

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—ELKO 1559 SEWELL DR., ELKO, NEVADA



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Worship



I've been thinking about what it means to worship God, and what is involved. Of course, we gather together on Sunday mornings for a service of worship, but that's one hour a week. Surely there is more to our worshiping God than that!

In the books of the prophets, we see over and over that God is not impressed by rites and rituals that are ceremonies only. God wants changes in our deepest selves, that is what gives the rituals meaning.

Scripture tells us that [we] “are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

Surely this means that we hold a holy office; one that means that we place the worship of God at the apex of our lives, over and above everything else. Of course, part of what it means to worship God is by serving him and obeying him. But I think much more is involved.

It seems to me that we need to rethink what it means to worship God. To define it in a way that impacts every aspect and action in our daily living. I believe it was St. Benedict who instructed that everything we do should be done as service to the Lord, not just in prayer or when reading scripture, but even with the most mundane tasks like washing the dishes or preparing a meal.

Let me suggest that as we move through our days, we are mindful of the fact that the Holy Spirit lives in us, and is aware of every thought and action. How might that affect our behaviors?

Worshiping God can involve being kind to others, showing hospitality, being patient in trying circumstances, encouraging those who are downcast, and remembering the great commandment to love others (whether we “like” them or not).

We worship God in all of our actions by being mindful that he is with us always and everywhere.



Our theme for VBS this year was Zoomerang (set in Australia) We had 17 students registered and 15 teachers and helpers. Our mission project was the children's Hunger Fund. It provides meals to children and families around the world. We raised almost \$138.00



August

7th Laura Alexander, Pam Anderson, Jerry Cooney

14th Sally Winsley, Jan Webb, Patty Fisk

21st Diana Jones, Kathy Mcleod, Denise Connow

28th Vicki Matys, Kathy Reyes

September

4th Judi Boyce, Laura Alexander, LaVonne Alexander

11th Jan Webb, Ann Nisbet, Jenny Byars

18th Robbie Nickel, Aida Mathews, Faith Daniel

25th Fran Schain, Kathy McLeod, Vicki Matys

October

2nd Susie Jones, Jan Petersen, Laura Alexander

9th Patty Fisk, Jerry Cooney, Pam Anderson

16th Ann Nisbet, Judi Boyce, Diana Jones,

23rd Jenny Byars, Robbie Nickel, Kathy Reyes



You will also need to help set up and clean up

Everyone Welcome!

Join Us!



Adult choir will begin again in September sometime after Labor Day. Watch the church bulletin or church announcements for the exact time and day. We would love to have some more voices join us this year especially some male voices. If you have any questions you may contact Patty Fisk at 934-4594.



PW yard sale

Don't forget the sale was postponed until August 27. We will need volunteers to help us set all the donated items outside in the morning at 6:00 A.M. and then we will need more help after the sale taking any of the leftover items down to Ruby Mountain Resource Center. If you have a truck that would be a big help. PW uses this money to do mission work in the community and in our church so any type of donation is greatly appreciated.

Rummage Sale/Yard Sale

Saturday, August 27th from

8:00am-1:00pm

Set up from 6:30am-8:00am

No clothes, no large appliances

Questions contact

Sally Winsley or Jan Petersen



The Mission and Outreach Committee

Our traditional Heifer Service will be September 11, 2022. We will invite animals to join us for the service outside, under the pergola, in support of Lenca II, Honduras. This project will boost local dairy production in order to increase income for farmers. New seed varieties and irrigation systems also increase grain production, both for selling and feeding animals and families. The project also trains farmers to meet required agricultural and hygiene standards to improve quality and safety.

The Mission Committee will provide breakfast after the service. Please join us



Wednesday morning Bible Join us at 9:30 each Wednesday.

The Church office hours are,
9:00am-1:30pm

Monday –Thursday

Worship services are still available Sunday via YouTube.



To find the videos, go to

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=elko+first+presbyterian+church,
or open YouTube and search for Elko

Mary Lou Cress has moved to Winnemucca if you would like to send a card of well wishes, please call the office for her address.

775-738-3430



The nominating committee is still looking for two more volunteers to serve on this committee. Our job is to look at members of the church who would be willing to serve as elders or deacons. If interested in this committee you can let Patty Fisk or Rev. Alexander know that you are willing to serve



We hope to see you....

Sunday School: Zoom Sunday school meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning wherever your computer is. Discussion follows the lectionary for that Sunday. Bring your first cup of joe and join us. Please contact Mike Jones by phone (775-388-2730) or email (mikesusie66@gmail.com) for a Zoom invite

Year to Date Projected Budget Comparison July 31

Income	\$97,011.45
Expense	<u>\$103,639.11</u>
	- 6,627.66

Submissions for
August - September 2022
Desert Pulpit Due
**September 20th
2022**



Youth Group

Meets the first Sunday of
the month for pizza and
activities

at 5:00pm in the Fellowship
Hall



T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)

Community Pantry

Our Community Micro Pantry is up and being used! Thank you to those who have contributed to this service and a special thank you to Justin Munson for overseeing

the building of the pantry. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the box in front of the office, in the pantry cabinet in back of the social hall, or directly into the micro pantry. Please remember to check the expiration dates on your donations. Personal hygiene and baby items are also being collected.

Attention Church Members:

We are looking for volunteers who have a passion for filming or taping our worship services. Since the beginning of Covid-19 we are recording the worship services to be seen on the church website. Contact Rev. LaVonne at the church or Patty Fisk @934-4594. Any age is qualified to volunteer for this important job. Thanks! Worship/Music Committee.



The Reverend Ralph C. Bolin Scholarship Committee,

(Susie Jones, Kathy Mcleod, Jim Cooney, Kim Bolin, and Barbara Pearson)

would like to congratulate Megan Henry for receiving a \$1000 scholarship for her second year of college, in which she is majoring in architecture at the University of Oregon. Daniel Groff is also a recipient of a \$1000 scholarship in which he is pursuing a degree an MDiv with an emphasis in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Denver Seminary.

Congratulations on your achievements and may you continue to seek Him in all you do.



Mission Statement

“We believe we are called by God through the grace and love of Jesus Christ to worship joyfully, grow spiritually, love one another, serve those in need and share the good news of the gospel with everyone.”



Sunrise Ringers of Elko Handbells will start rehearsals on Monday, September 19. Practice is from 6 am to 7 am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, culminating in a public concert on Sunday, December 11. Hopefully this year we also may be able to perform in local schools the week before the concert.

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining this choir or in learning more details, please contact

Ann Nisbet, 738-5475 or at
waanelko@citlink.net.



BIRTHDAYS!

August

Denise Connaw 8/1
William Strickland 8/2
Buck Boyce 8/4
Karen Kump 8/5
Faye Carrillo 8/9
Gene Schain 8/9
Barbara Pearson 8/14
Judy Bondo 8/15
Kathy McLeod 8/15
John Hobbs 8/27

September

Jerry Cooney 9/3
Lois Ports 9/3
Judi Boyce 9/4
Jenna Kidwell 9/11
Devin Robinson 9/17



2¢ a Meal.

If you've forgotten

Is The Mission Committees project to remind us of the abundance we've received. If we, out of gratitude, donate 2 cents for each meal we eat, we can help feed Elkoans who don't share in that abundance.

June collection was \$58.00

July collection was \$46.20

NOTE: next collections August 21st and September 18th



Are you interested in being a Lector?

The lector reads the first two scriptures in the worship service.
(The Old Testament and the Epistle)

Because God's word is holy and life-giving, it is important that it is presented in a meaningful and polished manner

To that end, those wishing to read scripture in the service need to sign up with Pastor LaVonne. There will also be a sign up sheet in the office.

Joy Circle

will kick off the new year on Monday, Sept. 12 at 5:30 with a potluck dinner and bible study. We will be using the study from the horizon magazine. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 for fellowship and bible study. All women of the church are invited to attend. If you would like a ride, contact Patty Fisk at 934-4594 and she would be happy to provide transportation to Joy Circle.



ATTENTION!

IF YOU USE THE CHURCH BUILDING, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THE DOORS ARE LOCKED AND LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF WHEN YOU LEAVE. HELP KEEP THE CHURCH BUILDING SAFE FOR EVERYONE USING IT.



Presbytery of Nevada 31.83

Synod of the Pacific 5.22

General Assembly 8.95

Per Capita is \$46.00 per member

August -2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1. 5:00 NAMI	2. 1:00 Room 2 Grow	3. 9:30 Bible Study	4. 3:30 Room 2Grow	5.	6.
7. 9:30 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Group	8. 5:00 NAMI	9. 1:00 Room 2 Grow	10. 9:30 Bible Study	11. 3:30 Room 2 grow	12.	13.
14. 9:30 Worship Service	15. 5:00 NAMI	16. 1:00 Room 2 Grow 6:00 Session	17. 9:30 Bible Study	18. 3:30 Room 2 grow	19.	20.
21. 9:30 Worship Service 2 Cents collection	22. 5:00 NAMI	23. 1:00 Room 2 Grow	24. 9:30 Bible Study	25. 3:30 Room 2 grow	26.	27. PW Yard Sale Set up 6-8am Sale 8am-1pm
28. 9:30Worship Service Birthday Sunday	29. 5:00 NAMI	30. 1:00 Room 2 Grow	31.	<p>The Sunday School classes available , on Sundays.</p> <p>8:00am Zoom Sunday school , Contact Mike Jones for information.</p> <p>9:00am in person Contact Kathy Reyes</p>		

September-2022

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				1.	2.	3.
4. 9:30 Worship Service	5. 5:00 NAMI	6. 1:00 Room 2 Grow	7. 9:30 Bible Study 1:00 Prayer Retreat	8. 3:30 Room 2 Grow	9.	10.
11. 9:30 Worship Service	12. 5:00 NAMI 5:30 Joy circle kick off potluck	13. 1:00 Room 2 Grow	14. 9:30 Bible Study 1:00 Prayer Retreat	15. 3:30 Room 2 Grow	16.	17.
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