EARTH KEEPERS 360

**DESIRÉE BERNARD**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
NEW MEXICO INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

Individually and corporately, God calls us to care for creation in this time of climate crisis.

What does the climate crisis look like in New Mexico?

What concrete steps can individuals and congregations take in response?

How can the Houses of Worship (HOW) initiative of New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light empower and inspire congregations to engage in climate action?

Join us to explore answers to these and related questions.

**Plan now to attend.**

**Encourage congregational leaders to attend.**

**Invite friends and neighbors from other faith communities to attend.**

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INFORMATION

**This is a free event.**

**A free-will offering will be taken to offset expenses.**