



# Presbytidings - May 2025

An Outreach of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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## New and Events

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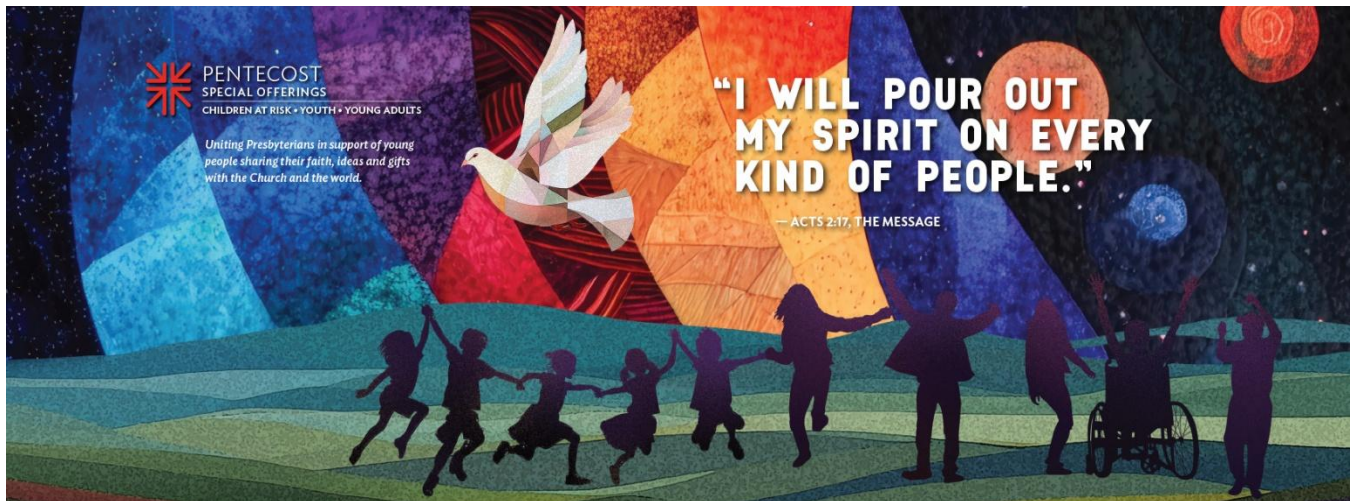
Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

I love worship, and I especially love worship on our “big” worship days: Easter, Christmas Eve, Pentecost, World Communion Sunday, Ash Wednesday and more. I was energized and filled spiritually on Easter Sunday a few weeks ago. It was so much fun to see that the alleluias first placed in a small wooden chest at the beginning of Lent had multiplied, and then were scattered around the sanctuary and church building. To hear the joy of God and of friendship; of alleluias in word and song, smile and handshakes. Easter is wonderful, and it does not stop on Easter Sunday. This time between Easter Sunday and Pentecost is known as Eastertide. Much like Christmas is not one day, but 12. Easter is not just one Sunday, but a whole season. Known as Eastertide it consists of 50 days and ends on Pentecost Sunday. And every Sunday of the church year, even in Lent, are mini-Easters. Even though Easter is a season, we pray that it is a reality. The quote: “We are an Easter people, living in a Good Friday World” was first attributed to Barbara Johnson, though is often used by Anne Lamott, and many pastors I know as well. There is death, heartache, grief, and hurt seemingly everywhere we look in the world. But Easter says, all that does not get the last word. I hope that Easter becomes not just a season, but a reality of the good news that breaks into and disperses the Good Friday nature of our world, by living as a people who celebrate and show the love of God. My prayer for you, is that well beyond this Easter, you continue to live as an Easter people this day and every day, transforming the world into the kin-dom of God.

And all God’s children say: **Alleluia, Amen!**

Pastor Eric



Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church that is to come.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised nearly \$18 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God’s family.

Your gifts at work:

- 40% of the Offering stays with the local church to support ministries with children and youth in the church and community. Churches have used funds to assist the families of children at risk, support education for at-risk youth, and grow mission work with youth and young adults
- 25% of the Offering goes to the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience. Offerings help to train and equip volunteers to engage in mission in 8 sites in the US and around the world.
- 25% of the Offering supports ministries with youth, ages 12-18 and those called to work with them to support the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and support resources for Youth Ministry.
- 10% of the Offering supports “Educate a Child, Transform the World” – a national initiative to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of children by advocating for equitable, accessible, quality public education.

The Pentecost Offering will be received on Pentecost, June 8, 2025.



**NO FOOLING.....**  
on April 1, 2025,  
Carla Haynes & Tim Armer ELOPED!

Aloha! Come join us in a  
Hawaiian style RECEPTION!



Carla & Tim would love YOUR presence!  
Bring yourself and your loved ones!

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**  
**1:30 pm**

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Courtyard



Wear your shorts, flip flops, and best Hawaiian shirt to join in games, fellowship, shaved ice,  
finger foods, photo ops, bubble, fun & laughter.  
Also hear an amazing band, Strange Holler!

RSVP is appreciated. Carla (505) 331-0478

## Session Summary

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Session met on Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, Tax Day and during Holy Week. Luckily, we had a fairly easy agenda and were able to spend some time talking about upcoming activities and meet our Commission on Ministry (COM) contact, Beth Pachak. She is working with the Pastoral Nominating Committee.

- We welcomed new members Carol Benson and Joseph Valdez and Tristan Wang.
- We approved joining Braver Angels organization to facilitate communication between diverse thinking people.
- We approved \$8,000 to do electrical repairs to our heating and cooling system.
- Next month we are planning to do a review of the St. Andrew Policy Manual.
- Membership as of March 31, 2025: 146
- Average Attendance March 2025: 97

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of St. Andrew's Missions and Programs through online giving, in-person and mailed-in offerings.

## Treasurer's Report

March 2025	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Income	20,535	120,074	342,425
Total Expenses	24,931	87,929	342,308
Difference	(4,396)	32,145	117

**Celebrating the work of the past and moving forward in love!**  
**Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Santa Fe will gather on**  
**Saturday, May 3, from 10 AM-12 PM at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church,**  
**5301 Ponderosa NE, Albuquerque.**

We will begin with a time of worship, meet for a time of conversation, learn about the programs supported by the Birthday Offering and hear from the Moderator of PW of the Synod of the Southwest, Chris Cassanova.

We will conclude with lunch (\$10 donation suggested).



## **Adult Christian Education**

There will be no adult CE class on May 4 (our monthly extended fellowship hour at 11:00) or May 11 (for Mother's Day). Our final class for this term (May 18) will be **Addressing Racism Through Friendship** with Connie Knudson, Director of the Race Amity Project that facilitates racial communication through friendship and education. It is all about opportunities for heart-based conversations among diverse people, and more generally how each of us can take baby steps towards cross-racial and cross-cultural friendships.

Are you interested in joining  
the Handbell Choir?  
Please let Julie Taylor know!  
We hope to be able  
to bring in a handbell 'expert'  
to give a workshop  
and bring bells back to  
our worship!



## Home Communion

Did you know we can have communion in our homes? The practice of home communion is a ministry of the church and is an extension of our table fellowship and the celebration of communion that we do each time we share bread and cup in worship. While you can watch communion on the livestream and partake with us then, Pastor Eric and the deacons would love to come to you and participate in your home. If you cannot get to the church for communion Sundays, we invite you to reach out to a deacon to schedule a time for the pastor and deacon to come share this simple and yet most holy meal together.







## Lectionary Schedule

### Sunday – May 4

#### Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel John 21:1-19

### Sunday – May 11

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel John 10:22-30

### Sunday – May 18

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel John 13:31-35

### Sunday – May 25

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel John 14:23-29

## May 18th Graduate Recognition Sunday

Do you have a recent graduate in your life that we can recognize in church?

They can be children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews!

Please email the graduate's name, school and degree to Birgitta at the church office so we can celebrate your graduate!



## May Birthdays

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|----|---------------------|
| 3  | Kami Wishart        |
|    | Chloe Encino        |
| 4  | Kyle Vick           |
| 5  | Anthony Montoya     |
| 8  | Fletcher Hahn       |
|    | Barbara Sanders     |
|    | Hugh Wishart        |
|    | Steve Gross         |
| 12 | Gwen Anlian         |
| 13 | Robin Wallace-Jones |
| 14 | Richard Stoops      |
|    | Adrian Gonzales     |
|    | Tom Weeda           |
| 15 | Brian Cuevas        |
| 16 | Jeff Encino         |
| 18 | Kevin Hughes        |
|    | Claire Hanna        |
|    | Andrew Stickler     |
| 19 | Sharon Frey-Prewitt |
| 23 | Samuel Vick         |
| 24 | Jake Soliz          |
| 30 | Marilyn Daley       |
|    | Max Bartlett        |

## Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra 2025 Spring Concerts

### Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 PM

First Unitarian Church  
3701 Carlisle NE,  
Albuquerque, NM


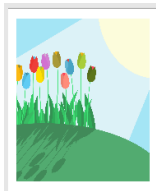
### Sunday, May 4 at 3 PM

St Therese Catholic Church  
3424 4th Street NW,  
Albuquerque, NM



# MAY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  10 am Stroke Club 10 am Spiritual Formation 4 pm Worship Com  6:30 Choir	2  5:30 Girl Scouts	3  AMTA Recital 4 pm
4  9:30 Worship & Communion 10:30 Extended Fellowship  3 pm Encantada Band	5  7 pm APO	6  4 pm PNC	7  4 pm Deacons  6:30 NM Peace Choir	8  10 am Stroke Club 10 am Historical Jesus  6:30 Choir	9  7:30 Sci Fi Society	10
11  9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship  3 pm Encantada Band	12  7 pm APO	13  4 pm PNC	14  6:30 NM Peace Choir  6:30 Southwest Sniffers	15  10 am Stoke Club 10 am Spiritual Formation  6:30 Choir	16  2 pm Outreach Com  5:30 Girl Scouts	17  Childco Preschool Graduation 1 pm
18  9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11 Adult CE  3 pm Encantada Band	19  7 pm APO	20  4 pm PNC  6 pm Session	21  6:30 NM Peace Choir	22  10 am Stroke Club 10 am Historical Jesus  6:30 Choir	23	24
25  9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship  3 pm Encantada Band	26  7 pm APO  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	27  4 pm PNC	28  6:30 NM Peace Choir	29	30	31  Encantada Band Concert 7pm