

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque's

MESSENGER LIGHT

March 04, 2026



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

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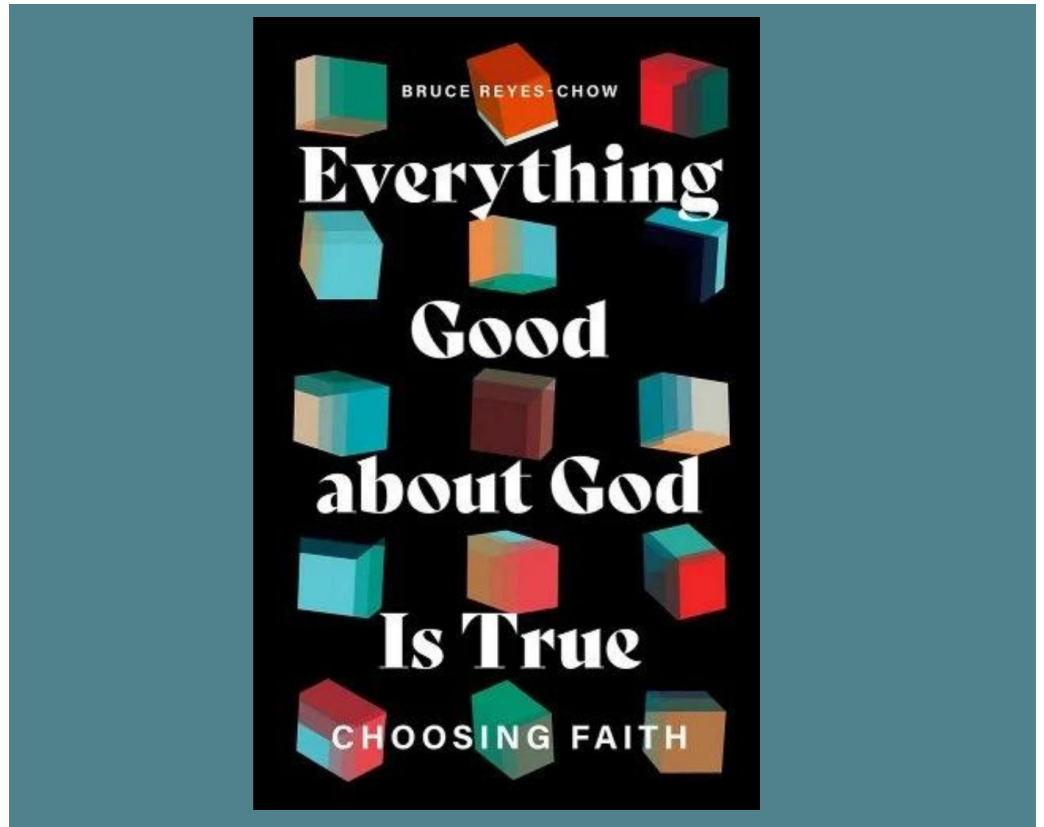
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If you have an after-hours emergency, you can reach pastoral staff through our helpline at 505-764-2910

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LENTEN LECTURE 2026

Bruce Reyes Chow

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: Choosing Faith"

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!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, March 4th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- A Child's Garden, 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, March 5th

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

Saturday, March 7th

- Water Color society, 8:30 am in the Chapel.
- Bruce Reyes, Lenten lecture in the Sanctuary from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Session Dinner with Bruce Reyes Chow, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, March 8th

- 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, 12:30 pm in the Kerygma room.

Monday, March 9th

- 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.

Tuesday, March 10th

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

Wednesday, March 11th

- Archives, 10:00 am.
- Social services network, 11:30 am in the FH.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, March 12th

- This Child is Here luncheon, 1:00 pm in the FH.
- Young Voices, 1:30 pm.
- ABQ Girls' chorus rehearsal, 5:00 pm in choir room.
- NM Philharmonic, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Friday, March 13th

- NM Philharmonic, 10:45 am.

Saturday, March 14th

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

Sunday, March 15th

- 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 16th

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



JOURNEY TO THE CROSS-
SUNDAYS IN LENT

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.

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

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!*





HOLY WEEK IN PALESTINE: THE HORRIBLE & THE HOLY

The Rev. Buce Reyes-Chow

Tuesday, March 10

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Covenant Presbyterian Church

9315 Candelaria Rd NE, Albuquerque

Bruce has led or participated in five delegations to Palestine since October 2023. The trips were coordinated by the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, a PC(USA) partner. Bruce has had the privilege of meeting with artists, activists, religious leaders, farmers, and many others. These Palestinians have tasked these delegations to tell their stories as much as possible. During our time, Bruce will share a bit about current conditions in the West Bank and what it was like to spend Holy Week in East Jerusalem as well as his thoughts on activism and advocacy in the United States. Bruce served as the moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

He is a writer, speaker, coach, podcaster, and pastor.

To learn more about Bruce, check out [The Amalgamation](#), his web site, which has links to his podcast and other activities.

Contact Mark Koeing (koenigwm@gmail.com) with questions.

THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE: LIFE IN BETWEEN.



A luncheon on March 12th at 1:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque.

“The setting for the black and white portraits is the lobby area of a low-cost resort hotel on the beaches of Bulgaria. The time was late in the afternoon, the sun coming through large windows. We sat on plastic chairs. This was the last night of a week away from the war for families displaced by the war in Ukraine.

What interests me, is the expressions on their faces. They want to look good. They want to show beauty, strength, and courage. When I look in the eyes, however, I feel they have something to say that they have not yet put into words. This is what I would like viewers to think about.”

Our work in Ukraine is with families displaced by the war. February 24, 2026 will mark the end of the 4th year of this war.

“**Robert Gamble, D.Min.** is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Executive Director of This Child Here, Inc, a validated ministry in Ukraine. **Oli Balaban** is the Program Manager for all work in Ukraine. They are married.”

For more information please contact:
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LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

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

COMING UP

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

WE NEED CANDY!



WHAT YOU CAN DONATE?

- Plastic eggs (various sizes would be GREAT),
- Candy (*preference small* individually wrapped candy)
- Fillers for the eggs (stickers, small toys)

NOTE:

We kindly accept nut-free chocolates, nut-free candy, and toddler-friendly Easter treats such as stickers, temporary tattoos, bouncy balls, or any other small treats that can fit into plastic eggs!

Candy donations can be dropped off at the Church Office.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We need your help to fill Easter Eggs!
Beginning Monday March 9th Contact the office to schedule a time to come fill Easter Eggs between 9 am - 2 pm, Monday - Friday or between services on Sunday Morning.



Presbyterian Women GREEN TEA



Join us for the Green Tea, a benefit for Menaul School provided by Presbyterian Women of our Church. There will be treats and refreshments to enjoy, between services.

**Please bring some donations to contribute to this cause.*

Sunday, March 15th, 2026
Time: Between services
First Presbyterian Church
215 Locust Ave NE (just west of I-25 & south of Martin Luther King Ave)*



The Tuesday Group

-Marjorie B.

“Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds”
By John Fugelsang, on March 10.

In the spirit of George Carlin and Christopher Hitchens, the son of a former Catholic nun and a Franciscan brother delivers a deeply irreverent and biblically correct takedown of far-right Christian hatred—a book for believers, atheists, agnostics, and anyone who'll ever have to deal with a Christian nationalist.

This group meets on zoom from noon to 1:30 on Tuesdays and generally covers 1 chapter per week. If you would like to join this study please contact the church office.