



Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:00am to 2:00pm

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Advent
is almost here, and we have some
exciting news to share!

This Advent you will see some changes to our Sunday Worship Service. This is because we are participating as a partner congregation with [Child of Blessing](#) with the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. As part of a larger **Lilly Grant, Child of Blessing** is a five year project that, "work [s] with congregations of all sizes to include children more fully in the life of worship. One of the ways they are doing this is by creating worship resources for the liturgical year, and we are helping to field test these resources before they are published. Our first installment includes liturgy and worship resources for Advent through Epiphany.

Much of this will feel the same as to what we do each week. The order of worship will be the same, along with singing three hymns and a sermon. The changes you will notice are things like: our liturgy will become more repetitive. We will use the same prayer of confession for each season. This is because repetition is important for people of all ages. It helps us ingrain certain songs and prayers in our bodies rather than simply trying to memorize them or read them once. Instead of a spoken prayer of illumination, we will sing one together. We will also have a sung Benediction before the postlude. Music helps us connect in a different way with the Divine and it encourages people of all ages to participate in their own ways, from swaying (or little ones dancing), to singing the words when you know them.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, November 26th

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

Thursday, November 27th

- Church Office Closed. Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 28th

- Church Office Closed.

Sunday, November 30th

- In-person Sanctuary 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, December 1st

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

Tuesday, December 2nd

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

Wednesday, December 3rd

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- ACG Staff, 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, December 4th

- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.
- High Desert Pipes and Drums, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, December 6th

- Watercolor Society, 11:00 am in the FH.

Sunday, December 7th

- 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.
- Deacon meeting, 12:30 pm.

Monday, December 8th

- PW circle, 12:30 pm in the kerygma room

- Young Voices, 4:30 pm.

- Enchanter's rehearsal, 5:30 pm.

- Women's chorus rehearsal, 6:30 pm in choir room.

- Was-ale-ing at la Cumbre Brewing, 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, December 9th

- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sandia Pipes and Drums rehearsal, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.



Thanksgiving Office schedule

The Church office will be closed on:

Thursday, 27th & Friday, 28th

Mission- Advent Tree

We are again blessed to be able to live into Advent by giving to some of our mission partners.

You have been VERY generous each year and our mission partners have been grateful for the gifts you have provided.

We have chosen the following partners you have been happy to serve in the past. This year the need is even greater and these daily necessities are not affordable for our at risk neighbors.

Cards will be on the tree starting the week of November 24. Take a card from the tree for the agency you wish to support and replace it with an Angel from the box nearby. Please attach your card to the bag or box of supplies you provide so we can get your gift to your recipient.

Agencies this year:

Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless
Barrett House
Rio Grande Food Project
Cuidando Los Ninos

Thank you for all you do!

You are a generous and caring congregation.
You are known for the contributions
you make to our community.



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Along with engaging children in worship we also deepen and enrich our spiritual practices. That is why during Lent and Christmas our chapel will be open on Sunday mornings and during the week for folks to come and pray. There will be a different prayer station added each week for you to come and spend time offering your prayers and hearts to God. These prayer stations are inspired by the resources from Child of Blessing. It is really special to be able to support our denomination in creating such important resources for our congregations. We are looking forward to being a part of this process in this way. Part of this is offering feedback to the project at the end of each installment. Your staff is taking careful notes and we would love to hear your thoughts about this as well. You are welcome to drop a note in our mailboxes. We look forward to sharing this advent with you, and growing together as a family of faith.

Peace,

Essie



First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque

invites you join us in worship for the world premiere of

“Christmas Oratorio”

written by First Presbyterian Church’s Music Director

Leon Lake

The Oratorio features the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, joined with choral scholars and soloists from UNM’s voice and opera department & the fabulous 4 Manual Muller Organ played by **Dr. Jessie Lo**

Sunday, December 14th at 11:00 am

215 Locust Street NE in Albuquerque

POINSETTIAS *Sale!*

The Sunbonnet Shop

The Sunbonnet Shop will be selling poinsettias again this year!

We will only have red... Perfect for your Christmas table!

To pre-order, please contact Susan Smith
at susankeil1246@gmail.com.

Plants will be \$15 each.



EXPERIENCE AN INTIMATE
PERFORMANCE BY
THE NEW MEXICO
PHILHARMONIC

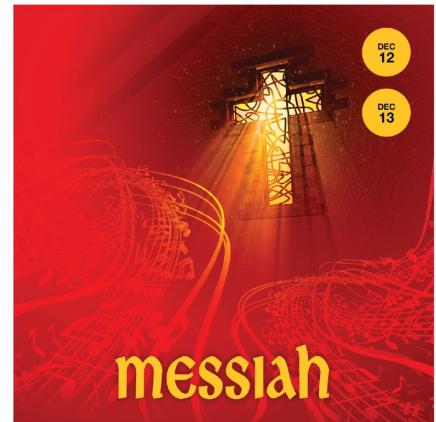
Handel's Messiah!

Celebrate the holiday season with the world's most beloved sacred symphonic work: **Handel's Messiah**.

When: Friday and Saturday. December 12, 13 2025.

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 215 Locust St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Buy tickets at: <https://nmpphil.org/>



Beer and carols? Sign me up!

Wass-’ale’-ing

Celebrate the holiday spirit with the best company and of course, beer.

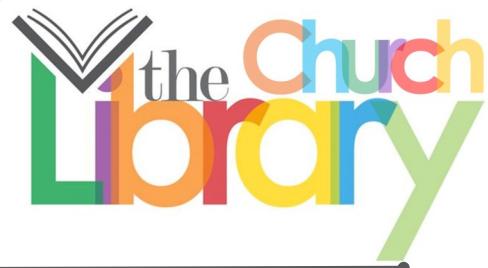
COME AND JOIN US! Monday, December 8th at La Cumbre Brewing
to sing carols in company of friends.

NEW BOOKS AND NEW COLLECTIONS!

We have a new collection of board books in the children's library.

Also, new books will now be found on the **pink cart** in the library!

Come and check it out!



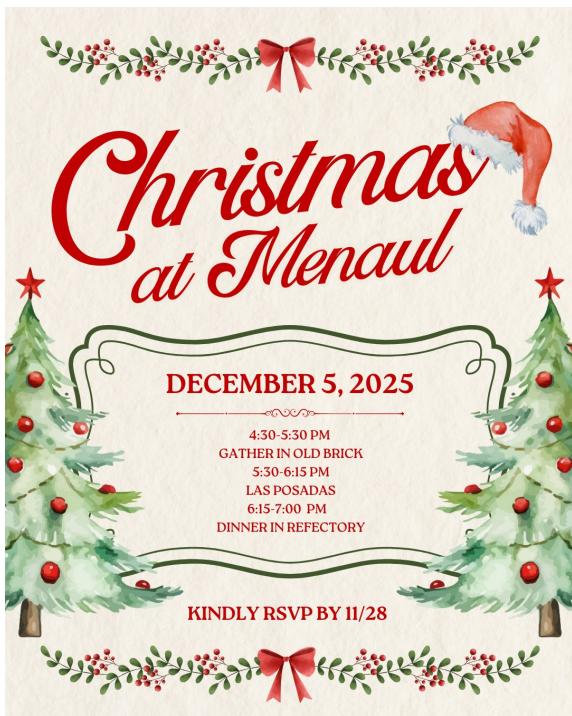
A Grief Support Group

Acknowledging Grief during the Holidays

If you have experienced a loss in this past year or anytime prior to this holiday season and would like to sit with others to share experiences as we travel into the season, **please join us in Room 220 on Sunday, at 1:00 pm, December 14th, following the 11:00 service activities.** A lite lunch will be provided.

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Susan Smith at susankeil1246@gmail.com





Let's come together for festive fun, great food, and Panther pride. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

We're gearing up for colder days ahead, and what better way to celebrate the season than Christmas at Menaul?

When: December 5th

Where: Menaul School Campus

Who: Everyone in the Menaul community and beyond is welcome!

Reserve your spot today:

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/ChristmasatMenaul2025>

\$15 Cost per person



Second Presbyterian Church

Women's Association

Annual Mexican Dinner! And Bake Sale!

When: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Adults: \$13.00

Children 12 years and younger: \$ 6.50

Tickets may be purchased early and at the door.

Takeout meals are available.



The Tuesday Study and Prayer Group!

Will be using the book, "Songs For The Waiting; Devotions Inspired By The Hymns of Advent", by Magrey R DeVega during advent.

The 4 week study will start on Tuesday December 2nd at noon via Zoom.

*Contact the church office to add your name to the list of folks who receive the zoom link.

Starry Night Advent Study (on Zoom)

Sundays, Nov 30, Dec 07, 14 & 21 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Email Rev. Essie to receive the zoom link

"Dark skies are perfect for stargazing, for seeking out the Light of the World among the deep indigos, bottomless blues, and inky blacks of God's night sky. Just as the shepherds and Magi looked up to the heavens and faithfully followed the stars, we'll spend the next four weeks training our eyes to wait, and to watch, and to wonder at all God has done – and will do – for the love of this broken, beautiful world."



Contest & Auction!

Enter the contest or just come and enjoy the creativity!
Cookie frosting and auction, a great way to kick off your holliday!

This year, Gingerbread Southwest has selected



as this year's event recipient!

DECEMBER 5, 2025 6PM -8PM

Sid Cutter Pavilion

4900 Balloon Fiesta Pkwy NE Albuquerque, NM 87113

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT BENEFIT THE
A CHILD'S GARDEN PRESCHOOL**

Gingerbread Contest ~ Entries Wanted

Online Registration Deadline: December 1, 2025

Evening with Santa and Gingerbread Auction

December 5, 2025 • 6pm-8pm

Sid Cutter Pilot's Pavilion at Balloon Fiesta Park

Buy tickets at the door: \$5, 2 and under free!

WWW.GINGERBREADSW.COM



GO BUY YOUR TICKETS!

