



# Presbytidings – November 2024

An outreach of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

## Words from Your Transitional Pastor The Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

Dear St. Andrew family,

We are knee-deep into our transitional ministry small group process. Throughout this process, I have been preaching on hope, and then discipleship. I firmly believe they are intertwined concepts, as well as vitally important to any church that seeks to move forward in this (or any) age. Hope is what grounds us; hope in the love and grace of God, hope that God has and will continue to make a difference in the world. Discipleship is our response; a belief that through our actions as followers of Christ we can be a small part of the way in which God makes a difference in the world.

I have been encouraged to hear from group leaders, and to have begun to see the rich feedback, the thoughtful conversations, and the prayerful examination of who we are, who are our neighbors, and who God is calling us to be.

The final session of our transitional ministry small groups is the most important of all! We will begin to talk about what we are going to do. How will we respond to the conversations we have had, and begin to live into the vision that we have been discerning. I trust that if we stick to the process, we will actively create and grow into the life that God is calling us to. So please do make this meeting a priority!

Knowing that life happens, that folks get busy and travel, and forget meetings, I want to make the offer to send anyone who wishes, the questions from our small group meetings, and would invite you to give written feedback to me, so that we can include your voice in the transitional ministry process. If small groups are not the format that you find most comfortable, and you would like to provide some written thoughts, please do pass those along to me.

I am convinced that the future is bright, because I know that the future is held by God.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Eric

P.S. November 17<sup>th</sup> is our Alternative Christmas fair, as well as an exciting pulpit swap! I will not be with you in worship, as you will hear from the Rev. Essie Koenig-Reinke that morning. I may be partial, but she is wonderful. I will be preaching at First Presbyterian Church Albuquerque, and I plan to make it back for some of the Christmas Fair following worship.

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### St. Andrew News and Events

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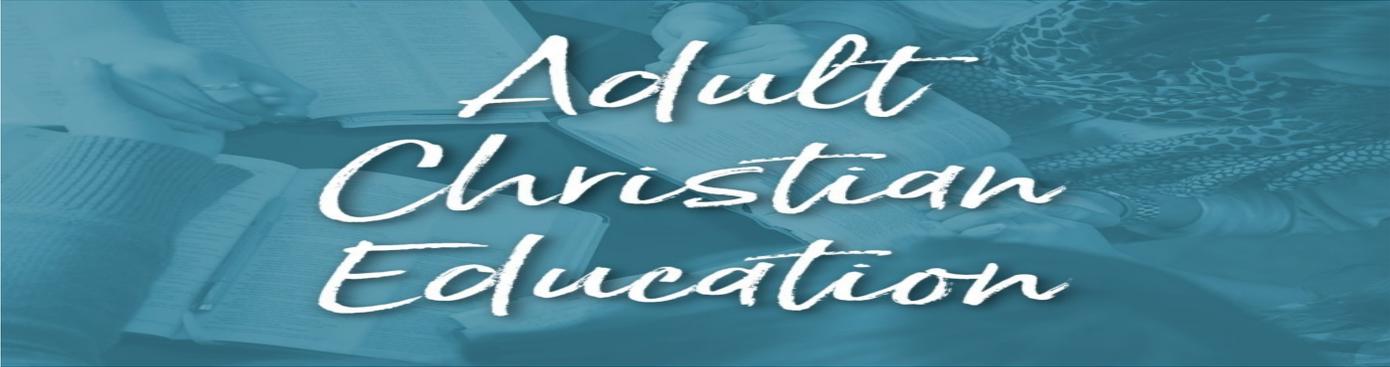
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# Adult Christian Education

## **November 3            Extended Fellowship**

In response to a request from Fellowship, we are trying out an extended time for conversation, refreshments, and fellowship during the 11:00 hour after worship on the first Sunday of each month. Take time to learn what you don't know about someone at St. Andrew!

## **November 10            Election Reflections    Co-facilitated by Bill Miller and Bob Busch**

The national election will have happened and the outcome may or may not be known. Whatever happens, our congregation will contain widely varied mental and emotional responses. Come for an open discussion of the election in the light of our faith. We will listen to each other's reflections, aspiring to the openness, respect, acceptance, and love that Jesus modeled for us and calls us to practice with each other in agape.

## **November 17            Alternative Christmas Fair**

## **November 24            Family Promise**

Come hear from Social Justice and Mission about our ongoing partnership with Family Promise that assists families who are at risk for homelessness, currently experiencing homelessness, or recently exiting homelessness. Executive Director, Laura Combs, will be presenting.

## **Can You Help in the Library?**

"I would enjoy the work of a librarian" is an item on a famous personality test. If you might say "True," perhaps you would enjoy serving in our church library. You could receive and catalog donated books, write short book reviews to let people know what's available there, or just do some tidying up. Tell Bill Miller if you can help.

## Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Santa Fe

Presbyterian Women have been gathering in local churches for decades, and within this presbytery for Bible Study, supportive mission projects and advocacy in the community and in our country. Women are making a significant difference in the workplace, in the church as well as in families.

The PW of the Presbytery of Santa Fe recognizes the significant monetary giving to World-wide Mission, the Synod of the Southwest and the Presbytery of Santa Fe as well as to local missions. During 2023-24, over \$10,000 was received and sent for support, which included the Thank Offering, Birthday Offering and Least Coin. While our groups have been reduced in size, mostly due to circumstances and demands of society, we might be small but continue to be mighty. We extend an open invitation to all to participate in the following opportunities:

**Monthly PW Bible Study**, using the Horizons Study "Let Justice Roll Down". A Presbytery group gathers on the third Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30 on zoom. Anyone interested may contact Susan Keil Smith at [susankeil1246@gmail.com](mailto:susankeil1246@gmail.com) to be included.

**Saturday, November 16, 2024, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

We will gather at Second Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, to hear from those who attended the National PW Gathering in August as well as to determine best steps forward to keep the PW of PSF connected and active. For questions or more details, you may contact Susan Keil Smith at the email listed above.

With grace, peace and hope,  
Susan Keil Smith, acting moderator



## COMMUNION AND PRAYER SERVICE ON ELECTION DAY

The 2024 election is certainly front and center in many of our minds. Many of us have strong feelings about those who are seeking election. The vast range of emotions, including anxiety, hope, fear, joy, anger, optimism, uncertainty and so many more, swirl around during this season, and will reach a climactic point for most of us on Election Day, November 5, 2024. As a way to ground ourselves in our faith, remind us of our greater connection to God and one another, we will be hosting a service of worship at approximately 7:00 PM. All are invited, as we will read some scripture, sing some songs, partake in the joyful feast of the Lord's Supper, and ground ourselves in prayer, and communion. We will not be frantically checking in with the incoming results but focusing on the love of God.



# ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR



We'll be hosting our annual Alternative Christmas Fair again this year on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00.

There will be a **Silent Auction** with (depending on what is donated) beautiful art, jewelry, services, and a whole lot more.

We'll have a **Bake Sale** beyond belief! Come indulge yourself with treats that are all homemade or buy some for gifts.

And...don't forget our **Fantastic Lunch!** We'll serve homemade green chili stew, (vegetarian available) a tamale and a tortilla for only \$15!

There will be **Vendors** who will sell their products and/or give information about their non-profit organization. These include: *Father's Building Futures, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, The Albuquerque Quakers, Café Justo, and Family Promise.* Consider buying a beautiful handmade wooden item from men, who have often been incarcerated, and are now trying to support their families. Grab a cup of coffee at *Café Justo* and stroll over to the Heifer International table and learn about giving a cow or a duck to help a family become self-sufficient. It may just be the best gift you ever gave someone!

You'll be able to choose a child's name from ***The Angel Tree*** and shop for that child to ensure they have a Christmas that they would not have without your generosity.

We simply can't do this without your help. Please talk to your neighbors, coworkers and friends and tell them about this. Invite them to come with you and ask them to donate upscale items for our Silent Auction. There will be flyers on the table in the Narthex...please take some and post them wherever you can.

We also need bakers for the Bake Sale...see Karen Ulack and people to help get the word out.... see Marie StClaire.

**Most importantly, 100% of the money that's collected from the bake sale, silent auction and lunch will be split between Habitat for Humanity and Albuquerque Asylum Seekers Welcome. Items sold by vendors goes directly to them. Last year we were able to raise over \$10,000!!**

**See You There!**

## VOTE FOR ALL SACRED LIFE AND FOR THIS SACRED PLANET

Atmospheric Scientists, Earth and Planetary Scientists, Astrophysicists, and other scientists have declared that the Earth is on the verge of or presently within the Sixth Mass Extinction, primarily due to human activity. The first five mass extinctions have occurred over Geologic time. The First Mass Extinction occurred during the Late Ordovician Period, 440 million years ago, where 85% of all species became extinct. The Second Mass Extinction occurred during the Late Devonian Period, 374 million years ago, where 75% of all species became extinct. The Third Mass Extinction (the largest) occurred during the Permian Period, 220 million years ago, where 95% of all species became extinct. The Fourth Mass Extinction occurred during the Jurassic Period, 200 million years ago, where 80% of all species became extinct. The Fifth Mass Extinction occurred during the Cretaceous Period, 145 million years ago, where 76% of all species, including non-avian dinosaurs, became extinct. For more information on the five Mass Extinctions including causation, contact Bill Renfro at [bill.renfro@hotmail.com](mailto:bill.renfro@hotmail.com).

According to Genesis 1:26-28, humankind is instructed to “have dominion over” and “subdue” the Earth. For some 3,000 years the Abrahamic religions have taken these words as proclamations that this means use the Earth, use up the Earth’s resources in order to make life more comfortable, longer in duration, and, above all, more profitable for the few that have the opportunity to control this usage. Thus, our economic systems, our life-styles, our goals that we call opportunities, our thirst for power and wealth and an “easy life” have mandated that we use and use up the Earth by our technical and industrial progress which has destroyed mountains, forests, communities, and resources and has polluted our air, our waters, our lands, and our bodies and has brought disasters of water, wind, and fire more often and of greater expanse and loss of life. We are on the road to destruction of our civilization!

May we learn from our indigenous brothers and sisters what it means to “care for the Earth” instead of subdue it, use it etc. May we learn what it means to consider our life and our Mother Earth as holy (sacred). Indigenous people know how to relate to and to love and to hold in respectful esteem Mother Earth in whose womb we live.

-Bill Renfro



**WARM CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

As the evenings get cooler, our Neighborhood Friends need long-sleeved shirts, lightweight jackets, long pants, and gently used shoes for men and women. Please check your closet for those items you no longer use. New socks and underwear are always welcome. Clothes should be clean and without tears or holes. Clean blankets and sleeping bags are also needed. Call Sharon Craig if you have questions.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

**There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, Nov. 24, in order to elect Elders, Deacons, and the Pastor Nominating Committee. Please plan to be there.**

**Session Summary – Oct. 15, 2024  
Clerk’s Report / Suzanne Busch**

Average worship attendance: September: 91. Membership as of Sept. 30, 2024 - 146.

**OCTOBER APPROVALS:**

- Firstly, thank you Bill Miller for taking the minutes for our October 15 Session meeting. I had a great time in Oklahoma at a family reunion.
- We approved a request from Presbytery for a youth group of 20-30 to use our building for Saturday night before Thanksgiving. There would be lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, with food prepared by members.
- We talked about the use of our empty lot to the east. Rick Hanna is helping lead a small group to determine how this property could be utilized.
- Pastor Eric is interviewing some candidates to be our assistant accompanist.
- We are working to improve our external signage to direct people to St. Andrew, Share Your Care and Ponderosa Pre-School.
- We approved Kathy Jackson as a representative to the Presbytery.

<u>September2024</u>	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Income	18,588	287,723	290,700
Total Expenses	25,501	253,201	346,436
Difference	-6,913	34,521	-55,736



## Lectionary Schedule

### Sunday – November 3

First Reading Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

### Sunday – November 10

First Reading Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

Second Reading Heb. 9:24-28

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

### Sunday – November 17

First Reading 1 Sam. 1:4-20

Psalm 16

Second Reading Heb. 10:11-14

Gospel Mark 13:1-8

### Sunday – November 24

First Reading 2 Sam. 23:1-7

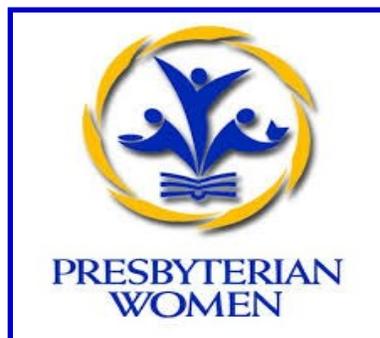
Psalm 132:1-12

Second Reading Rev. 1:4b-8

Gospel John 18:33-37



Please join the Presbyterian Women (PW) of St. Andrew for the Horizon Bible Study, Lesson 3, on Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 am in the adult CE room. Food Justice is the topic: we can learn to produce food with justice and peace and feed a starving world. All are welcome to join us.

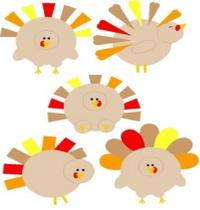


## November Birthdays

- 1 Casey Haynes
- 2 Dick Harrison
- 4 Jim Dillow  
Betsy McMillan
- 6 Johnny Montoya  
Yvonne Wise
- 14 David Schneider
- 15 Adam Wood
- 16 Ella Wood
- 20 Lily Vick  
Althea Light-Stockli
- 21 Sam Sandoval
- 22 Debbie Steffen  
Irene Pallardy
- 23 Darren Encino
- 25 Kaiya-Amani John  
Washington
- 30 Josh Reed Hughes



# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:30 Girl Scouts	2
3 <b>FALL TIME CHANGE</b> 9:30 Worship 11 Adult CE 3 pm Encantada	4 7 pm APO	5 Election Day 7 pm Prayer Service	6 6:30 Peace Choir	7 10 am Stroke Club 10 Spiritual Formation 4 pm Worship Committee 6:30 Choir	8 7:30 Sci Fi Society	9
10 <b>Stewardship Commitment Sunday</b> 9:30 Worship 11 Adult CE 3 pm Encantada	11 7 pm APO	12	13 4 pm Deacons 6:30 Peace Choir 6:30 Southwest Sniffers	14 10 am Stroke Club 10 Historical Jesus 6:30 Choir	15 5:30 Girl Scouts	16 <i>Set up for Alternative Christmas Fair</i>
17 <b>Alternative Christmas Fair</b> 9:30 Worship 11 Adult CE 3 pm Encantada	18 7 pm APO	19 6 pm Session	20 6:30 Peace Choir	21 10 am Stroke Club 10 Spiritual Formation 6:30 Choir	22	23 <b>PRESBYTERY YOUTH RETREAT (into Sunday morning)</b>
24 9:30 Worship <b>10:30 Congregational Meeting</b> 11 Adult CE 3 pm Encantada	25 7 pm APO	26	27 6:30 Peace Choir	28 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b> Church office closed	29	30