



Presbytidings December 2022/January 2023

An outreach of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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The Season of Advent is now upon us, when we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child – the Prince of Peace. It is often a very busy time of year – packed with family gatherings, shopping trips, holiday concerts, office parties, and the like. In the midst of it all, I hope you'll pause for a moment each day, take a few deep breaths, and spend a little time reflecting on the meaning of Advent.

A Spanish word that captures much of what the Advent Season is about is the verb *esperar*. Esperar means “to wait.” It means “to hope.” And it means “to expect.” So, Advent is a season of esperanza! It is a season of waiting for the coming of the Christ Child. It is a season of hope for the peace that Christ will bring. It is a season of expectation that the world will one day be transformed.

The theme for this year’s Advent Worship Series is “Visions of Peace.” Thanks to our Advent Worship Planning Team (Barb Sanders, Debbie Steffen, and Jan McEwen) for pulling these services together.

The December 18 service will feature special music sung by our chancel choir and a piece played by our bell choir. Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30 p.m. will include a monologue entitled “Requiem for an Old Soldier” by Rev. Bill Aber. Christmas Day and New Year’s Day both land on Sundays this year, enabling us to celebrate the birth of Jesus and ring in the New Year together as a church family! We hope that you will join us for our regularly scheduled 9:30 a.m. worship services on December 25 and January 1.

We’re planning an informal, intergenerational worship service for Christmas Day followed by fellowship time with hot chocolate and donuts. Feel free to wear your pajamas to worship on Christmas morning! Our traditional Service of Lessons and Carols will take place on the Sunday after Christmas, January 1, at 9:30 a.m. New Year’s Day will also be a Communion Sunday. Rev. Catherine Robinson will be the celebrant.

Peace, Roger

Pastor Roger’s Vacation Dates

Pastor Roger will be away on vacation December 26 - January 3.

In the event of a pastoral care emergency,
please call Rev. Catherine Robinson at 505-514-9368.

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Letter from Rev. Catherine Robinson

Dear Saints on the St. Andrew Session,

I write to ask that my contract as parish associate not be renewed at the end of 2022. Let me be quick to add that this request grows not out of any displeasure or unhappiness but out of my growing awareness that I am simply being called in new directions. With a new marriage, I want to focus on that very important relationship.

In addition, my 65th birthday and my official retirement as a PCUSA minister are approaching in about a year. I am beginning to explore new options for my life and ministry as this date approaches. I expect to remain an active part of the St. Andrew community, and I have told Roger that he is welcome to call on me just as he has in the past for preaching, pastoral care coverage, or whatever else is needed. There simply will be no title or regular salary attached to my service. That will give me the sense of freedom that I need right now. I give thanks for the two years that I have served as parish associate at St. Andrew—for opportunities to preach, to visit with church members, to teach classes, and particularly for the opportunity to get to know Roger as a colleague. This is not a good-bye, but just a change in status. I'll see you in church! Peace, – Catherine Robinson

Celebration of the Building as Mission

Look around, what do you see? Friends and fellow worshippers, members, family – all sharing a sacred, spiritual space. Is that sacred space limited to the sanctuary around us or does it flow out through the rooms, the walls, the grounds of Saint Andrew? Is it only sacred because members of SAPC worship here or is it sacred because of the relationships and engagements that are facilitated here? that whether a religion's sacred space is a built or a natural environment, it's human activity that consecrates those places and makes them sacred.”

Many years ago as I was flying into Atlanta on a weekday afternoon, I noticed a number of buildings (obviously churches) along the landing path. Or maybe, I should say what I most noticed about them was the fact that the parking lots were empty. In my mind, I compared these empty lots to the space around SAPC where there were always many cars – indicating many people involved in various activities at Saint Andrew during the week. It was then I realized that our building was truly a sacred space, sacred every day of the week, not just on Sundays or during worship. People are engaging with others, reaching out to each other to find direction and meaning, in a place where the people and the building act as hearts and hands for God through Jesus Christ and the Spirit.

Today, the Session wants to celebrate with you the “completion” of our building. Yes the building was physically completed many years ago, but thanks to all of you, we made the final payment on it in September. We have completed our trek to having that sacred space to be made available to fulfill our mission. Although we have finished one trek we must continue on with the next. We must work to keep the doors open, to keep the space functional, to allow everyone who enters the feeling of well-being and connection with creation and the divine. This means we need to keep operating our programs and allowing access to all who wish to share this sacred space. Although the building is paid off, we need to continue to maintain it and make capital improvements as necessary. For this purpose, the Building Mortgage Fund is becoming the Building Reserve Fund. We still need your pledges and donations to keep from having empty parking lots and doors open only on Sundays.

We need to continue our engagement and support of those many organizations in our community that have come to call St. Andrew home. Share Your Care offers adult and senior day care services five days a week. Three musical ensembles rehearse in our building weekly: the Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra, the New Mexico Peace Choir, and Encantada: The Band of Enchantment. The Stroke Club meets in our building every week. The Laguna Colony and Science Fiction Society meet here monthly. And we have entered into a new partnership with Girl Scout Troop #10595, which meets at St. Andrew on first and third Friday evenings. Many other groups meet here on an ad-hoc basis. Yes, we have become the center of a sacred community, and I know we will continue to support all of those activities that consecrate our facility, making walls, ceilings, floors, roofs, and windows sacred space.

Bob Busch – Elder for Stewardship and Finance

Congregational Musings for December 2022 and January 2023

I was trying to remember why I started writing this column a few years ago. I think it was because there was a declining amount of news in the newsletter. I would like to see an article from every session committee either monthly or every other month. How did “Saturday coffee in the park” go? Who is taking care of the Library? What are the Deacons up to and how are the most elderly folks in the congregation doing? Who needs continued prayers? Are Sunday Fellowship time and Adult Christian Education well attended? Are there any major faults in the building that need to be remedied? Maybe it is because I can’t make it to “in-person” church services and I’m missing out on some conversations, but these are some of the things I’d be interested in hearing/reading about.

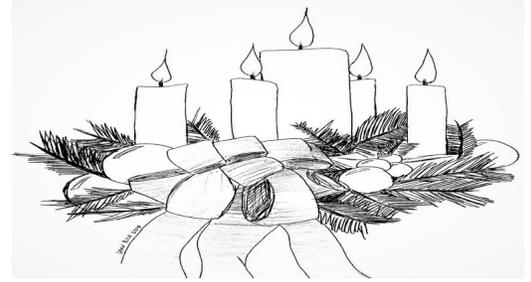
I have been in contact with the nurses and most are unable to commit to doing monthly blood pressures at this time. The church does have a machine which could be moved to the office and you could check your own B/P while in the building. Other options would be to purchase a machine of your own (they are not very expensive) or check with your Primary Care’s office if they would monitor you on a walk-in basis. Also, some of the Senior Centers provide this service. The medical name of a blood pressure machine is sphygmomanometer. Try saying that one fast three times!

The Downey Woodpecker is back, lured by the seed cylinder this time. Nothing else out of the ordinary has appeared yet. The sparrows get the lion’s share and The White-winged and Ring-necked Doves clean up the spills.

Most of the Presbyterian medical facilities, and some others, here in Albuquerque have wheelchairs available at the doors for those who need them because of the distance to their destination or a mobility issue. I am one of those people who is still able to drive and to walk but just can’t go the distance so I always need a ride and someone to push this particular type of wheelchair. I’m thinking that, perhaps, some kind of transportation committee could be formed to provide this service for those of us in our community with this particular need. I’m told that the Office of Senior Affairs is not always a reliable source and, I think, they just drive – they don’t push. I know our Deacons have been responsive to people’s needs but I believe some could help out a little. Perhaps the Board of Deacons or the Session could discuss this idea.

By the time you read this we will be into the Advent season. It has always been a special time of Worship and waiting for the St Andrew community. Our Advent wreath and candles proclaim the message of the coming event. Christmas Day is on Sunday this year; I look forward to something special again. Wishing you all a happy holiday season.

– Edith Waugh-Feliciano



Why Are Poinsettias the Christmas Flower?

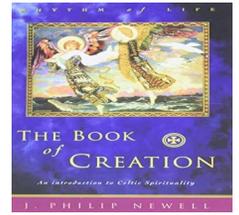
Native to Mexico, the plant is called *Flor de la Noche Buena* (Flower of the Holy Night) due to its resemblance to the Star of Bethlehem. According to Mexican lore, there was a young child, Pepita, who did not have a gift for the baby Jesus at a Christmas Eve service. She was very poor so all she could do was pick a bouquet of weeds to offer. The angels felt compassion for her plight. So, after Pepita set the flowers at the crèche of the nativity on Christmas Eve, the angels transformed the weeds into beautiful red flowers.

Today, Poinsettias are not only the most popular Christmas plant, but the best-selling potted plant in the United States and Canada. Every Christmas Eve our sanctuary is adorned by beautiful poinsettia flowers. This tradition is part of our celebration of the arrival of the Christ Child. Another tradition is to purchase a poinsettia to remember and honor a loved one during the Christmas season. Names of loved ones will be included in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. We are asking for a \$20 donation for each plant. You may contact the church office or look for the bright green order slips that you can place in the collection basket or mail to the church office, along with your payment. These order slips are available in the back of the Sanctuary, or in the church office. Thank you.

Adult Christian Education – Advent Study

Adult Christian Education during the four Sundays of Advent will be led by Rev. Joyce Thompson (on November 27, December 4, December 11, and December 18.)

We will use as our guide: *The Book of Creation: An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality* by J. Philip Newell. Books are available in the church office for \$14.00.



Alternative Christmas Fair Report - With Many Thanks !!!

Thank you so much to so many! Our Alternative Christmas was a great success both financially, and perhaps even more importantly, in getting people through our doors and meeting many of us. I hope you found it fun too!
– Eleanor Milroy

[Drum roll for the results:]

Habitat for Humanity:	\$1,651.25
Heifer International:	\$1,085.00
Family Promise:	\$1,100.00
Sanctuary Works	\$145.00 (sold out in 30 minutes)
Bake Sale:	\$352.00
Food:	\$1,020.00
Silent Auction	: \$3,000.00 (money is still coming in so it will probably be higher)
That total is:	\$\$ 8,353.25 WOW!



St. Andrew Racial Justice Group

Book Review by Elmer Jackson

An Indigenous Peoples History of the United States

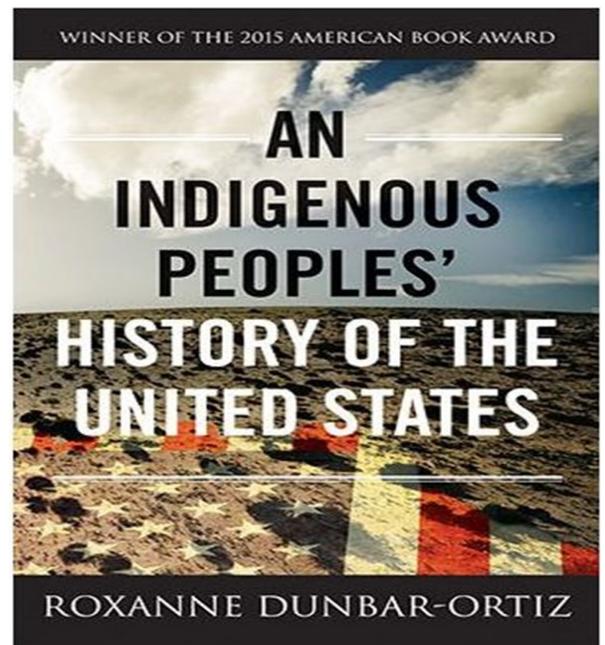
by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

The St. Andrew Racial Justice Group spent several weeks discussing this often-disturbing book. It was a unique experience to read U.S. history from the point of view of the victims of a wave of European colonizer-settlers. When European colonizer-settlers arrived on this continent, they found forests, a corn-based continental economy, and a road network enabling trade and communication as far as Mexico. They destroyed the forests and decimated the population with guns and diseases.

Boarding Schools were built to remove language and culture from the young. The slaughter of men, women, and children, and the taking of scalps by white colonizers for bounties, was especially heartbreaking. For Native Americans, gold was decorative. For colonizer-settlers, it was the path to riches.

We settlers now face decisions about our values and have finally adopted some of the environmental values of Native American communities. Some Native Americans today are asking the U.S. to honor treaties that have mostly been broken. Some are helping to restore our damaged lands and are asking for the return of lands such as the National Parks.

While “Christians” often led the removal of thousands of indigenous people, we can now consider how the Church might repent of its past sins by supporting indigenous-led movements for sovereignty, dignity, and justice.





Church Office Holiday Closure

The church office will close on December 23 for the Christmas holiday and will be closed through the remainder of December 2022, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:00 am.

Pastor Roger will be on vacation beginning December 26 through January 3

Please contact Rev. Catherine Robinson for pastoral emergencies during the Christmas and New Year's break at: crobin2475@gmail.com or call 505-514-9368

In the Bleak Midwinter

by Christina Rossetti

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.



Health Ministry – Types of Vertigo

Written by Paula Ford-Martin, and Medically Reviewed by Christopher Melnosky, MD on June 07, 2021

If you've been on your share of amusement park rides, you probably know what vertigo is like – the feeling that the world is spinning around you. But if you feel dizzy and didn't just step off a roller coaster, check with your doctor to see if you've got one of the two most common forms of vertigo: central and peripheral. There are drugs and other treatments for both types. Finding out which one you've got -- and what is causing it – can help you and your doctor decide how to manage it. Keep in mind that vertigo is a symptom of a medical condition, not a disease by itself. Your doctor will try to figure out what's behind it.

What Causes Peripheral Vertigo?

If your doctor tells you that you have peripheral vertigo, you've got plenty of company. It is the most common type of vertigo. Most cases are caused by a problem in the inner ear, which controls your balance. The most common causes of the inner ear trouble that leads to peripheral vertigo are:

- Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV)
- Vestibular neuronitis
- Meniere's disease

BPPV is a condition that causes small crystals to get loose and start to float in the fluid of your inner ear. The movement of the crystals and the fluid leads you to feel dizzy. Sometimes an ear injury can lead to BPPV. Vestibular neuronitis causes severe dizziness that comes on suddenly and lasts for 2 to 3 weeks. Doctors think an infection with a virus may be the cause. Meniere's disease is a condition that combines symptoms of dizziness with occasional hearing loss. Doctors aren't sure what causes it, though stress can be a trigger, along with eating salt or drinking caffeine and alcohol. There are some other conditions of the inner ear that also lead to peripheral vertigo, including:

- Labyrinthitis
- Perilymph fistula
- Superior semicircular canal dehiscence syndrome (SSCDS)

Labyrinthitis may be caused by a viral infection of your inner ear. Perilymph fistula may be due to a head injury or sudden pressure change, such as from scuba diving. SSCDS may be due to a breakdown of part of a bony part of a canal that carries fluids in your inner ear.

What Other Symptoms May I Have With Peripheral Vertigo?

Nausea and vomiting, sweating, and ear problems are all common symptoms that you may have along with vertigo. If your peripheral vertigo is caused by an inner ear infection or a disease, you may have some pain or a feeling of fullness in your ear. In labyrinthitis and Meniere's disease, you may have hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing of the ears) in one or both ears along with the vertigo.

There are some common features of peripheral vertigo that can help your doctor make a diagnosis. Vertigo that starts without warning, and stops just as quickly, is more likely to be peripheral vertigo. Your eyes may also move without your control. This movement may go away when you try to focus your vision on a fixed point. It also tends to only happen during the first few days of vertigo symptoms and then disappears.

How Is Peripheral Vertigo Treated?

You can treat peripheral vertigo by managing the condition that's causing it. BPPV, the most common cause of peripheral vertigo, can be treated with a 15-minute exercise known as the Epley maneuver. This series of movements, done in your doctor's office, helps return the crystals that control balance to the correct place in your inner ear. Anti-inflammatory drugs can sometimes help ease symptoms if your peripheral vertigo is caused by vestibular neuronitis, Meniere's disease, or labyrinthitis. Meniere's disease can also be controlled by cutting down on salt, caffeine, and alcohol and lowering your stress. For some conditions, such as perilymph fistula or SSCDS, your doctor may recommend surgery to correct problems in your inner ear. Some conditions causing peripheral vertigo may be chronic, meaning they are ongoing. In these situations, you will need a combination of balance exercises, lifestyle changes, and medication to manage the vertigo. Motion sickness medicine may also help ease nausea. Your doctor may also prescribe medicines that help reduce balance problems.

Health Ministry

What Causes Central Vertigo?

Central vertigo is caused by a disease or injury to the brain, such as:

- Head injuries
- Illness or infection
- Multiple sclerosis
- Migraines
- Brain tumors
- Strokes
- Transient ischemic attacks (mini-strokes that last for a short time and don't cause permanent damage)



What Other Symptoms Could I Have From Central Vertigo?

While episodes of peripheral vertigo tend to pass quickly, central vertigo often comes without warning and may last for long periods of time. The episodes are generally much more intense than peripheral, and you may be unable to stand or walk without help. Eye movement that you cannot control happens in both types of vertigo. But in central vertigo this eye movement lasts longer (weeks to months during vertigo episodes) and it does not go away when you're asked to focus on a fixed point. The hearing problems that frequently happen in peripheral vertigo or AICA stroke are rare with central vertigo. But other symptoms – like headaches, weakness, or trouble swallowing – are common with central vertigo.

How Is Central Vertigo Treated?

Finding out the root cause of the vertigo and treating it is the only way to manage central vertigo. If migraines are the cause, for instance, medication and reducing your stress may help. For some ongoing conditions, such as multiple sclerosis stroke, and some tumors, treatment may consist of managing the symptoms. This may include medicines for nausea and drugs that help lessen the sensation of movement. A stroke in the brain can trigger not only vertigo but slurred speech, problems moving, weakness, and numbness/tingling. You should get emergency help right away.

SOURCES: American Hearing Research Foundation: Medical Treatment of Vertigo and Vestibular Disorders Association: *Living with a Vestibular Disorder*; Gacek, R. ORL: Journal for Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, July 2013; Hanley, K. The British Journal of General Practice, October 2002; Labuguen, R. American Family Physician, January, 15, 2006; Nguyen-Huynh, A. Otolaryngology Clinics of North America, October 2012; Swartz, R. American Family Physician, March 2005; Thompson, T. The Ochsner Journal, Spring 2009.

Presbytidings

The next issue of Presbytidings will be the February 2023 issue. Articles will be due on **January 18**, following the January 17 meeting of the Session. Please be sure to email your articles to the church email address at adm.standrewabq@gmail.com by that deadline. Thank you.



Childcare During Worship

The Session decided that in order to attract families with children, we needed to have a clean and welcoming space. So, several volunteers worked to prepare our childcare space in hopes of attracting more families. We reopened the spruced up Children's Room in September, 2021. We thank Sam Emord and Kaden and Zia Dahlgren for being ready to play and teach in the Children's Room this fall. However, due to lack of attendance, we will no longer be staffing the Children's Room. Parents, grandparents or friends are welcome to use the room if needed. A key is available from any Elder.

Sharon Craig – Elder Personnel and Pastoral Care

Christmas Joy Offering –December 24 and 25

And the Word became flesh and lived among us... John 1:14



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

OUR GIFTS AT WORK: SUPPORTING OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE LEADERS

When Jesus was born among us, he came as a helpless baby destined to bring joy, peace and salvation to his people. This child, God's Word made flesh — fully human and fully God — became one of us. One with us. One among us. In all of our vulnerabilities, struggles and triumphs, Jesus became one of us — leading us, knowing us, connecting us to himself and to each other, and offering us his gift of eternal life. The perfect gift.

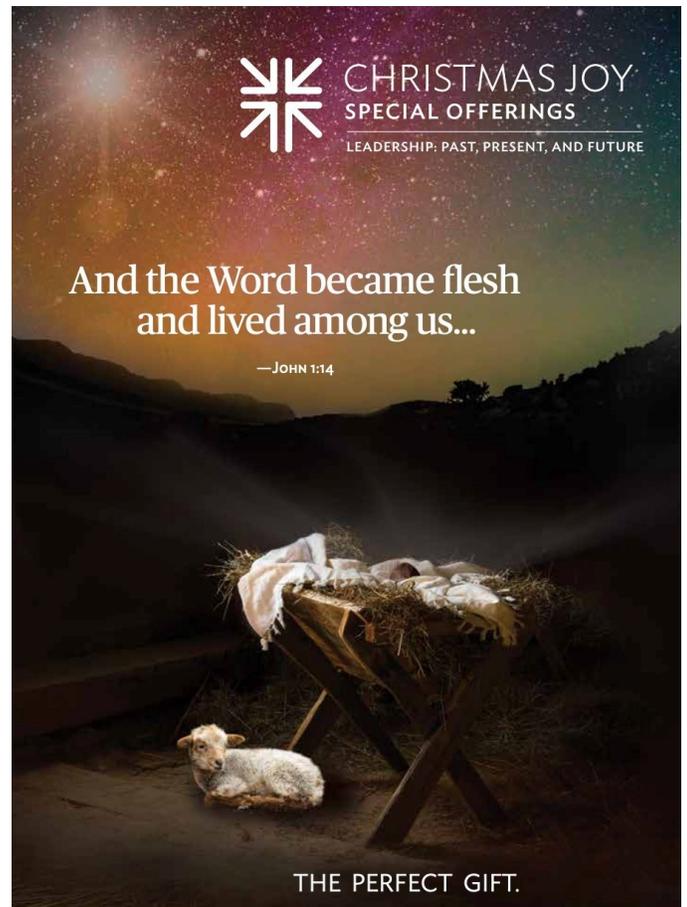
One way to celebrate the Perfect Gift of Jesus is participating in the Christmas Joy Offering. This Offering supports church workers and their families who experience critical financial needs through help from the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. We connect with the young people attending Stillman College, Presbyterian Pan American School, and the Menaul School, supporting the education and leadership development for students of color, who will soon be leaders in our Church and in the world.

Jesus' example as a child born to be among us and leading us to eternal life provides a pattern for us to follow as we celebrate those who have led us in the past and will lead us into the future. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.

This year the Christmas Joy Offering is on Christmas! (Sunday December 25, 2022) However, we will thankfully receive your gifts through January 1, 2023.

*Let us pray,
Draw us near to the light of the manger,
generous God, to see your perfect gift to us.
By your grace, stoke the fires of our compassion
that all might know the gift of your love. Amen.*

*May we share the Greatest Gift, the love of Jesus Christ,
through our donations to the Christmas Joy Offering.*



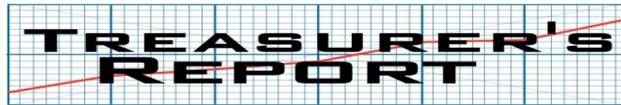
November 2022 – Session Summary

At Session on Tuesday, November 15, we discussed several items and approved the 2023 budget. We also talked about the governance structure of other churches our size. We are gathering information as we work with our challenges finding volunteers. Here are the items we approved:

- A proposal by Share Your Care to reduce their monthly payment to \$1,100, beginning December 2022, and revisit the situation in July 2023.
- The 2023 budget with a net deficit of \$21,090. The budget includes eliminating the paid positions for child care on Sundays.
- A proposal by the NM Women’s Chorus to use the sanctuary and activity room for a concert on Saturday, January 14, 2023.
- An addition to our building use policy: if an outside organization wants to use the sanctuary and the TV monitors, someone from St. Andrew must be present and work with the organization to use the equipment. We will charge \$25/hr. in addition to the usual building use fee.
- A proposal to allocate \$3,910 for new security lights.
The Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra may share the expense with us.
- A request to disburse STAMP funds to the Presbytery of Santa Fe, earmarked for its Medical Debt Relief Fund, and to the Asylum Seekers 50/50 in the amount of \$3,076 total.
- The Pastor’s vacation request for February 24-March 3, 2023.

We acknowledged the deaths of Joanna Devries and Norma Bartholdi.

Membership as of October 31: 158.



<u>October 2022</u>	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Income	15,585	287,845	318,000
Total Expenses	28,530	268,489	329,427
Difference	-9,945	19,356	-11,427

PW Continues “Celebrating Sabbath” Bible Study

The PW Bible Study meets again on Tuesday, December 6th at 10 am. Pastor Roger will lead the lesson called “Sabbath and Surrender.” Following the Bible Study, there will be a short business meeting. Those present will finish their time together by sharing a meal; they will order food from a local restaurant and enjoy fellowship and food together. The January Bible Study theme is “Sabbath and Servitude.”

Leadership for the 2023 year includes

- Sonia Lersten as Moderator,
- Karen Ulack as Secretary,
- Linda Barnes as Treasurer, and
- Debbie Steffen as Moderator Elect.

Many thanks to the officers who served in 2022: Kathy Jackson as Moderator, Margo Eichwald as Secretary, Linda Barnes as Treasurer and Sonia Lersten as Moderator Elect. Plan on joining Presbyterian Women on December 6th, and then on January 10th, 2023, for our monthly bible study.





Lectionary Schedule

Second Sunday of Advent – Year A December 4

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Second Reading Romans 15:4-13
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Third Sunday of Advent – Year A December 11

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
or alternate reading Luke 1:47-55
Second Reading James 5:7-10
Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year A December 18

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Second Reading Romans 1:1-7
Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

The Nativity of the Lord Saturday – December 24 Christmas Eve

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96:1-13
Second Reading Titus 2:11-14
Gospel Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Dawn

First Reading Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97:1-12
Second Reading Titus 3:4-7
Gospel Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

Sunday– December 25 Christmas Day

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
Gospel John 1:1-14



January 2023 –Year A

Sunday – January 1 The First Sunday After Christmas

First Reading Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Second Reading Hebrews 2:10-18
Gospel Matthew 2:13-23

The Baptism of the Lord – January 8

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Second Reading Acts 10:34-43
Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday – January 15 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel John 1:29-42

Sunday – January 22 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday – January 29 The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel Matthew 5:1-12



Immanuel – God With Us!

December

- 1 Riley Zahl
- 3 Joshua Soliz,
Tetsuo Allen
- 8 Mark Wesselman
- 10 Jann Kindel
- 12 Sofia Nolasco Prewitt
- 13 Jaynie McConnell
- 14 Hannah Roberto
- 17 Beverley McArthur
Catherine Robinson
- 20 Bob Maze
- 23 Andrew McMillian
- 24 Valerie Dalton,
Jesus Prada
- 27 Bob Shepperson
- 30 Kate Ayers
- 31 Suzanne Busch



January

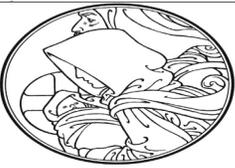
- 2 Anna Creamer
- 3 Sam Montoya
Alex Delap-Padilla
- 10 Kathie Scott
- 11 Allan Emord
- 12 Barbara Dresen .
Isabel Martinez
- 15 Ester Griego
- 17 Kathy Jackson
- 19 Geoffrey Bartlett
Ruben Martinez
- 20 Patty Emord,
Daniel Boyd
- 31 Marie St.Claire

and
suddenly
there was with
the
angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
praising God
and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill towards
men
Luke 2
13-14

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	The Church office will be closed December 24 through January 2			1 10-11:30 Spiritual Formation (Zoom) 5:00 pm Worship and Music Committee	2 5:30-7:30 Girl Scouts	3
4 9:30 am Advent 2 Worship and Communion Service 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Adult Christian Ed. 6:30 pm New Church Officer Training Adult C.E. Room 3-5 pm Encantada Band of Enchantment	5 ABQ Philharmonic Rehearsal 6:00-9:30 pm	6 Presbyterian Women 10:00 am Weekly Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice	7 6:30 pm New Mexico Peace Choir	8 10:00 am Historical Jesus Group 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm NM Peace Choir Board Meeting (Library) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 7:00-10:00 pm ABQ Science Fiction Society	10 10:00 am-Noon Laguna Colony
11 9:30 am Advent 3 Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Adult Christian Ed. 3:00 pm New Church Officer Training Adult C.E. Room 3-5 pm Encantada Band of Enchantment	12 ABQ Philharmonic Concert at Central United Methodist Church	13 Weekly Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice	14 4:00 pm Deacons Mtg (In-person) 5:15-6:30 pm Social Justice Committee 6:30 pm New Mexico Peace Choir	15 8:30 am Finance Committee 10:00am-11:30 am Spiritual Formation on Zoom 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 5:30-7:30 Girl Scouts	17
18 9:30 am Advent 4 Worship Service and Christmas Cantata 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Adult Christian Ed. 	19 ABQ Philharmonic Rehearsal 6:00-10:00 pm	20 Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice 6:00 pm Session 6:30 pm Meeting of Newly Elected Deacons and Elders with Session (Zoom)	21 6:30 pm New Mexico Peace Choir	22 No Historical Jesus Group Meeting	23 Church Office Closes at Noon	24  Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. Christmas Joy Offering
Christmas Day 9:30 am CHRISTMAS DAY Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship Time	26 Pastor Roger begins his Vacation December 26 through January 3	27 Church Office is closed until January 3	28 Church Office is closed	29 Church Office is closed	30 Church Office is closed	31 

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 <p>New Year's Day 2023 9:30 am Lessons and Carols Worship and Communion Service 10:30 am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>2 ABQ Philharmonic Rehearsal 6:00-9:30 pm</p>	<p>3 Office Reopens at 9:00 am Weekly Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm New Mexico Peace Choir</p>	<p>5 Spiritual Formation (Zoom) 5:00 pm Worship and Music Committee</p>	<p>6 5:30-7:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:30 am Worship Service with Ordination/ Installation of Newly Elected Elders & Deacons 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Adult Christian Ed 3-5 pm Encantada Band of Enchantment</p>	<p>9 ABQ Philharmonic Rehearsal 6:00-9:30 pm</p>	<p>10 Presbyterian Women 10:00 am Weekly Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice</p>	<p>11 4:00 pm Deacons Mtg (In-person) 5:30-6:30 Social Justice Committee 6:30 pm New Mexico Peace Choir</p>	<p>12 8:30 am Finance Committee 10:00 am Historical Jesus Group 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 7:00-10:00 pm ABQ Science Fiction Society</p>	<p>14 10:00 am- Noon Laguna Colony 4:00 pm N.M. Women's Chorus Concert</p>
<p>15 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Adult Christian Ed. 3-5 pm Encantada Band of Enchantment</p>	<p>16 ABQ Philharmonic Rehearsal 6:00-9:30 pm</p>	<p>17 Weekly Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice 6:00 pm Session</p>	<p>18 Articles Due for February Presbytidings 2:00 pm Outreach Committee 6:30 pm New Mexico Peace Choir</p>	<p>19 10:00am-11:30 am Spiritual Formation (Zoom) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 5:30-7:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Adult Christian Ed. 3-5 pm Encantada Band of Enchantment</p>	<p>23 ABQ Philharmonic Rehearsal 6:00-9:30 pm</p>	<p>24 Weekly Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice</p>	<p>25 6:30 pm New Mexico Peace Choir</p>	<p>26 10:00 am Historical Jesus Group 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Adult Christian Education 3-5 pm Encantada Band of Enchantment</p>	<p>30 ABQ Philharmonic Rehearsal 6:00-9:30 pm</p>	<p>31 Weekly Announcements Due 4:00 pm Zoom Conversation on Racial Justice</p>				