

Subject: The Gift of the Kingdom of God! And Invites from First Pres Women
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Hi!

Here we are suddenly in May, and school will be out in a few weeks! How did that happen? As time rushes on, and the world continues to spin and tilt in new directions (it seems!), today will you take a deep breath with me and remember that we are citizens of another kingdom...a much better one?

*"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the **kingdom**, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all."* 1 Chronicles 29:11

*"Your **kingdom** come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* Matthew 6:10

*"Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The **kingdom** of God has come near to you'."* Luke 10:9

*"For the **kingdom** of God does not consist in talk but in power!"* 1 Corinthians 4:20

*"Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a **kingdom** that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire!"* Hebrews 12:28-29

Amen! And as we read in Revelation 11, someday the kingdom of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord, and He will reign forever! Sometimes I need to remind myself of this indescribable gift and the true reality we live in as believers. This world is not our home, and I don't know about you, but I'm seeing the kingdom coming all around us. God is on the move, and I want you to know about all of the great things happening:

- [**NEW! You are invited to dinner 5/18!** IF:Table will meet once a month starting Tuesday, May 18, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the home of Keri Terrell. IF:Table is a place to gather for a meal, make new friends, and have an honest spiritual discussion as we answer different questions each month about our faith journey. For questions and to RSVP, please call or text Emily Wood at 418-0404 or Keri at 674-5524.](#)
- [**SIGN UP TODAY: 2021 WOMEN'S RETREAT, September 10-12, 2021 in Santa Fe, NM.** It is going to be SO good – please join us! Registration is now open! Click here to sign up. We can't wait to see you there! Co-leaders are Kathie Newton and Karen Renner.](#)
- [**Talk. Pray. Know. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** This group, led by Denise Carter, meets at "Murray's House", 3614 SW 6th Street \(across 6th from Aldaco's Tacos, parking by Wildside Smoke Shop\). Come share what is hurting, read a Psalm of comfort, and pray with others. If you have experienced a death of a child or family member, isolation, caring for elderly parents or a spouse, or other types of challenge or loss, Talk. Pray. Know. will be a place to listen, offer prayer \(not advice\), a place where everyone gets a turn, and a place to be known. Please let us know you are coming by calling or texting Emily at 418.0404 or Denise at 279-0462. For a preview, click here.](#)
- [**NEW Active Working Women's Small Group!** We are thrilled to offer a new evening opportunity for actively working women. Please join us on Thursday, May 20, at 6 p.m. in the home of Robin Terry, 3 Pebble Beach Court. We will meet once a month through the summer and twice a month beginning in September. For questions or to RSVP, email \[emilyw@firstpres.com\]\(mailto:emilyw@firstpres.com\). Co-leaders are Denise Simpson and Robin Terry.](#)

Isn't God good? But wait – there is more! You can find all our Bible studies, small groups, and other news in one place on our Women's Page (www.firstpres.com/women). Don't see what you are looking for? I would love to talk to you about what we are missing or can include to better meet your needs! Please reach out to me at emilyw@firstpres.com or 418-0404 anytime.

May Your kingdom come today, Lord,
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P.S. Let me know if you need prayer or specific help of any kind. Our church is here for you!