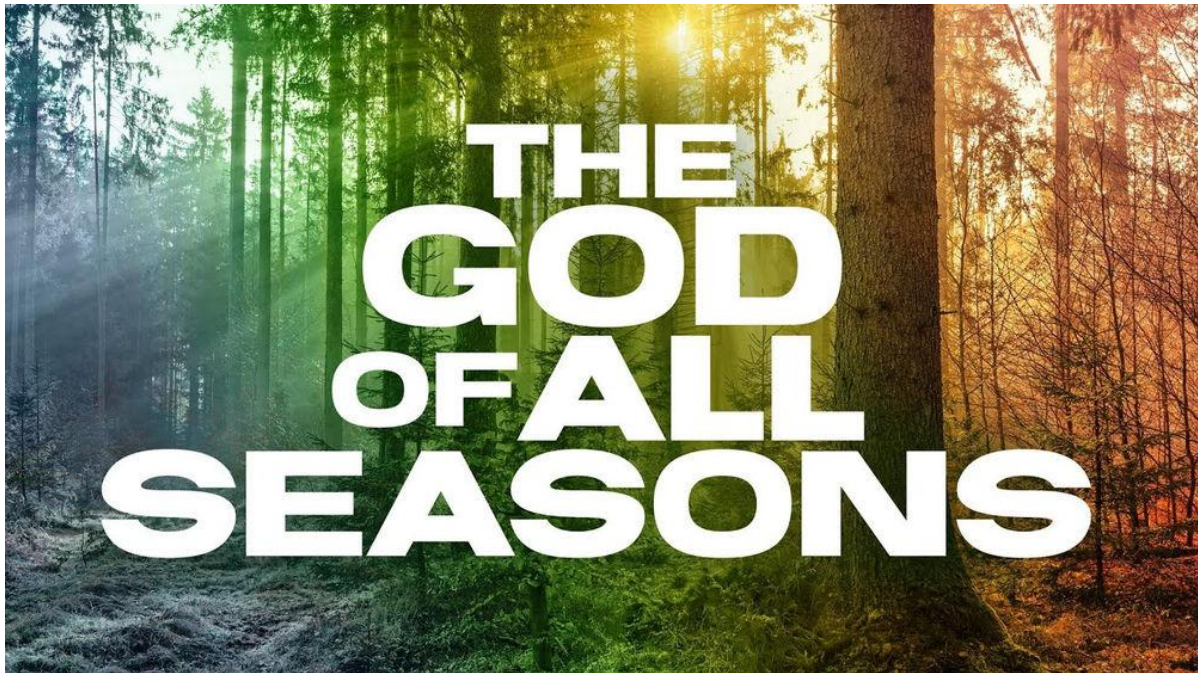


The FPC Herald

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church Roswell, New Mexico October 2023



Reflections of Rev. Randy Nolen

"I was hungry, and you formed a humanities club and discussed my hunger. I was imprisoned, and you crept off quietly to your chapel in the cellar and prayed for my release. I was naked, and in your mind, you debated the morality of my appearance. I was sick, and you knelt and thanked God for your health. I was homeless, and you preached to me the spiritual shelter of the love of God. I was lonely, and you left me alone to pray for me. You seem so holy, so close to God, but I'm still very hungry and lonely and cold."

—Charles Allen (*You Are Never Alone*, Old Tappan: Revell, 1978)

Scripture admonishes us to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, and James tells us, "Show me your faith apart from your works, and I, by my works, will show you my faith."

We do not believe in works righteousness—the notion that by doing so many good works we earn salvation, but we do believe that faith shows itself in good works. If good works are absent from your life, our theology tells us that perhaps your faith is a

sham. Salvation, God's grace, the washing away of our sins provokes from us good works. We are freed from the power of sin and set free for good. We love and serve our neighbors because we can and because we want to, as a response to God's amazing grace.

We can say we love our neighbor, but if it doesn't show in our lives, do we really? Can we love someone without showing that love? You can't love in the abstract. Love is concrete. It is one of very few things in life that, the more you give away, the more you have.

In *The Sound of Music*, Maria sings, "A bell is no bell 'til you ring it, a song is no song 'til you sing it, and love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love 'til you give it away."

If you love your neighbor, if you love your enemies, let it show. That's the only way you can show you love God. Jesus said, "If you do not love your neighbor, whom you have seen, how can you love God, whom you have not seen?"

"Love your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength." How do we do that? Follow the second part of the Great Commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Pastor Randy Nolen

October 2023 Calendar

Sunday, October 1st - World Communion Sunday, Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, October 2nd - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Thursday, October 5th - Deacons Meeting, 4:00pm

Sunday, October 8th - Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, October 9th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor
Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day Holiday - Church Office closed

Wednesday, October 11th - Wednesday Evening Dinner, 6:00pm

Sunday, October 15th - Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, October 16th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Thursday, October 19th - Session Meeting, 5:15pm in the Church Library

Sunday, October 22nd - Worship Service, 10:00am
Stewardship Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 23rd - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Friday, October 27th - Community Kitchen Ministry, 9:30am

Sunday, October 29th - Worship in Jazz at the

Monday, October 30th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

October Scripture Readings

October 1st - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

October 8th - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 15th - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 22nd - Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 29th - Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

[Read the Scripture passages here.](#)

Serving in October

Week of October 1st

Liturgist: Bob Kurtz
Service Elder: Doug Lunsford
Camera Operator: Betty Young
Moment for Young Disciples: Lucy Tucker
Inspirational Phone Message: Bob Kurtz

Week of October 8th

Liturgist: Margy Barbour
Service Elder: Bob Kurtz
Camera Operator: _____
Moment for Young Disciples: _____
Inspirational Phone Message: Jon Hitchcock

Week of October 15th

Liturgist: Wayne Bevers
Service Elder: Bill Wolf
Camera Operator: Betty Young
Moment for Young Disciples: _____
Inspirational Phone Message: Roberta Pess

Week of October 22nd

Liturgist: Betty Young
Service Elder: _____
Camera Operator: Lynn Karnes
Moment for Young Disciples: _____
Inspirational Phone Message: Anna Maria Matteucci

Week of October 29th

Liturgist: Wayne Bevers

Service Elder: _____

Camera Operator: _____

Moment for Young Disciples: _____

Inspirational Phone Message: Wayne Glass



World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 1st!

Come celebrate the Feast of the Lord!

Join us for the celebration of the Sacrament along with many other Churches in the World, in person or online. If you join us online, you are welcome to prepare bread and cup for your participation in the Sacrament.

Worship Live Streaming

We continue live streaming worship services to the church's [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) (go to YouTube.com and search for John Gardiner – First Presbyterian Church) or go on the First Presbyterian Church [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com). You may join us at 9:55am (or later) for worship as it happens, and a link to the worship recording will remain on [the church's website](#) after the live stream is done.

The worship bulletin (order of worship), hymn music and lyrics, and weekly announcements can also be found on that webpage, fpcroswell.org, before worship every Sunday. Those who join the live stream can check in and make comments throughout worship using the chat columns in both Facebook and YouTube.

Join us for "live" worship or check out the recordings afterwards!

Coffee Fellowship is Happening!

You are invited to join us for coffee and cookies served after Worship Service in the narthex! There is a signup sheet on the desk in the narthex if you would like to volunteer to bring cookies one Sunday.



Giving to God Electronically
Through Our Church

You may give to God through our church via the church's [online giving portal](#). You may specify a one-time or recurring gift using your checking account or credit card. You may also specify a donation to the church's General Fund, Deacons' Fund, or Pastor's Assistance Fund.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of God's abundant resources!



Stewardship Season 2023
October 1st thru October 22nd!

What does it mean to be a faithful steward of God's resources? Join us in the sanctuary or online as we explore this and related topics together.

This year's stewardship season will be done the same way as last year. Pledge cards will be mailed to all FPC households the week of October 2nd. Please return your pledge card by no later than Sunday, October 22nd.

Cards may be returned by US mail or in person during the month.

Please call Pastor Randy Nolen at (575) 622-4910 or e-mail him at rnolen@fpcrosswell.org if you have questions or suggestions regarding the stewardship of God's resources as we travel through this season together.

Stewardship Luncheon,
Sunday, October 22nd!

A Stewardship Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 22nd, in the Fellowship Hall following Worship Service. The Fellowship Committee will cater the luncheon from Portofino's Italian Restaurant and will include lasagna, chicken alfredo, salad, bread, and dessert. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex to sign up to attend the luncheon. You are welcome to join us! Please contact Deb Prince if you have any questions.

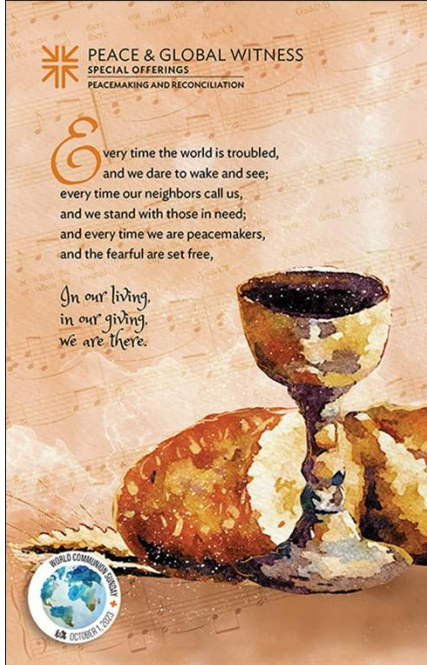


Peace & Global Witness Offering
SEPTEMBER 3–OCTOBER 1!

"You are with me." Psalm 23

**"Peace is active, not passive! Peace is doing,
not waiting!"**

As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders. The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together, connected as active peacemakers. Together we are building God's house where everyone is welcome; where all can



find compassion, peace, and justice.

Twenty-five percent of the collection supports local peacemaking. The offering will be formally collected on World Communion Sunday, October 1st.

Let us pray ~ "Even though we walk through the uncertainty of life, we fear no evil; for we proclaim, you are with us." (Psalm 23:4) Amen.



Ministry Engagement and Support

100 Witherspoon St. | Louisville, KY 40202

September 15, 2023

First Presbyterian Church
Attn: Clerk of Session
400 W. 3rd St.
Roswell, NM 88201

Dear Partners in God's Ministry,

On October 1st, many of our congregations will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Whether we are worshipping together at church or digitally at home, this is a time for us to reflect upon and celebrate our oneness in Christ – "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in all" (Ephesians 4:5-6, NRSV).

On World Communion Sunday, many of our congregations will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering. A participating congregation retains 25% of this offering to use for a witness of Christ's peace. The Presbytery retains an additional 25% for their ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and global witness in cultures of violence, including our own, through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the reconciliation work of Presbyterian World Mission. If you haven't received your resources for this offering, please call Presbyterian Distribution Services at (800) 524-2612 or email them at pds@pcusa.org.

As you know, this report reflects gifts received from you in the previous month. Starting this month this report will now include any gifts in support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your mission committee and members.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication, and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner in mission. As always, please let me know how I can support you in your mission efforts.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lemuel García-Arroyo
Ministry Engagement Advisor – South Region
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Worship in Jazz Service
Sunday, October 29th!



The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Roswell voted to attend the Worship in Jazz Service on Sunday, October 29th, at 10:30am-12:00pm at the First United Methodist Church, 200 S. Pennsylvania! There is no admission charge. The First Presbyterian Church has been a long-time supporter of the Roswell Jazz Festival. **We will not have our regular 10:00am Worship Service that Sunday.**

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Randy Nolen.

For a complete schedule of events for the 16th Annual Roswell Jazz Festival, October 25-29, go to www.roswell.jazz.org.



Daily Inspirational Phone Message

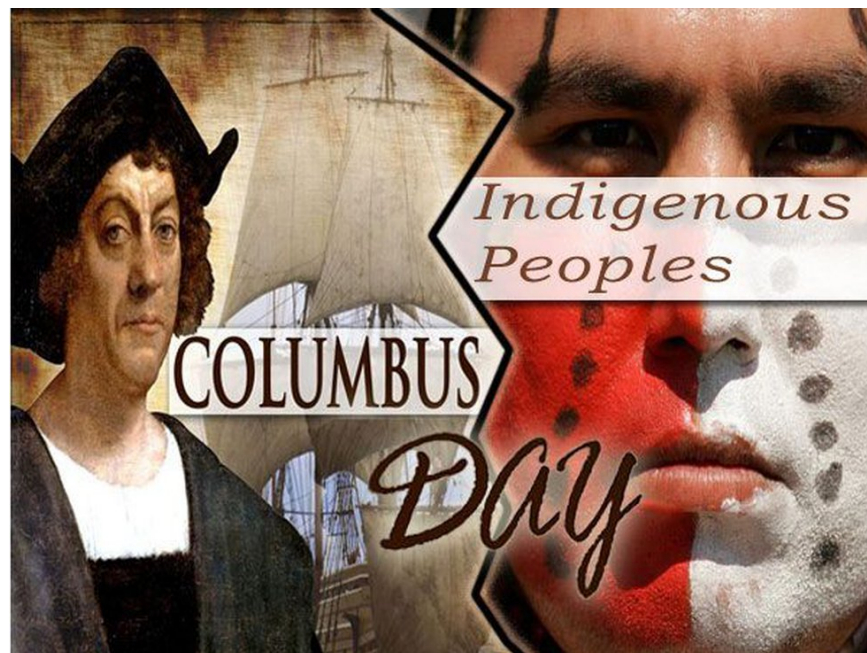
Start your day with an inspiring message. Sit back, relax, and listen to words of peace, hope, and joy to brighten your day and life! Dial (575) 622-4923.

Prayer Requests

Please relay prayer requests to the church office at (575) 622-4910 or e-mail at office@fpcroswell.org.

Columbus Day, Monday, October 9th!

Church Office Closed.



The September 2023 Session Meeting

At its September 21st Meeting, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church...

- reviewed the August financial statements with Andy Miller.
- Dietta Hitchcock continues to work with the Holmans on the revitalization of the inside of the church.
- Rev. Nolen informed Session that the Silver City First Presbyterian Church closed on September 24, 2023.

[Read the full report here...](#)

The Pastor Nominating Committee

Dietta Hitchcock and Paula Grieves are co-chairing the Pastoral Nominating Committee! The Committee continues to review applications and interview for our Pastor position. Please pray for the PNC Committee as they diligently search for a permanent pastor. If you have any questions, contact the following members of the PNC Committee. The Pastor Nominating Committee now includes:

Dietta Hitchcock
Paula Grieves
Ross Robertson
Bob Entrop



Happy Birthdays in October!

2nd - Randy Nolen

9th - Jacque Allen

16th - Jennifer Robertson

22nd - Jon Hitchcock

29th - Mike Hunter

30th - Wayne Bevers

30th - Rebecca Johnson

31st - Nova Rogers



Happy October Anniversary!

18th - Andy & Lorrie Miller

**FEATURED PC(USA)
MISSION WORKER for
October 2023**

Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo

**Mission Co-Workers in Thailand
since 2021**

**Serving at the invitation of McGilvary
College of Divinity of Payap University.**



Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo began serving in team ministry in Chiang Mai, Thailand in October 2021, where Myoung Ho teaches at the McGilvary College of Divinity of Payap University as Professor of Worship. Payap was founded by PC(USA)'s partner, the Church of Christ in Thailand, in 1974 and is the first private university in Thailand, serving about 3500 students with 600 faculty and staff. About 10 percent of the students and 30 percent of the faculty and staff are Christian. Both Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo have long carried a song for mission in their hearts.

[Read more about Myoung Ho and Ji Yeon's work...](#)

Worship Highlights!

The Mixed Quartet sang on Sunday, September 10th!
Bob Entrop, Wayne Bevers, Zoa Stuntz & Wendy Lunsford



The Mixed Quartet sang on Sunday, September 17th!
Bob Entrop, Wayne Bevers, Zoa Stuntz & Wendy Lunsford



Margo Fullinwider taught the Moment for Young Disciples
on Sunday, September 17th!



Congregational Contact Ministry

Please continue to work with the Deacons and pastor to maintain contact by phone, text, email, and US mail with all of our saints. Thanks for your help with this important ministry.

Please Pray for Our Church!

Please pray for Christ's church in all of its variety in our city, nations, and the world. and...

For the revitalization and renewal of the First Presbyterian Church of Roswell, as we are led by God's Holy Spirit.

Happy Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st!



First Presbyterian Church

Deacons

Connie Wolf
Ross Robinson
Joy Kurtz
Bob Kurtz
Isaac Hubbard
Ellen Jo Williams

Session

Randy Nolen, Moderator
Bonnie Montgomery
Bob Entrop
Dietta Hitchcock
Doug Lunsford
Lynn Karnes

Ann Ruback
Caroline (Candy) Reynolds
Lucy Tucker
Jacque Allen

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