

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Santa Fe

Behold. Be still. Become.

Celebrating **150** *years*

in congregation since 1867,
oldest continuing Protestant church
in the New Mexico Territory

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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.

Sunday Services

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Take a tag from the **Angel Tree** and put your name and contact info on the list in the lobby to give a gift to children and youth and homeless neighbors who might not otherwise receive a gift. This year our youth group has taken on this service project. Gifts should be returned next Sunday, December 11, if at all possible.

December 18, we will celebrate **Las Posadas** with St. Francis Cathedral and Holy Faith Episcopal. The procession ends at our Sanctuary doors with a reception following in Pope Hall. All are invited to bring a plate of cookies. Many will be needed, so set aside some from your holiday baking, stop by the store for a package of your choice, or bring a crockpot of cider. They can be left in Pope Hall when you come to church.

Pick up an **Advent Calendar** for all the information about the holiday season in the lobby or at the front and back of the Sanctuary.

150TH CELEBRATION NEWS

Our First School started on December 10, 1866, with 10 children, and we have been involved in education and had a school associated with the church nearly continuously since then. Join us next Sunday, December 11, for a reenactment of what that time might have been like for the schoolchildren. Children will be wearing period piece costumes hand sewn by Nelda Bell with singing and games led by Jill McCormick.

Not only do we have several special guests from the PC(USA), Presbyterian Women, Synod and Presbytery, we also have many of our **Former Pastors** returning to celebrate with us. Sheila Gustafson, John C. Piper and Rob Carlson are coming for the January 14-15 events. The Rev. Jim Brown—who we are pleased to have as part of our congregation—will also be participating.

NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGES

December 25 one service at 11:00AM
January 1, 2017 one service at 11:00AM
January 15, 2017 one service at 11:00AM

December 4, 2016 11:00AM

►Those who are able may stand

The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Take the opportunity to listen to the prelude and quiet one’s mind and become open to the spirit.

GOD CALLS US

PRELUDE

Come, Savior of the Nations, BWV 659

by J. S. Bach

►**HYMN 88**

sing vss. 1 to 4

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

►**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

bold in unison

In this season of bumper to bumper stress,
with life more crowded than the stores,
**God welcomes us to a feast of faithfulness,
where we may sit in peace and gentleness.**

In these times of rancorous rants and snide remarks,
with people too busy to offer words of compassion,

**Jesus whispers of hope for broken hearts,
sings carols of justice for all the outsiders.**

In these days of more and more time spent with devices,
and fewer moments with those who could touch us with joy,
the Spirit embraces us with peace.

CANDLELIGHTING

In this time of prayer and quiet meditation
you are invited to come forward to light a prayer candle

OPENING PRAYER

bold in unison

May these be the days
when conservatives will share
a garden with liberals;
when people of all faiths and none
will offer safety to each other.

**May these be the days
when bullies and the tormented
will serve side by side at the shelter;
when little ones will show grownups
the paths we have forgotten to follow.**

May these be the days
when justice will put on the tool belt
filled with faithfulness, peace, and healing;
when the most vulnerable around us
will shower us with a harvest of hope.

**May these be the days,
God in Community, Holy in One,
when we will discover how near is your kingdom. Amen.**

RESPONSE 93

vs. 3, words printed at right

♪ Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

GOD RENEWS US

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 72:1-7

New Revised Standard Version, pg 533

ANTHEM *How Lovely Are the Messengers* by Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 New Revised Standard Version, pg 640

MESSAGE A Shoot Shall Come
Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

COMMUNION The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our**
thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

Sanctus 🎵 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Savior of the Nations, Come* by Hugo Distler

RESPONSE 83 🎵 By thine own eternal Spirit
vs. 4, words printed at right rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOD SENDS US ON OUR JOURNEY

▶ **PASSING OF THE PEACE** 🎵 Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.
*752 in the hymnal,
words at right*

▶ **HYMN 94** *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

▶ **BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Variations on Wondrous Love* by Samuel Barber

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

Officiants: Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III
Rev. Bill Humphreys
Music Director: Linda Raney
Choir Accompanist: David Solem
Liturgy by Thom Shuman on his website
lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

WORSHIP COORDINATORS

Worship Chair: Jeannie Bowman
Ushers: James Smock
Liturgists: Sarah Miller
Liturgical Arts: Leah Paalman
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.

The **Back Pew Gallery** opened a new exhibit on Friday, December 2, of Christmas ornaments that have been donated by the congregation. Proceeds go to Adelante, a program that serves Santa Fe children and youth who are experiencing homelessness, and to the Presbyterian Cuba Connection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Card and Calendars received now will be put in the recycling bin. These are collected for only a couple months in the fall and have already been distributed this year. Thank you for your donations!

Presbyterian Men's Breakfast on December 10: Our church organist, adventurist and Jungian psychoanalyst David Solem will present a talk—*Befriending, not Becoming, the Dragon: Cultivating A Partnership with Nature and the Totality of the Self*—drawing from his interests in meditation, transpersonal experiences and dreamwork and his travels in India. This breakfast begins at 8:00AM next Saturday in Pope Hall, and all of your friends are welcome. The \$2 donation for members (guests are free) covers the cost of food, freshly brewed coffee, and juice. Please contact John at travel@theway2go.com to help us track attendance and plan food.

MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

First's Fridays at the Shelter: First Presbyterian members help with lunch prep and serving every Friday at the Interfaith Community Shelter, 2801 Cerrillos Road. The hours are 8:30 to 12:30. Come and help for any or all of that time period! Call Nancy Peterson at 424.0414 with any questions.

Meet and Pray for Your Mission Co-Workers

Justin Sundberg and Rev. Renee Sundberg Nicaragua

Renee and Justin work with the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua facilitating mission teams from the U.S. "We are praying that those who come to visit Nicaragua for a week of service will become refreshed by God in a new and lasting way," they write, "and upon return that their lives will be deeply changed, galvanized by their experience to support God's work in Nicaragua."



Earth Care Tidbit of the Week:

Each year bottled water production in the US alone requires an equivalent of 17,000,000 barrels of oil.

~ *Presbyterians for Earth Care, Fall 2016*

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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

We grieve with Mary Anne Fowlkes on the recent death of her friend and companion Richard McCurdy.

We pray for Michael Weller, Mission Co-worker in Ethiopia, who visited our church last year. He is very ill with malaria.

We continue to pray for 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.

The **Prayer Shawl Gathering** meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 9:30AM. The next meeting is December 6 in the Rendon Room. Call Betty Kersting at 982.4548 or Gay Hill at 983.7279 for more information.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday Mornings

- 8:15–12:15 Childcare available for those not yet school age
second floor
- 8:30 MorningSong family-friendly service in Pope Hall
- 9:15 Children's story time *second floor*
- 9:30–10:30 Youth fellowship and digging into the Bible
third floor
- 9:40–10:15 Children's music—singing and dancing,
instruments and rhythm—*second floor*

Sing Around the Tree: Come and gather around the Christmas tree in the lobby Wednesday, December 7, from 4:30–5:00PM to learn and sing some of the songs of the season followed by a warming snack. This family event welcomes children of all ages.

WORSHIP & STUDY

— NO SUNDAY CLASSES UNTIL JANUARY 8
— WEEKDAYS

- **Religion & Science Discussion** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00PM, Rendon Room
- **Fireside Chat with the Mystics** Tuesdays at 5:00PM, Rendon Room, exploring the wisdom of Therese of Liseux
- **Morning Prayer** Wednesdays at 7:00AM, McFarland Chapel
- **Book Study** Wednesdays at 12:00NOON, Rendon Room
- **Celtic EvenSong** Wednesdays at 5:30PM, Sanctuary
- **Taizé Service** Thursdays at 5:30PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 841 W Manhattan Avenue
- **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.

A GIFT OF FAITH. A MESSAGE OF HOPE.

When you give to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor the wondrous gift of Jesus by nurturing the faith we have in God and one another. The Christmas Joy Offering supports the development of the future racial ethnic leadership of our church and aids church workers and their families in times of need, answering a faithful call to enrich lives and ease burdens.



Resources:

- 1 "The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are on Target for College and Career Readiness before High School." ACT, 2008. Web.
- 2 Carnevale, Anthony P., Nicole Smith and Jeff Strohl, "Help Wanted: Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements through 2018." *Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce*. June 2010.
- 3 "Education Pays 2013 – The Benefits of Higher Education for Individuals and Society." The College Board. Oct. 2013.
- 4 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Web.
- 5 Camera, Lauren. "Despite Progress, Graduation Gaps Between Whites and Minorities Persist." *U.S. News & World Report*, 2 Dec. 2015. Web. 10 July 2016.

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A GIFT RECEIVED.

Honor the wondrous gift to the world with a gift of your own. Please support the Christmas Joy Offering.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY



Mariposa Duran came into the world under difficult circumstances. Her mother was unable to care for her and as a baby Mariposa was adopted by her grandmother. Her grandmother made a promise to God that she would care for Mariposa and raise her with positive values and opportunities.

As middle school approached, one such opportunity appeared—the chance to attend Menaul School, one of the Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges supported by the Christmas Joy Offering.

Thanks in part to the Christmas Joy Offering, Mariposa can take advantage of all that Menaul School has to offer—studying, playing sports, and dreaming of what she wants to do for a career (she'd like to be a family court judge).

Menaul School also provides a richer experience for Mariposa. She explores her faith and is part of a multicultural student body where she learns much about diversity and inclusion. The Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges supported by the Christmas Joy Offering also prepare students like Mariposa for college. Mariposa is looking to a future where she can apply the lessons of her faith in service to others.

When asked about what other students would think if they had the change to attend Menaul School, Mariposa says, “There’s diversity like they have never experienced in any other school. Overall, it’s wonderful.”

Your gift to the Christmas Joy Offering supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges where students like Mari learn to lead with faith in their lives and work.

About the institutions supported by the Christmas Joy Offering



DID YOU KNOW...

- One of the best predictors of college readiness is academic achievement by 8th grade.¹
- The number of jobs requiring postsecondary education has **doubled** over the last 40 years.²
- People who hold a **bachelor’s degree earn 65% more** over the course of their working lives than high school graduates.³ They are also **twice as likely to be employed**.⁴
- College **graduation rates** for Latino, Native American, and African American students have **improved** in the last decade.⁵ But there is still a **14% gap between white and minority students’** graduation rates.⁵



“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” —Matthew 2:6



Menaul School

- Day and boarding school for grades 6–12
- Offers individualized attention with a student-teacher ratio of just 9:1



Stillman College

- Liberal arts college with rich history of excellence
- 84% of faculty hold terminal degrees

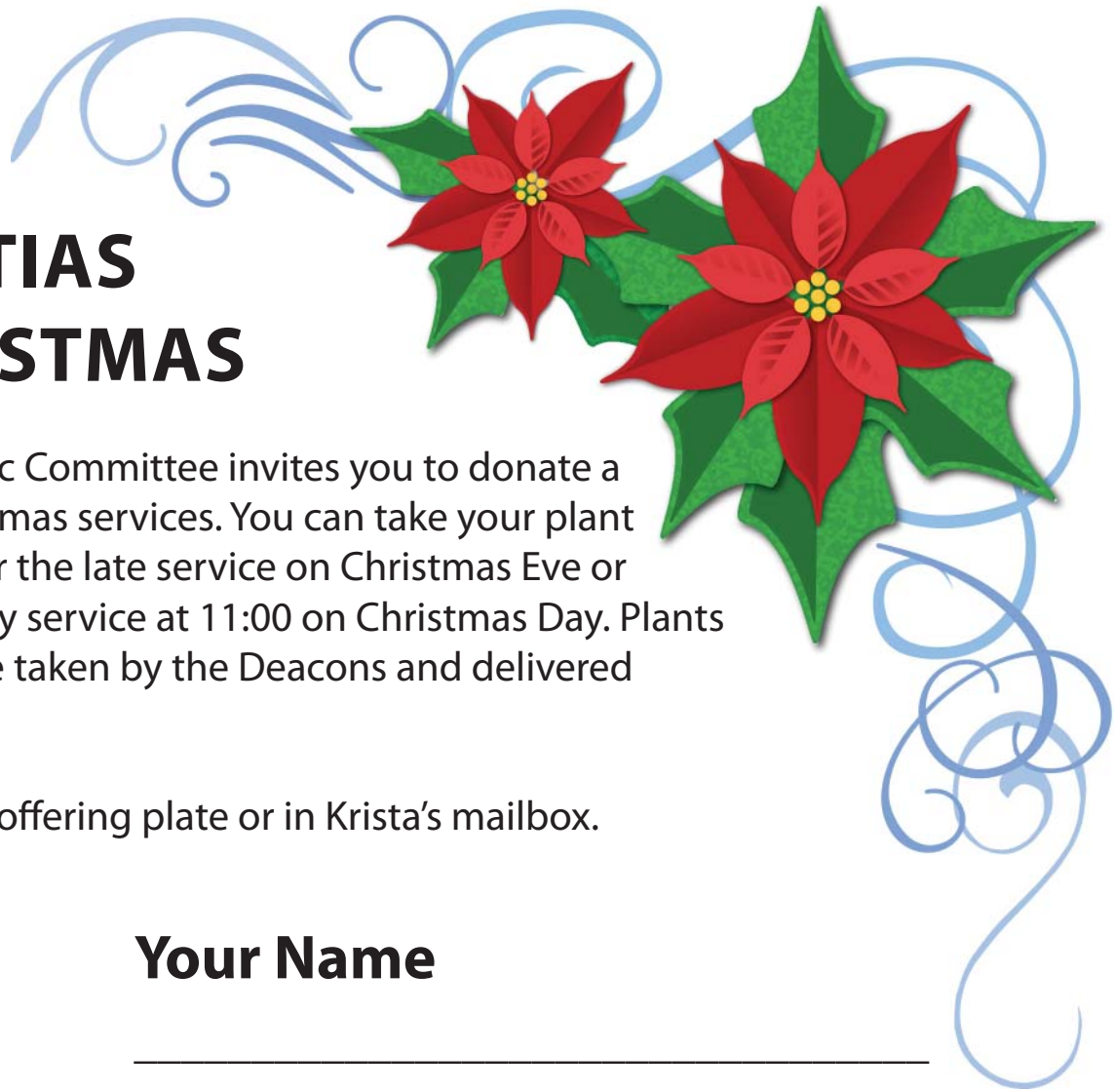


Presbyterian Pan American School

- International college-preparatory boarding school
- 100% of students are accepted into colleges or universities



Help give young people the opportunity to learn while growing their faith and leadership skills at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. **Please give generously.**



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Worship & Music Committee invites you to donate a poinsettia for Christmas services. You can take your plant home with you after the late service on Christmas Eve or after the one Sunday service at 11:00 on Christmas Day. Plants left after that will be taken by the Deacons and delivered during home visits.

Put this form in the offering plate or in Krista's mailbox.
Thank you!

Your Name

In memory/honor (CIRCLE ONE) of:

Poinsettia color: Red Pink White

In memory/honor (CIRCLE ONE) of:

Poinsettia color: Red Pink White

In memory/honor (CIRCLE ONE) of:

Poinsettia color: Red Pink White

TOTAL number of plants: _____

x \$20 = _____

Paid by

Cash **Check**

(if cash, put in offering envelope and mark poinsettias or write poinsettias in memo line of check)

Alternative Christmas Market

Sunday
December 4
9:00 AM
to
1:00 PM



Handmade Crafts



Nonprofit Organizations

Baked Goods

Good gifts
and
gifts for good



Fair Trade Items



TODAY

Bead for Life

Mission and Social Justice

- Creation Care
 - Heifer International
 - Interfaith Shelter
- and many other opportunities for giving

Waterlines

Desert Chorale

Westminster Presbyterian

Spanish Bible Study

Café Justo/Fair Trade

Casa Milagro

Animal Shelter

Adelante

Presbyterian Women