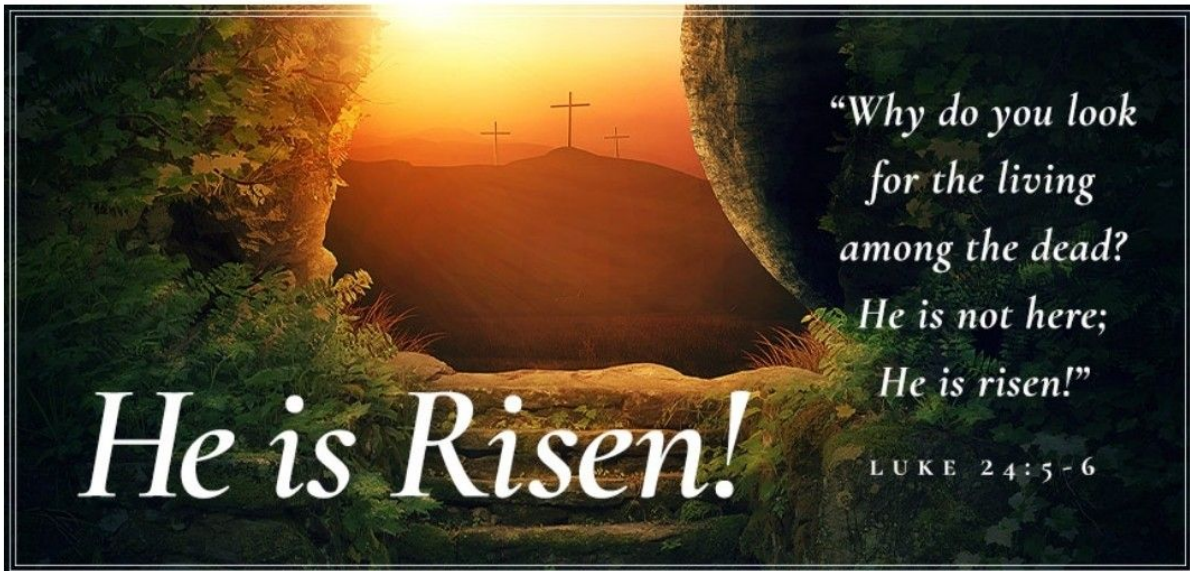


The FPC Herald

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



Reflections of Rev. Randy Nolen

An amateur photographer was invited to a dinner party at a friend's house. He took along some of his photographs to share with the group. As he was passing them around, the hostess said, "These are really good. You must have a really good camera." The photographer didn't say anything, but as he was leaving, he told the hostess, "That was a great dinner. You must have some really good cookware."

Have you ever heard a prominent evangelist talk about how many people he or she "saved" during his/her tour, or a faith healer talk about how many people he/she healed last week? In reality, they didn't heal or save anyone. We are saved only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. When healing occurs in response to prayer, it is God who does the healing.

God uses us, it is true. We may be instruments of God's peace, but the peace comes from God through us, not from our own individual efforts. It is not the instrument; it is the skill and the talent of the One wielding it. Ansel Adams could take a better photograph with a Brownie camera than I can with the most expensive modern digital camera, and many of the ladies in this church can cook a better feast with pots from Wal-Mart than I can with the most expensive set of cookware available.

This analogy can only be carried so far, however. Ansel Adams could not take a photograph without a camera of some sort, and the women of the church would be hard-pressed to prepare a meal with no cookware whatsoever, but God can and does act without our assistance. But God has chosen to act in human affairs through humans--through the Church and its members and even through those outside of the Church, on occasion. The problem arises when we begin to think of ourselves as the artist rather than the instrument.

One of the most difficult sayings of Jesus is found in Luke 17:10: "So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' We want recognition for what we do for God. The problem is, we want that recognition from those around us. We want people to look at us and say, "What a great Christian she/he is!" Jesus tells us that that is unlikely to happen. It is more probable that we will be laughed at, shunned, ridiculed--perhaps even persecuted or killed. What we need to remember is that, although God owes us nothing, God has given us everything. The talents and abilities we have are God's gifts to us. The grace that allows us to know God, to understand what God wants us to do, and to do what God wants is a gift from God. The promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ is a gift from God. As difficult as it may be to believe or to accept, even the opportunity to suffer for our faith is a gift from God.

We know that, at the end of this life, we will leave our earthly bodies behind and make the transition into Paradise. We will see the Master face-to-face, feel His embrace, and hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Master." Can there be any greater thanks than that?

Pastor Randy Nolen

May 2023 Calendar

Monday, May 1st - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Thursday, May 3rd - Deacons Meeting, 4:00pm, Library
National Day of Prayer

Saturday, May 6th - Memorial Service for
Marilyn Nolen, 10:00am

Sunday, May 7th- Communion Sunday, Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, May 8th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Tuesday, May 9th - Mission Committee Meeting, 4:00pm, Library

Wednesday, May 10th - Wednesday Evening Dinner, 6:00pm

Sunday, May 14th - Worship Service, 10:00am
Mother's Day!

Monday, May 15th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Thursday, May 18th - Session Meeting, 5:15pm in Library

Sunday, May 21st - Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, May 22nd - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

Friday, May 26th - Community Kitchen Ministry, 9:30am

Sunday, May 28th - Worship Service, 10:00am

Monday, May 29th - Prayer Group - noon, Parlor
Memorial Day Holiday!

May Scripture Readings

May 7th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 and Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 or Proverbs 4:10-18 and
Psalm 119:9-32; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 14th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 and Psalm 66:8-20 or Ezekiel 34:1-7a and Psalm 115;
1 Peter 3:12-22; John 14:15-21

May 18th (Thursday) - Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 and Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 or Daniel 7:9-14 and Psalm 113;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 21st - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14 and Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 or Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 21:1-7;
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

May 28th - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

[Read the Scripture passages here.](#)

Serving in May

Week of May 7th

Liturgist: Margy Barbour
Service Elder: Deb Prince
Camera Operator: Bob Kurtz
Inspirational Phone Message: Mary Kling

Week of May 14th

Liturgist: Wayne Bevers
Service Elder: Bill Wolf
Camera Operator: Betty Young
Inspirational Phone Message: Margy Barbour

Week of May 21st

Liturgist: Betty Young
Service Elder: _____
Camera Operator: _____
Inspirational Phone Message: Bill Wolf

Week of May 28th

Liturgist: Margy Barbour
Service Elder: _____
Camera Operator: _____
Inspirational Phone Message: Paula Grieves

Communion Sunday
Sunday, May 7th!

Come celebrate the Feast of the Lord!

Join us for the celebration of the Sacrament 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](#). 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.

The Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastoral Nominating 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 Wayne Bevers, PNC Committee Chairman. The Pastor Nominating Committee includes:

Wayne Bevers, Committee Chairman

Paula Grieves

Dietta Hitchcock

Ross Robertson

Bob Entrop

"With Heart and Voice"

"With Heart and Voice" is a weekly organ and choral music series on local PBS radio station KENW 91.1 FM. Programming often celebrates the seasons of the church year. This excellent series is supported by First Presbyterian Church.

Tune in on Sundays from 8:00am to 9:00am!

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.



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!



National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4th!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 4, 2023

March 27th, 2023

Greetings,

Don't forget to mark your calendar for this years National Day of Prayer. Over the past 20 years churches have gathered from around the city of Roswell to pray for our community, state, nation and leaders. A few things to know.

- 1) You are invited!
- 2) Save the Date May 4th at Noon
- 3) Help us get the word out.




We will once again be meeting at the Chaves County Courthouse west lawn on Thursday May 4th at noon. Prayer and worship will be led by pastors and leaders from the community.

It would be an honor to have you and any members of your church body come be a part as we pray that God would heal our land. Use the QR code below or shortlink to download graphics for social media content. For alternate of media email our Office Admin.

<https://tinyurl.com/mt6hz6rf>



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Prayer Requests

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

Happy Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th!



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, nation, 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.



May Birthdays!

20th - Rachel Mysza

28th - Lucy Tucker

31st - Leslie Lawner



May Anniversary!

15th - John & Mary Kling



FEATURED PC(USA) MISSION WORKER FOR May 2023

Cheryl Barnes

Mission co-worker
in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
Serving as the education facilitator for the
Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP)

As the education facilitator for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Cheryl Barnes collaborates with the CCAP Education Department and the education departments of the five CCAP Synods — three in Malawi, one in Zambia, and one in Zimbabwe — to improve the quality of primary school education in the many schools under the CCAP umbrella. In her role as an education advisor, Cheryl strives to assist the CCAP in improving the quality of teaching and implementing best practices in educating children, including those with special needs. A focus of Cheryl's ministry is working with the CCAP to safeguard the rights of children by developing child protection policies and implementing them in schools. Of particular emphasis is protecting young girls against violence and empowering them to continue their schooling.

[Read more about Cheryl's work...](#)

Worship Highlights!



Choir Ensemble, Sunday April 2, 2023!



Choir Ensemble, Easter Sunday, April 9th!



The Choir Ensemble, Sunday, April 16th!



Bob Entrop and Wayne Bevers sang on Sunday, April 23rd!

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Highlights!

Holy Week Downtown Luncheon held on Thursday, April 6th.

in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall!



**Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9th,
and a Moment for Young Disciples with Lucy Tucker!**



Easter Sunday Luncheon on April 9th in the Fellowship Hall!



**Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9th,
after Worship Service on the Playground!**



**Events that took place this month at Naulahka
Presbyterian Church in Pakistan with Majid Abel!**



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Deacons

Connie Wolf
Margo Fullinwider
Lorrie Miller
Edith Malcolm
Ross Robinson
Joy Kurtz
Bob Kurtz
Isaac Hubbard
Lois Wilson
Lynn Karnes
Ellen Jo Williams
Ann Ruback

Session

Randy Nolen, Moderator
Bonnie Montgomery
Wayne Bevers
Mary Hubbard
Dietta Hitchcock
Doug Lunsford
Bob Entrop

Memorial Day, May 29th!

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