

The FPC Herald

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church Roswell, New Mexico June 2021



The Pastor's Reflections

Abide

A few weeks ago in worship we read the first part of John's gospel, chapter 15.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

'Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

'My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

'I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.'

There is so much I could write to you at this time, but I think this much will suffice. Dear saints, abide in Christ, and bear much fruit. May your joy be complete.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with each and every one of you,
God's dearly-loved children.

Pastor John

The May Calendar

June 1st	RCDRS Food Distribution - noon
June 6th	Communion Worship Service - 10:00am
June 7th	Monday Prayer Group - noon, Parlor
June 8th	RCDRS Food Distribution - noon Mission Committee Meeting, 4:00pm
June 13th	Worship Service - 10:00am
June 14th	Monday Prayer Group - noon, Parlor
June 15th	RCDRS Food Distribution - noon
June 16th	Revitalization Team Meeting - 3:30pm, Library
June 17th	Session Meeting - 5:15pm
June 20th	Worship Service - 10:00am First Day of Summer!
June 21st	Monday Prayer Group - noon, Parlor
June 22nd	RCDRS Food Distribution - noon
June 24th	Deacons Meeting - 5:00pm, Library
June 25th	Community Kitchen Ministry - 9:30am
June 27th	Worship Service - 10:00am Summer Meeting of the Congregation

June 28th

Monday Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

June 29th

RCDRS Food Distribution - noon

June Scripture Readings

June 6th - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 13th - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 20th - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3; 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 27th - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

[Read the Scripture passages here.](#)

Serving in June

Week of June 6th

Liturgist: The Rev. Bob Williams

Service Elder: _____

Camera Operator: Betty Young

Inspirational Phone Message: Margy Barbour

Week of June 13th

Liturgist: Margy Barbour

Service Elder: _____

Camera Operator: _____

Inspirational Phone Message: Ann Ruback

Week of June 20th

Liturgist: Betty Young

Service Elder: Bill Wolf

Camera Operator: _____

Inspirational Phone Message: Matt Hinkle

Week of June 27th

Liturgist: _____

Service Elder: _____

Camera Operator: _____

Inspirational Phone Message: Mary Lou Glass

The Lord's Supper
Sunday, June 6th

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.



Sanctuary Worship

We are worshipping in our sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Join us if you are comfortable doing so!

Worship Live Streaming

We continue live streaming worship services to the church's [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). You may join us at 9:55 a.m. (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 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!

New COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

The session has revised recommended practices for COVID-19 safety in response to the dramatic reduction in local and nationwide cases. In particular, for those who are fully vaccinated, face coverings and distancing are no longer strongly recommended. The session recommends the continuation of these practices for those not yet fully vaccinated. Singing is no longer discouraged for those fully vaccinated.

Find the new session recommendations [here](#).

Coffee Fellowship is Happening!

Coffee and cookies are now being served after worship! Please volunteer to bring cookies; there is a signup sheet on the desk in the narthex.



Introducing the Interim Pastor **The Rev. Randolph (Randy) Nolen**

By action of the session of First Presbyterian Church and the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca, the Rev. Randy Nolen will become the interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church beginning June 1st, 2021.

Randy was most recently the installed pastor of Roswell Westminster Presbyterian Church from 2012 through 2020. He has also served churches in Texas and Missouri, and served as a Navy chaplain for seven years. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1987. You can find Randy's resume [here](#).

Please make Randy very welcome.

Summary of the Calling Process for the New Pastor

Wondering how the search and calling process works for the next pastor called by God to serve Roswell FPC? [Here's a summary](#).

Summer Meeting of the Congregation **Sunday, June 27th**

Congregational meetings are scheduled twice a year, in February and June, to carry out necessary business that, according to the PC(USA) constitution, can be done only by discussion and vote of the congregation. The summer 2021 congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 27th following worship.

One important item on the agenda is the election of Ruling Elders, Deacons, and members of the 2021-2022 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has been hard at work discerning individuals it believes God has called and equipped for those forms of service. The church Nominating Committee, chaired by ruling elder, Mike Hunter, has done stellar work in identifying those called by God to serve our church in the coming year and longer. Our sincerest thanks to Mike, Margo Fullinwider, Lucy Tucker, Lois Wilson, and Bill Wolf for their diligence and faithfulness in discerning those called.

Here are the committee's nominations for those ordered ministries:

Ruling Elders

Sally Anderson (term expires 2024)

Doug Lunsford (2024)

(Vacancy yet to be filled, 2024)

Deacons

T.K. Cully (2024)

Isaac Hubbard (2024)

Bob Kurtz (2024)

Joy Kurtz (2024)

Ann Ruback (2022)

Nominating Committee

Paula Grieves (2022)

Jon Hitchcock (2022)

Nominations from the floor are welcome during the congregational meeting, with concurrence of the nominee. Our thanks to all of these saints who have said "yes" to God's call for service.

Please mark your calendars for the congregational meeting set for June 27th.

Nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of First Presbyterian Church has done exceptional work in identifying those whom it believes are called by God to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Those nominees are the following:

Wayne Bevers
Wayne Glass
Paula Grieves
Dietta Hitchcock
Ross Robertson

With pending approval of the session, the election of the PNC will happen at the already-scheduled congregational meeting on June 27th.

Our deepest thanks to these who have replied "Yes!" to God's summons to serve.

Please pray for the PNC and its difficult labor of discernment over the coming months. Pray that the process will run smoothly, and a new installed pastor will be in place soon.

When a Pastor Leaves...

It is the practice of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and many other denominations that when a pastor leaves the service of a congregation, communications between the members of the church and the departed pastor are essentially severed. This practice is painful for all, but long experience has shown that it is necessary so that the church may establish a new and strong bond with its interim pastor and with the pastor whom it will eventually call to its service. The old relationship must be truly dissolved.

I am leaving my personal contact information with our Administrative Assistant, Nova Rogers, and the members of the session, in case they have questions regarding minor administrative or technical issues.

Note that my church email address (jguthrie@fpcroswell.org) will become inactive immediately, and my 575 cell phone number will also soon become inactive.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor John

At its May 20th meeting the Session of First Presbyterian Church...

- Welcomed four incoming (yet to be elected) deacons and ruling elders into their roles in the service of the church
- Reluctantly accepted the resignation of Rev. Guthrie on the occasion of his retirement
- Received the report that all necessary steps have been completed for the hiring of the Rev. Randy Nolen as interim pastor
- Heard that the church Nominating Committee is laboring mightily to identify the ones God is calling to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee
- Received the first set of concrete proposals from the Revitalization Team
- Revised the list of recommended practices with respect to COVID-19 safety

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

"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 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.!

June Themes

June 6th - The Lord's Prayer
June 13th - What's New?
June 20th - Welcome Summer!
June 27th - Music for Evening

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.

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!



Prayer Requests



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.

The Sanctuary is Open

Our sanctuary is unlocked and available for anyone who would like the opportunity to come and enjoy its beauty, to pray, to meditate, to be with God. The exterior door nearest the church office is unlocked during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm.

Daily Inspirational Phone Message

Start your day with an inspiring message.
(575) 622-4923

*His will.
His way.
My Faith.*

JEREMIAH 29:11



June Birthdays

4th	Tracie Edwards
6th	Dixie Loy
11th	Jim Bloodhart
13th	Betty Young
17th	Isaac Hubbard
17th	Bill Wolf
18th	Fred Bennett
25th	Dietta Hitchcock

28th

Olivia Miller

29th

Jim Matteucci

Happy Anniversary!

June Anniversaries

3rd

Wayne & Mary Lou Glass

14th

John & Tracie Edwards

Featured PC(USA) Mission Workers for June

Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee

Mission co-workers in South
Korea since 2013

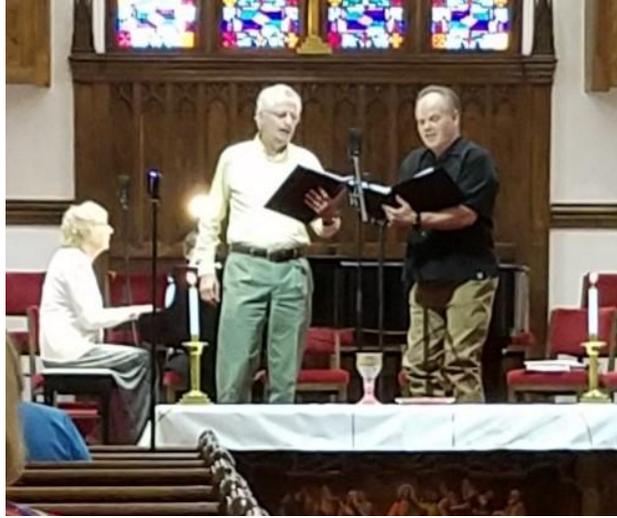


In partnership with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), Hyeyoung serves as the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) site coordinator. As YAV's, U.S. young adults live in various Korean cities for a year at a time while they work with agencies such as peace schools, migrant shelters and multicultural ministries. Hyeyoung helps them immerse themselves in Korean communities. She challenges YAV's to engage the world around them alongside our Korean partners in peacemaking, justice-seeking, and ministries that aim to dismantle poverty.

Kurt works with the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK) and their Reconciliation and Reunification Department. Kurt is also the coordinator for the Ecumenical Forum for Peace, Reconciliation, and Development Cooperation on the Korean Peninsula (EFK).

[Read more about Kurt and Hyeyoung...](#)

Worship Highlights



Happy
Father's
Day

Sunday, June 20th!



The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers Psalm 24:1-2

May 12, 2021

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

Dear Clerk of Session,

As stewards of all of God's creation we are blessed by your gift to continue God's work through us. On behalf of Presbyterian Mission please accept our gratitude for the ways in which you have helped to lift and love others. Together we share the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ in both word and deed.

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your mission committee, pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. On April 21, 2021, we received \$1,745.00 for CJ999999 Christmas Joy Offering.

Now is a good time to ensure you have your Pentecost Offering materials, which will be celebrated on May 23rd. The Pentecost Offering, encourages the future of our church by supporting our youth and young adults. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering may be retained by your congregation for programs that make an impact in the lives of young people in your community. The remaining 60% supports Presbyterian ministries with youth and young adults, including Young Adult Volunteers, Youth Triennium, and ministries with at-risk youth. To order resources directly or to check on your congregation's standing order, please call Presbyterian Distribution Services at (800) 524-2612 or email them at pds@pcusa.org.

As always, I am here to pray for you and walk alongside you in your mission efforts. Please let me know how I may help.

Yours in Christ,

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