



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Santa Fe

Behold. Be still. Become.

Sunday Services

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday in Lent

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Behold a transforming God who invites us to

- A joyous way of being
- A bolder way of believing
- A deeper way of seeing

Be still and take time to

- Focus on the Spiritual
- Restore your energy
- Experience God's word in scripture, music and art

Become followers of Jesus who are

- Open to God's Spirit
- Trusting, welcoming, caring for one another
- Passionate about including everyone, confronting injustice, and healing the world

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

- **Parking** can usually be found in the Santa Fe County lot behind the church and at metered parking without charge.
- **Childcare** available Sunday mornings 8:15–12:15 on the second floor.
- **Ask the Ushers** if you have questions. We have hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins available.
- **New Member Gatherings** are the second Sunday of each month between services in the Rendon Room.
- **Counseling** by arrangement with the Pastoral Counseling Center (988.4131). Medicare and most insurance accepted or sliding scale fees negotiable.

THIRD SUNDAY

Our kind and gracious Deacons invite you to participate in:

- **Bienvenidos Bags** food collection bags are handed out today and are picked up the fourth Sunday.
- **Blood Pressure Checks** in the church office between services.
- **Third Sunday Lunch**—see Patti Poitras for more information.

WORSHIP & STUDY

—LENTEN STUDIES

Resurrection Hope for a Time Such as This: *Sundays* in Lent (March 5–April 2) from 9:45–10:45AM in *McFarland Chapel* the Rev. Jim Brown leads this Lenten journey beginning with the death of Jesus, followed by a close look at all four accounts of his resurrection. Our Good Friday–Easter tradition grounds us in the radical hope that “In life and in death we belong to God.” A thesis we’ll explore in our class is articulated by Christian Wiman in *My Bright Abyss, Meditation of a Modern Believer*. He sees the life of Christ “as not merely a point in time but as a portal to eternity.” For him, “Christ is not alive now because he rose from the dead two thousand years ago. He rose from the dead two thousand years ago because he is alive right now.” We’ll ponder what this means for us and for the entire created order.

The **Belhar Confession** is being discussed on *Wednesdays* during Lent, 6:30–7:15PM in Pope Hall. The Belhar Confession was recently added to our *Book of Confessions* and is the only document to come from the Southern hemisphere. It was written in response to apartheid in South Africa and addresses themes of unity, reconciliation and justice—issues applicable no matter where one lives. No need to buy a book or read in advance. We will provide the devotional material from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

—WEEKDAYS

- **Religion & Science Discussion** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00PM, Rendon Room
- **Fireside Chat with the Mystics** Tuesdays at 5:00PM, Rendon Room
- **Christian Yoga for Spiritual Renewal** Tuesdays at 6:15PM, McFarland Chapel
- **Book Study** (Belhar Confession) Wednesdays at 6:30PM, Pope Hall
- **Morning Prayer** Wednesdays at 7:00AM, McFarland Chapel
- **Celtic EvenSong** Wednesdays at 5:30PM, Sanctuary, followed by a light meal in Pope Hall
- **Book Study** Wednesday at 6:30PM Pope Hall
- **Women's Bible Study** 3rd Friday at 1:30PM, Moore Conference Room (third floor)
- **Spanish Bible Study** Saturdays 9:00–10:00AM, Rendon Room
- **Circle of Friends** second Saturday at 10:00AM for women of all ages seeking small community fellowship.

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▶Those who are able may stand

WORDS OF PREPARATION: The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world (I Cor. 12:27-28). The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

~ *Book of Confessions F-1.0301*

GOD CALLS US

PRELUDE

Suite Medievale

by Jean Langlais

Prelude~Improvisation~Meditation

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*bold in unison
from Psalm 95*

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains also belong to God.

**And the sea belongs to God, for God made it,
and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.**

O Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For God is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,
and the sheep of God's hand.**

▶**HYMN 409**

God Is Here!

▶**OPENING PRAYER**

*bold in unison
written by Thom Shuman*

God of eternity, you know how often we travel down the rocky roads of doubt and fear. We pester others with our worries; we hurl bitter words at those we love. We have chances to offer ourselves in service, but only give our contempt to those in need. We could share the living waters with the world, but want to store it in jars for safe-keeping.

Fountain of Grace, you turn towards us, to meet us wherever we are. You break open our rock-hard sin, so we might be made whole. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our thirst for hope and joy is quenched.

Silence is kept

God does not disappoint us. Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we are sent forth to serve.

In Jesus Christ, living water breaks through the roof of our hearts, in such abundance that we don't have enough buckets to hold it all. Thanks be to God. Amen.

▶**RESPONSE 165**

vs. 4, words printed at right

♪ Then grant that we like them be true,
consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.

EXPRESSION OF DEVOTION

Recognition of New Members

GOD RENEWS US

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:1–15

New Revised Standard Version, pg 94

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

But he had to go through Samaria

▶HYMN 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to come forward to light a prayer candle during the silence.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Pilgrim's Hymn

by Stephen Paulus

▶RESPONSE 167

vs. 5, words printed at right

♪ Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

▶PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*in unison,
by Thom Shuman*

We pray, Gracious God, that our gifts may provide nourishment to those who thirst for justice, strength to those who hunger for hope, a community to those living in loneliness. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD SENDS US ON OUR JOURNEY

▶PASSING OF THE PEACE

*752 in the hymnal,
words at right*

♪ Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

▶HYMN 494

vss. 1–4

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

▶BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in g minor, BWV535

by J.S. Bach

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed and this time can be used for prayer. You may remain seated or depart quietly.

SERVING TODAY

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III
Music Director: Linda Raney
Choir Accompanist: David Solem
Liturgist: Steve Kinnett

WORSHIP COORDINATORS

Worship Chair: Jeannie Bowman
Ushers: James Smock
Liturgists: Sarah Miller
Liturgical Arts: Karin Lerew
Communion: Jane Stringfellow
Malissa Haslam
Outreach: Bruce Black

MUSIC & ART

TGIF Concerts every Friday night at 5:30PM welcome the congregation and the community to hear music rung, played, or sung. Freewill offering. Pick up the 2017 brochure from the glass music display case in the lobby that gives information on all the concerts through June or sign up for the weekly TGIF e-mail by sending your e-mail address to Krista at office@fpcsantafe.org.

The **Back Pew Gallery** presents the Las Tejedoras Fiber Arts Guild exhibition *Sacred Symbols* in the month of March. In April the theme will be *Faces*. We are asking all church members to feel free to submit work for the April show. Bring your works in any media on Sunday, April 2, from 8:30AM–12:30PM in a form ready to be displayed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The need for dialogue surrounding subjects of race, power and dominance has never been greater than it is today. On Friday, March 31 (7:00–9:00PM) and Saturday, April 1 (9:00AM to 3:00PM), the Presbytery of Santa Fe (PSF) is hosting an event called **Racism, Power, and Dominance in the US and in Faith Communities**. Participants will build their capacity to engage in constructive dialogue about racism. We will explore individual and organizational strategies aimed at interrupting the ways in which systemic racism operates in our society. Online registration is encouraged through PSF website, where a \$15 fee can be paid via Paypal. Registration and fee may also be sent to PSF office or paid at the door. See PSF website for more information or call Gloria Mirabal 505.920.3961.

The **Liturgical Arts Committee** needs yards and yards of GREEN yarn and fabric-type ribbon in any shade or texture and in any length or width. There will be bins in the lobby for collection through the month of March. This is a great way to rid your crafts cabinet of odds and ends; the committee thanks you in advance for your contributions!

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque is having a **Men's Spring Retreat** May 5–7 at the Bosque Center. Rev. Wayne Mell is the keynote speaker. More information and registration forms on the lobby table.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday Mornings

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| 8:15–12:15 | Childcare available for those not yet school age
<i>second floor</i> |
| 8:30 | MorningSong family-friendly service in Pope Hall |
| 9:15 | Children's story time <i>second floor</i> |
| 9:30–10:30 | Youth fellowship and digging into the Bible
<i>third floor</i> |
| 9:30–10:30 | Parent's circle <i>Pope Hall A (by kitchen)</i> |
| 9:40–10:15 | Children's music—singing and dancing,
instruments and rhythm— <i>second floor</i> |

Youth on the Move: The big news to watch for is the Youth Room Open House on May 21 from 8:30 until 12:30 when we will celebrate youth ministry, have the opportunity to visit with our teens and have the fun of investing in their plans for the future.



Gratitude Sunday, the kickoff event of our **The Great Heritage—Bold Future Campaign** is next Sunday, March 26. Join us, and be part of the many expressions of God's blessing in our lives.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Notify the church office 982.8544 or office@fpcsantafe.org to add a name to our prayer list.

We pray for Judy Beare, Ethel Trimmer's friend and dance teacher, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

We continue to pray for Claudia Grayson, Barbara Strange's sister Virginia Clark, Alvin Baca, Julia Hudson's great-nephew Brandon Main, Janice Mayer's father Russell, Linda Trujillo's grandniece Brianna, Dick Fallis, Jeff Baker, Ayla Wolff, Dr. Ronald Shumaker, Leo Krulitz, Sheldon Thompson, and Tony Herrera.

We pray for our partners in ministry: the Church of the Holy Faith and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis; the Sagua la Grande Church—our brothers and sisters in Cuba; and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Meet and Pray for Your Mission Co-Workers

Dr. Larry and Inge Sthresley Democratic Republic of Congo

Larry works with Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) to help their partners run larger, internationally funded health programs. Inge works with both IMA and the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa with community garden programs to alleviate urban hunger and malnutrition. "The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." ~ Proverbs 16:9

MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bring your extra Bibles, Bible concordances, Bible dictionaries or references and put them in the box under the lobby table. The **Coalition for Prisoners' Rights** sends Bibles to prisoners who request them, and Judy Crawford is collecting through April 2 for donation to this ministry.



Earth Care Tidbit of the Week:

"It's lunacy to ignore widespread and pervasive pollution as a primary health hazard. What we put into the biosphere we put into ourselves."
~ Dr. David Suzuki, *AlterNet* 2/5/17

The Creation Care Committee asks us all to celebrate **Earth Hour** on Saturday, March 25, at 8:30PM, joining those in most countries around the world in celebration of our planet. We are asked to turn off our lights and observe a period of quiet and thanksgiving in reverence for our Earth.