



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

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.

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

Sunday Services

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Festival of Lessons and Carols

208 Grant Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501
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TODAY

Las Posadas will take place this afternoon with the pilgrims arriving at our doors about 2:15. We are the hosts this year and want to encourage as many folks as possible to stay after the 11:00 service or come back if you were here earlier. There will be a lunch served while we rehearse the song and set up. If you'd like to go to the Cathedral to join the entire pilgrimage to reenact the Holy Family seeking shelter, you can go to the Cathedral around 1:30. We are the folks who relent and let the weary travelers through our doors for a brief service followed by fellowship in Pope Hall. We need as many folks as possible to bring cookies, etc for the fellowship time. This is a nice event where we meet with our companion downtown congregations to keep the tradition alive.

Items with the Church Logo will be available for purchase between services. We have t-shirts, aprons and a magnifying light that makes a great stocking stuffer!

WORSHIP & STUDY

—SUNDAYS 9:45–10:45

TODAY in McFarland Chapel: Christmas Carol Singalong

PLEASE join us to

- sing Christmas Carols
- learn a wee bit about their origins and
- refresh the meanings of their lyrics in our minds

—WEEKDAYS

- **Religion & Science Discussion** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00PM, Rendon Room
- **Fireside Chat with the Mystics** Tuesdays at 5:00PM, Rendon Room *on break through the holidays.*
- **Morning Prayer** Wednesdays at 7:00AM, McFarland Chapel
- **Book Study** Wednesdays at 12:00NOON, Rendon Room *on break through the holidays.*
- **Celtic EvenSong** Wednesdays at 5:30PM, Sanctuary
- **Taizé Service** Thursdays at 5:30PM, Westminster Presbyterian

December 18, 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

Sonata III (1940)
Ach, Gott, wem soll ich’s klagen
Wach auf, mein Hort

by Paul Hindemith

▶**HYMN 88**

sing vss. 1-2 and 6-7

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

▶**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

bold *in unison*

Do not be afraid to walk in darkness,
For I am uncreated light.
I will cause you to look on darkness
And not be afraid.

CANDLELIGHTING

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

OPENING PRAYER

in unison

I am bewildered by so many things. I ask myself why the little one is taken from breast; why the dreams you have sent us reach not their haven of fulfilment. Jesus, Light in my darkness, bring me out of my groping into the radiance of your truth. Yet, if you withhold your light from me because my eyes cannot bear its brightness, still give me what is needful to make my dark be gone. 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

LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

New Revised Standard Version, pg 636

CAROL

Chancel Choir

Veiled in darkness

by Glenn L. Rudolph
text by Douglas Letel Rights

Veiled in darkness Judah lay,	Still the earth in darkness lies,
Waiting for the promised day,	Up from death’s dark vale arise
While across the shadowy night	Voices of a world in grief,
Streamed a flood of glorious light,	Prayers of all who seek relief;
Heav’nly voices chant the call,	Now our darkness pierce and fall,
Peace on earth, goodwill to all.	Peace on earth, goodwill to all.

Light of light, we humbly pray,
Shine upon Thy world today;
Break the gloom of our dark night,
Fill our souls with love and light,
Send thy blessed word to call,
Peace on earth, good will to all.

LESSON Matthew 1:18–25

New Revised Standard Version, pg 1

► **CAROL 119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
sing vss. 1–2

LESSON *Reflections on Lunar Spirituality*

by Barbara Brown Taylor

► **CAROL 123** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
sing vss. 1 and 4

LESSON *Reflections on Writing In Terra Pax*

by Gerald Finzi

CAROL *In Terra Pax*

by Gerald Finzi
text by Robert Bridges and from Luke 2: 8-14

Tim Willson, baritone

A Frosty Christmas Eve
When the stars were shining
Fared I forth alone
Where westward falls the hill,
And from many a village
In the water'd valley
Distant music reach'd me
Peals of bells aringing:
The constellated sounds
Ran sprinkling on earth's floor
As the dark vault above
With stars was spangled o'er.

Then sped my thoughts to keep
That first Christmas of all
When the shepherds watching
By their folds ere the dawn
Heard music in the fields
And marveling could not tell
Whether it were angels
Or the bright stars singing.

Chancel Choir

And there where in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them,

Nancy Maret, soprano

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Chancel Choir

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Travis Bregier, baritone

But to me heard afar
It was starry music
Angels' song, comforting
As the comfort of Christ
When he spoke tenderly
To his sorrowful flock:
The old words came to me
by the riches of time
Mellow'd and transfigured
As I stood on the hill
Heark'ning in the aspect
Of th'eternal silence.

Chancel Choir

And on earth peace, good will toward men.

LESSON

Courage through Darkness

by James Bremner

CAROL

Seek him that maketh the seven stars

by Jonathan Dove

Chancel Choir

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
And turneth the shadow of death into the morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day,
the night is light about me. Amen.
Amos 5:8; Psalm 139

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Lesson

Reflection on Christ, the Apple Tree

Carol

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree by Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

RESPONSE 83

vs. 4, words printed at right

♪ By thine own eternal Spirit
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

► **CAROL 134** *Joy to the World*

► **BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Sonata III* (1940) by Paul Hindemith
So wünsch ich ihr

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 CHANCEL CHOIR

Conductor: Linda Raney
Organist: David Solem

Sopranos

Linda Beck
Nelda Bell
Nancy Maret
Barbara Roush
Jill McCormick
Laurie Romero
Julieta Scott-Baker
Pauline Schneider

Altos

Nina Brown
Margaret Dean
Barb Hutchison
Candy Elkjer
Judi Haines
Jeannie Bowman
Susan Slotter
Sue Kingston
Carol Fallis
Jennifer Elliott
Jenny Harland

Tenors

Chris Haynes
Keytha Jones
Michael Roybal
Grant Wright
J.B. Beck
Darryl Bowman

Basses

Bill Elkjer
Tim Willson
Howard Turner
Andy Ritch
John Pasch
Travis Bregier
Greg Schneider
Jim Toevs
David Beatty

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III
Liturgist: Rebecca Heindel
Call to Worship Northumberland Celtic Prayer Book.
Opening prayer from Hebridean Altars by Alistair Maclean.

WORSHIP COORDINATORS

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

POINSETTIAS

The Worship & Music Committee thanks the following people for donating 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.

Given by

Lynn Bickley & Randy Schiffer

Louis Bair & Lily Bair

Harriett & Harris Barber

Darryl & Jeannie Bowman

Jim & Nina Brown

Diane Buchanan & Rick Andrew

Patricia & Roger Copple

Daniel Crane

Janis Gonzales

Claudia Grayson & family

Glennis Hinshaw

Seth Hinshaw

Arlena Jackson

Mary Beth Jones

Leo & Donna Krulitz

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Marjorie Lunderville

Nancy Maret

Gary Murphy

Leah & Tom Paalman

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Bobby Rugg

Charlie & Janet Spring

Ann Stoughton

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Helen Sutton

Pauline & Jim Toevs

M'Lea Walsh & Alvin Baca

Mary Louise Williams

In memory of

Bets Blatchley

Ervin F. Bickley

Lolly Bair

Our parents

Jeannette & JD Bowman

Lois & Elton Curnutt

Jennifer Ann Brown

Edward J. Andrew

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Paul DeLano Crane

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Dave Grayson

Ruby Baldridge

Malba Willingham

Edward Ollmann

Janie Moseley

Nedra Dargans

Bernie Jones

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Our parents

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Our parents:

Clark & Pauline Platt

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Paul & Lucy Trujillo

Waldo & Dorothy Toevs

Bill Rugg

Alice Evans

Given by

Darryl & Jeannie Bowman

Diane Buchanan & Rick Andrew

Leah & Tom Paalman

Pauline & Jim Toevs

And also given by

Chris Haynes

In honor of

Christine, our daughter

John & Sue Buchanan

Edith Andrew

Our children:

Caitlin, Cameron,

Carolyn, Brianna

Linda Raney

Nancy & Dave Barron

First Presbyterian CDC

FPC Elders & Deacons

Elaine Lea

Jenny Harland & Harry Eberts

Christina, Russ, Frankie &

Max Paalman

Keran Paalman

Tony Herrera



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.

Back Pew Gallery exhibit Ornaments! Ornaments! Ornaments! runs through Christmas Day.

150TH CELEBRATION NEWS

We have **Volunteer Days** on December 29 and 30 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM to make the church sparkle and shine for the anniversary celebrations. There will be jobs big and small and for all abilities, so sign up in the lobby for one of these days.

In addition to the TGIFs on Friday, January 6 and 13, and special events on Sunday, January 8, renewing our commitment to mission and education, we have a full program for the Celebration Weekend.

Saturday, January 14

- 8:00AM Men's Breakfast in Pope Hall
10:00AM Presbyterian Women's Coffee
6:00PM Anniversary Dinner at La Fonda with
Keynote Speaker Tony De La Rosa
(Tickets available—call or e-mail the church office.)

Sunday, January 15

- 8:00AM An informal breakfast in Pope Hall to greet people
8:30AM All the former pastors are invited to share their memories of the church and Santa Fe
9:30AM Panel discussion with denominational leaders about the Presbyterian Church (USA)
11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary with
Co-moderator Jan Edmiston preaching



Earth Care Tidbit of the Week:

Each ton of magazine paper made from non-recycled fiber requires 18 trees to be cut down releasing sequestered carbon into the atmosphere.

~ Green America: Economic Action
for a Just Planet, 9/21/16

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Krista Peterson, <i>Office Manager</i>	x10	office@
Bill Adrian, <i>Facilities Manager</i>	501.3453	facilities@
Judi Haines, <i>Clerk of Session</i>	x15	clerk@
Gale Wright, <i>Treasurer</i>		treasurer@
Betty Kersting, <i>Membership</i>	x15	membership@
Archives	x27	archives@

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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

We continue to pray for Linda Trujillo's grandniece Brianna, Michael Weller, 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 20 in the Rendon Room. The gathering involves meditation, prayer and community as participants knit or crochet shawls for our members, friends and neighbors going through the hard places in life. All are invited and if you would like to learn to knit you will find many helpers. Call Betty Kersting at 982.4548 or Gay Hill at 983.7279 for more information.

Meet and Pray for Your Mission Co-Workers

Leslie Vogel Guatemala

Leslie works with CEDEPCA, the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America. She says her sense of call has always been expressed by the Hebrew prophet in Micah (6:8) which says, "What does God require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

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*

MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Shelter Week January 25-27: First Presbyterian Church working with Westminster Presbyterian Church will provide meals and services again in January. On January 22 and 23 we will ONLY provide help for the services like sleeping bags, storage monitor, etc. January 24 and 25 we provide food and kitchen help. We celebrate our 150th anniversary with a birthday party at the shelter. The next issue of the Celebration Crier comes out at the end of the month and it will have a list of the gifts we are collecting to give to the shelter at that party. If you have questions, call Nancy Peterson at 424.0414 or e-mail Mary & Bruce Black or Tom Mott.

Advent and Christmas 2016

Services

Celebrations

Songs of the Season

Christmas Eve

Festival of Christ's Birth

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III preaching

Saturday, December 24

5:00PM • Sanctuary

Family-friendly service including candles, carols, bells and children participating in the Christmas story.

10:00PM • Sanctuary

This service will include candles, carols, choir, harp, viola and trumpets.

In All Seasons

Men's Breakfast

Second Saturday of the Month

8:00AM • Pope Hall

The men cook, but all are welcome to enjoy the breakfast and program.

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays 7:00AM • McFarland Chapel

Celtic EvenSong

Wednesdays 5:30PM • Sanctuary

TGIF Concerts

Fridays 5:30PM • Sanctuary

Friday, December 23

bells

The Chancel Bell Choir, made up of a dozen bell ringers and five octaves of bells, performs Christmas favorites on handbells and chimes.

Friday, December 30

organ

Jan Worden-Lackey plays her favorite Christmas music on the C.B. Fisk Organ.

Friday, January 6

bells and strings

Greg Schneider's *Melancholy Prelude* played by eSSO and David Beatty's *Melodie* and *South African National Anthem* composed for the Chancel Bell Choir.

Special Events

Back Pew Gallery

Ornaments! Ornaments! Ornaments!

The gallery exhibit features ornaments that have been donated by the congregation with proceeds going to Adelante, a program that serves Santa Fe children and youth who are experiencing homelessness, and also to the Presbyterian Cuba Connection.

150th Celebration Week

January 6 to January 15, 2017

- Special TGIF Concerts on January 6 and 13
- Special Worship Services on January 8 and 15
- Celebration Dinner on January 14