First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

MESSENGER LIGHT

November 4th, 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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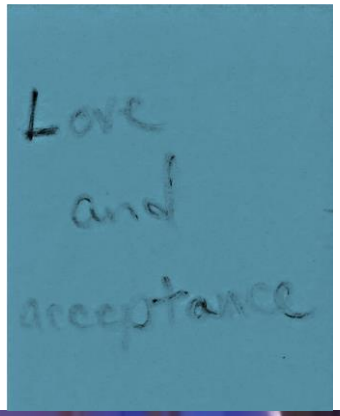
If you have an after-hours emergency, you can reach pastoral staff through our helpline at 505-764-2910

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God has kept my faith strong thru the church ♡



Youth Involvement



A Loving & welcom HOME

a church I can to

feel

proud

going



FPC has been a supportive caring family community

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 4th
- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

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

Saturday, November 7th
- Water color society, 8:30 am.
- Delta Kappa, 7:30-3:00 pm in the FH.

Sunday, November 8th
- 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.
- Godly Play Sunday School (ages 3 through 5th grade) at 9:45 am in CE Rooms 210 & 211.
- In-person/Livestream Worship Service, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.
- Sarah Circle, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.

Monday, November 9th
- Kerygma Circle, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.
- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- Women's Chorus rehearsal in F.H. at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 10th
- Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am in FH.
- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.
- NM Philharmonic, 5:00-10:00 pm.
- Opera SW, 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, November 11th
- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.
- NM Philharmonic, 7:30 pm in the FH.

Thursday, November 12th
- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.
- Opera SW, 6:30 pm.

Saturday, November 14th
- NM Philharmonic, 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 15th
- 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.

Monday, November 16th
- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- New Mexico Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, November 17th
- Tuesday Study & Prayer Group, at noon Via Zoom.
- Worship and music, 3:00 pm in the CR.
- Opera SW, 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, November 18th
- Archives, 10:00 am.
- DAR, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- ACG, 5:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Chancel choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, November 19th
- ABQ Girl Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm in choir room.
- Opera SW, 6:30 pm.

Friday, November 20th
- Assistance league, 9:00-noon at the FH.

Saturday, November 21st
- Young Voices recital, 2:30-6:00 pm.

Sunday, November 22nd
- 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.
- Girl Choir concert, 1:00 pm.

Monday, November 23rd
- Enchanted Mesa chorus, 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
- New Mexico Women's chorus, 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, November 24h
- Staff meeting, 10:30 am.
- Session, 6:00 pm.

Thursday, November 26th
- Thanksgiving Holliday, Church Closed.

Friday, November 27th
- Thanksgiving Holliday, Church Closed.

Saturday, November 29th
- In-person/Livestream Communion Worship Service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary.
- NO Godly Play Sunday.
- Luch sponsored by the Deacons and the Mission Committee, after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

MISSION

SAVE THE DATE!

November 29th:

For lunch, service, fellowship and the Angel tree.

On the fifth Sunday of November, we'll gather after our one worship service for a tasty lunch sponsored by the Deacons of FPC and a volunteer service project sponsored by the Mission Committee.
Your participation will make this a stellar advent for our FPC community, so sign up in the church office and join the fun! your smile and helping hands are needed and greatly appreciated.

This year First Presbyterian Church has been intentional in reaching out to our surrounding community in helpful and thoughtful ways**. Following lunch on November 29th, we'll support Comida** by packing feminine hygiene products supply kits and loading them on a truck for distribution to students at UNM and CNM.

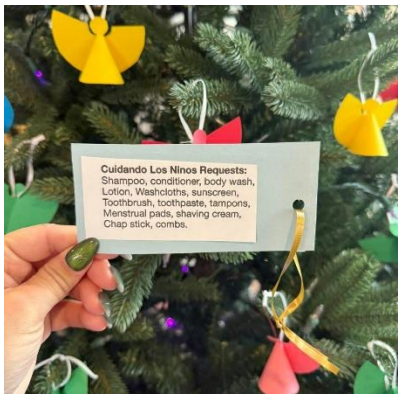
Earlier this fall 175 food bags were distributed to the staff, faculty and students at CNM when our church became aware of the high percentage of students at risk for not having adequate nutrition due to limited financial resources. This project was underwritten by our wonderful Deacons.

In addition, November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent! One of FPC's great Advent traditions is the Angel Tree Project sponsored by the Mission Committee. You and your friends and family will have the opportunity to support individuals and families in need of extra help at Christmas.
The tree will be decorated with miniature angel ornaments describing a gift needed for a child or an adult.
***Please select an angel tag (or several) and have a merry time shopping for recipients who need and appreciate your generous help.**

Your kindness brightens the world for others, so let's put the grinch out of business this season!









The Church will be closed on November 26th, and 27th in celebration of Thanksgiving Holliday.

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, our church family would like to take a moment to give thanks to God for His endless love, grace, mercy, and faithfulness. We are grateful for our church family, our blessings, and the many ways God continues to work in our lives.

From the FPC staff, Happy Early Thanksgiving!

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.



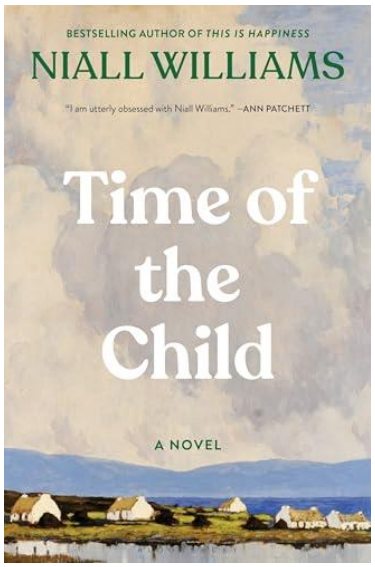
POINSETTIAS *Sale!*



The Sunbonnet Shop will be selling poinsettias (to be delivered December 3rd)
If you have a particular request and would like to pre-order,
please contact Susan Smith at susankeil1246@gmail.com.

As soon as we know costs and colors, we will let you know!

The BOOKCLUB



DECEMBER MEETING

"Time of the Child"

by Niall Williams

Please join us!

Thursday, December 3rd
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 10th at 7:30 am in the
Fellowship Hall.



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



THANK YOU TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION!

by Susan Keil Smith

For sending with me to Cuba some funds to support retired pastors and youth programs as well as for the Seminary in Matanzas.
While the people are MOST grateful to see our faces, the financial need is always great, and our support makes the difference. I also welcome invitations to speak about the experiences I have in Cuba.

THANK YOU TO PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEREDITH FUND!

For supporting the work of Family Promise. A plaque in memory of Mary Anne Meredith is hanging at the new site. It reminds us of Mary Anne's earliest commitment to Family Promise and our continuing participation.



EXTRA!



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Thank you too ala the Elders for helping serve Communion!

For the fifth Sunday of November.
We will have only ONE service,
Sunday Nov. 29th at 10:00 am
in the Sanctuary

FPC YOUNG FAMILIES

Is going to the Gingerbread Southwest Event!



Join us Friday December 4th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

At Sid Cutter Pavillion, 4900 Ballon Fiesta Pkwy Ne
Albuquerque, NM 87113

For a Holliday evening with Santa and a Gingerbread Auction!

There will be all kinds of family activities!
from free Dion's lunch to hot cocoa
a cookies decoration station and scavenger hunt with prizes!

Tickets are for sale now! For only $10 dollars until November 30th
Scholarships are available for those who need them,
please contact Rev. Essie.

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

A Child's Garden

as this year's event recipient!

DECEMBER 4, 2026 5:30-7:30 PM

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: November 30, 2026

Public Viewing

December 4, 2026 • 10:00am-2:00pm
Sid Cutter Pilot's Pavilion at Balloon Fiesta Park
Buy tickets at the door- $5

Holiday Evening with Santa & Gingerbread Auction

December 4, 2026 • 5:30pm-7:30pm
Sid Cutter Pilot's Pavilion at Balloon Fiesta Park
Buy tickets in advance at www.GingerbreadSW.com- $10 until November 30th or at the door the evening of the event $15 , 2 and under free!



FEAST OF HOPE
An Interfaith Thanksgiving Meal
Providing hot Thanksgiving Day meals to those who might otherwise go without

2026 FEAST OF HOPE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BEFORE THANKSGIVING. ON THE DAY. AFTER THE MEALS.



From setup to the final cleanup, we need you.

Come on your own, with your family, or with a team.

PREPARE FOOD - DONATE PIES - SORT CLOTHING - SET UP
PACK & DELIVER MEALS - HELP WITH THE CLOTHING BANK

CLEANUP CREW: WE ESPECIALLY NEED YOU!

Help us finish well after the meals and clothing are shared.

CHOOSE YOUR SIGNUP - SCAN OR CLICK

Preparation & Clothing Bank

lamesapresabq.org/foh-prep

Thanksgiving Day Volunteers

lamesapresabq.org/foh-day

Pie / Dessert Volunteers

lamesapresabq.org/foh-pies

Want to help, but don't have time this year?

Consider a financial donation to support the Feast of Hope.

lamesapresabq.org/foh-donate

Most assignments require standing and movement. Delivery drivers use their own vehicles and gasoline.
Clothing donations: Freshly washed, immediately wearable items only.

La Mesa Presbyterian Church - 7401 Copper Ave NE - (505) 255-8095 - lamesapresabq.org

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2026 Feast of Hope
Clothing Bank

Clothing Donations & Volunteers Needed

Share warm clothing. Lend a helping hand.

Help our interfaith community share warm clothing and everyday essentials with neighbors in need. There are two ways to help: donate useful items or volunteer your time.

Donate warm clothing

Please share only clean, wearable items.

All clothing should be freshly washed or cleaned and ready to wear.
No holes, stains, unpleasant odors, broken zippers, or items needing repair.
Other donations must be clean, complete, safe, and ready to use.

If you wouldn't wear it in its present condition, please leave it out.

Most-needed donations

Warm clothing
Coats, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, warm pants, hats, and gloves—for adults and children.

Children's items—especially needed!
Warm clothing, clean toys, and books in good condition.

Household items
Umbrellas, complete dish sets, clean pillows and linens, and working small appliances.

Footwear
Clean socks and sturdy shoes or boots in good condition.

Warmth & practical essentials
Blankets, sleeping bags, backpacks, luggage, tents, tarps, rope, and rolling carts.

Personal care, snacks & water
New, unopened toiletries and first-aid supplies; packaged, unexpired healthy snacks and bottled water.

Underwear: new, unopened packages only. Please prioritize winter clothing.
Work attire and accessories in good condition are also welcome.

La Mesa Presbyterian Church • 7401 Copper Ave. NE, Albuquerque

La Mesa drop-offs: October 18–November 23

Weekdays: Courtyard drop-off during normal office hours. Please call 505-255-8095 first to confirm the office is open and arrange a drop-off time.

Sundays: Just before or after worship. The courtyard is closed when the church is closed.

Or donate at your participating congregation or organization.
Please check with them for drop-off dates and times.

Volunteer with the Clothing Bank

Nov. 23–25 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.: Receive and sort donations; help set up.
Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 • 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.: Organize and assist guests.
Nov. 26 • 3–5 p.m.: Pack donations and restore the sanctuary.

Volunteer signup: lamesapresabq.org/foh-prep

Volunteer signup

If you have questions, please contact:

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pewapowell@hotmail.com

Karen Smith
pengukbs@pacbell.net

Clothing Bank partner: Covenant Presbyterian and First Congregational UCC