



Presbytidings – February 2024

An outreach of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Words from Your Transitional Pastor

The Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

Dear St. Andrew Family,

I wanted to go over the updated transition timeline and steps required, as well as providing some definitions for some frequently used acronyms that may be helpful as we talk about the process.

Some Acronyms:

- COM- Commission on Ministry; the commission of the presbytery that works with pastors and churches
- PNC-Pastor Nominating Committee, elected by the congregation in November; Kathy Renfro, chair; Kyra Ellis-Moore, Sharon Burkhardt, Chris Fogel, Eleanor Milroy, Jim Copeland, Debbie Steffen
- MDP-Ministry Discernment Profile, the church’s “resumé”
- PDP-Personal Discernment Profile, pastoral candidate’s “resumé”
- CLC-Church Leadership Connection, the online matching website

With these definitions in mind, here is a rough outline of the process from here:

1. The Mission Study is anticipated to be approved at the February Session Meeting.
2. The COM is anticipated to approve the Mission Study at their March meeting
3. The PNC will start on the Ministry Discernment Profile which is like St. Andrew’s resume.
4. The PCUSA will advertise the position through the CLC, and other networking can share the posting as well.
5. The PNC will review the candidates and determine who they will present to the St. Andrew congregation.
6. The COM will conduct a “fit interview” to help ensure the candidate and church are a good match.
7. At the PNC’s request, the session will call a congregational meeting to present and vote on the candidate.

The exact timeline of those steps is unknown and will take time. Trusting in the Holy Spirit and the process, the future of St. Andrew is bright.

Peace, Eric



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The Souper Bowl of Caring



The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." 22 churches raised \$5,700 in the first year."

Since 1990, close to \$193 million has been reported donated to local food charities across all fifty states with over 305,000 unique groups participating. Every dollar donated to Souper Bowl of Caring creates over \$18 for food charities. We unite all communities to Tackle Hunger. For more information on how Tackle Hunger and the Souper Bowl of Caring organizations combat hunger go to: <https://tacklehunger.org>

St Andrew has participated in this offering for many years and will continue to do so on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9. Your generosity to this offering has been outstanding. We have collected close to \$3000 in each of the past three years. The Rio Grande Food Project has been our monetary recipient and will be again this year. Additionally, we invite you to bring non-perishable food (like cans of SOUP) to be donated to SHINE's project of providing Hunger Bags for students at Governor Bent Elementary School.

At the end of the service on February , three people will have bowls with the name of the NFC team and AFC team competing in the Super Bowl. You are invited to vote, with your donation, for the team you think will win the Super Bowl. If you Don't Know or Don't Care there will a third bowl for your donation. This really isn't about the Super Bowl, it's about the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING and fighting hunger in our community!

On Applause in Worship: An Opinion

In the cartoon, an usher greets a couple at the back of a two-sided sanctuary and asks, “Clapping or No Clapping?” Like many forms of humor, it touches an ambivalent topic.

Worship is indeed holy theater, but who are the actors, prompters, and audience? In the medieval church, God prompted worship, the pastor and assistants were the actors, and the congregation constituted the appreciative audience. Søren Kierkegaard turned this model upside down, proposing that it is the *congregation* who are the actors in worship, the liturgical leaders are prompters, and God is the engaged audience. This understanding began guiding worship at St. Andrew in the early 1970s during the pastorate of Dr. Harold Daniels who went on from here to become the first Executive Director of the national Joint Office of Worship. A congregational paradox during his period as our pastor is that while our overall membership declined, there was a substantial increase in the percentage of members who attended worship each week.

As a musician, I understand playing and singing in church not as a performance to be lauded but as an act of worship to be experienced. In that context, applause feels to me as inappropriate as clapping in response to a prayer. When we sing well, the choir are not performers but prompters of worshipful experience in us all. I do recognize that applause is meant as appreciative thanks, but worship is not a transaction with passive listeners. Liturgy is literally the work of the people, and our thanks belong to God.—Bill Miller

Blessed are those who do not take the wicked for their guide,
Who do not follow the advice of sinners
Or join those who have no use for God.
The law of the Lord is their delight, and they study it night and day.
They are like a tree, planted by the water, that bears its fruit in season,
And whose leaves never wither. (Psalm 1)

This immense Ponderosa Pine grows beside a mountain waterway
near the south end of the Sandia Crest Trail.

-Joe Woodworth



CLIMATE CRISIS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Bill Renfro

In the year 2024, the Climate Crisis Committee (CCC) has attempted to keep the members of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, informed of a most crucial issue that faces us today. Global warming is present and has affected New Mexico in the form of a megadrought (more than 20 continuous years of drought) that permeates the southwestern U.S. The activities of the NM Legislature concerning the Climate Crisis have been reported, and St. Andrew members have been asked to contact their representatives and senators and the Governor to make certain that the bills that are designed to take steps in alleviating the crisis are passed and signed. The CCC also attempts to keep the congregation informed of air emission and water supply concerns in New Mexico that continue to be prevalent and continue to affect our communities in various ways and unequally. The CCC will continue to provide any updates to the New Mexico Climate Strategy Report, 2021, by the New Mexico Climate Change Action Committee. The Climate Crisis is the most crucial issue facing humanity today, and negligence of it will plunge us deeper into the possibility of a sixth mass extinction in geologic history.

On a Positive Note:

Many St Andrew members signed a letter concerning the loosening of regulations protecting wetlands by the Supreme Court and urging our New Mexico representatives, senators, and the President to take legislative steps to rectify the mistake. Members of the Santa Fe Presbytery and other concerned New Mexicans and friends signed the letter as well. Well, on December 20, 2024, the United States Senate passed the Heinrich (D-N.M.), Kennedy (R-La.) bipartisan legislation to restore Wetlands and Migratory Bird Habitats. This legislation reauthorizes the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) through 2030 and passed the Senate as part of the America's Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024 (ACERA). The bill now is ready for President Biden's signature.

Please contact Senator Martin Heinrich and thank him for his efforts to protect the wetlands and all of our environment from destruction. A thank you to our other senator, Ben Ray Lujan, and our three Representatives, Melanie Stansbury, Teresa Leger Fernandez, and Gabe Vasquez, and former President Biden for passing and signing the ACERA is in order. Those of you who have not seen the **Wetlands Letter** or would like to see it again, contact:

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Adult Christian Education In February

February 2: Extended Fellowship Time - no Adult CE

February 9: The Healing Stories of Jesus, Part 1 Pastor Eric Koenig-Reinke

The Gospels are full of stories where Jesus healed someone, or even many people! After completing his MDiv, Pastor Eric completed a Masters of Theology, looking closely at many of these healing narratives. Over the next two weeks, come and learn a little more, and interact with these stories about healing as a significant aspect of Jesus' ministry.

February 16: The Healing Stories of Jesus, Part 2 Pastor Eric Koenig-Reinke

In Week 2, we will continue to study selected passages, and take a closer look at exorcisms as one type of healing narrative.

February 23: The Politics and Realities of Immigrants' Lives Eleanor Milroy

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Adult
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Education



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, February 4
at 10:00 am in the Adult Christian Education room.**

We will be back to meeting in-person with Rev. Catherine Robinson leading our study of chapter 6 from "Let Justice Roll Down". All are welcome to join us.

You are also welcome to stay for a brief business meeting following the study.

Session Summary

Suzanne's Session Summary December 19:

Our final session meeting for the year was December 19th. We said goodbye to our outgoing session elders: David Schneider, Mike Molony, and Hugh Wishart. We welcomed our new Elders: Kathy Renfro, Bob Busch and Hubert Hill. We also welcomed new Deacons Susan Copeland and Joe Woodworth.

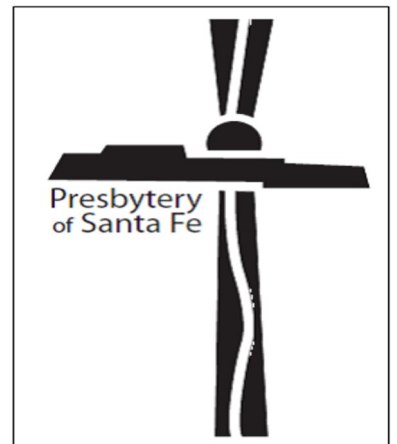
Approvals in December:

- Approved the examination of new officers: Bob Busch, Kathy Renfro, Hubert Hill. Deacons: Susan Copeland and Joe Woodworth.
- Approval of Clerk's Report: Average attendance in Nove.: 110. Membership as of Nov. 31: 146.
- Approval to hold Annual Meeting on Jan. 26, 2025.
- Acknowledge resignation of Ester Griego from Session.
- M/S/A for Approval of 2024 St. Andrew Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- Approval of baptism of Ariella soon.

Discussion:

- Brief update on closing of Ponderosa Preschool
- Rebuilding the Little Library—use Bill & Sally Abe memorial; talking to Fathers Building Futures about construction
- Thank you, Fellowship committee for new signage
- Thank you, Marie StClaire and Chris Foley for taking over giving reports.
- Keep Nominating Committee in your prayers as they seek an Elder for Social Justice and Mission Committee

**Stated Meeting
Presbytery of Santa Fe
Saturday, February 22, 2025
10 AM—4 PM
First Presbyterian Church
215 Locust St. NE
Albuquerque NM**





Lectionary Schedule

Sunday – February 2

First Reading Jer. 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

Sunday – February 9

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 138

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Sunday – February 16

First Reading Jer. 17:5-10

Psalm 1

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel Luke 6:17-26

Sunday – February 23

First Reading Gen. 45:3-11

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

February

- 14 Darryl Encino
- 15 Beth Dillow
- 16 Richard Wood
- 18 Aja Lopez
- 21 Phil Witherspoon
- 22 Victoria Lopez
- 23 Paula Mills
- 26 Sharon Burkhardt
- 27 Laura Hahn



2025 Church Directory


We will be updating the directory this month!

Please check the draft directories that will be placed in the Narthex to make sure your information is accurate!





FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship & Communion 10:30 Fellowship 3 pm Encantada	3 7 pm APO	4 10 am Presbyterian Women	5 6:30 pm Peace Choir	6 10 am Stroke Club 10 am Spiritual Formation 4 pm Worship Com. 6:30 pm Choir	7 5:30 Girl Scouts	8 Slow Walkers 2 pm
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