

¡Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!

My friends, today I want to start by thanking all of those who helped out with the Fall kickoff on Sunday. Whether you helped by decorating, bringing food, setting up tables and chairs, taking down tables and chairs, cleaning up in the kitchen, or helping me with bingo, please know that you did your part to make this a great event, and your efforts are deeply appreciated! I also hope you enjoy some pictures I'm sharing of our fun afternoon.

I also want to remind you about two things happening on Sunday, September 24th. First, at 9:30am on that day, Ken Cuthbertson will be giving a presentation on the 10th anniversary of his book titled *The Last Presbyterian? Remembering the Faith of My Forebears*. Then, after the 10:30 service, we will be having a forum to talk about our recent experience with the Kid's Day Out daycare. I want to talk about what we have learned from this experience and what the Session plans to do going forward with a future daycare program. Both forums will take place in the Upper Room.

Finally, today, I want to let you know that the Session has been talking about how to better communicate with the congregation about the decisions they make in their meetings. One way to do this is by sharing the Session minutes, as they have been doing for some time now. But it seems that this only has limited value, since by the time the minutes are approved, they are usually old news. So, the Session has decided that from now on they will share their meeting agendas with the congregation as well. In order to begin this practice, today I am attaching the agenda from our Session meeting this past Monday.

This Sunday, our scripture readings will be Jonah 3: 10-4:11 and Matthew 20: 1-16. My sermon is titled "The First and the Last". Please join me at 8:30am in the Upper Room or at 10:30am either in the sanctuary or over Zoom.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich