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

Worship This Week

Sundays 8:30AM — MorningSong Service in Pope Hall — Informal, interactive, prayers, singing, chairs in semicircle, communion every first Sunday

Sundays 11:00AM — Worship Service in the Sanctuary Liturgy, hymns, sermon, choir, candles, pews, communion every first Sunday

Wednesdays 7:00–7:30AM — Morning Prayer in McFarland Chapel — Contemplative, prayers, Book of Common Prayer liturgy

Wednesdays 5:30–6:00PM — Celtic EvenSong in the Sanctuary — Celtic songs and liturgy, communion, weekly themes throughout the month: 1st week—justice and peace, 2nd week—healing, 3rd week—creation care, 4th week—welcome; 5th week—commitment

Acts II Class—9:45-10:45, McFarland Chapel

The Pattern of Gratitude Responding to Grace

So often in life we get grace and gratitude backward—thinking we need to earn God’s gifts. The church’s liturgy is steady weekly practice in getting the pattern right: grace comes first, unearned and undeserved; a life of gratitude follows. We’ll look at how the order of our worship helps us live this core spiritual truth. Led by Rev. Marney Wasserman.

—— Weekday Studies

Religion & Science: 1ST & 3RD Monday, 7-9:00PM
Pope Hall C

Fireside Chat with the Mystics: Tuesdays, 5-6:00PM
Rendon Room

Women’s Bible Study: 2ND Wednesday, 10:00AM
Rendon Room

Bible Study: Fridays, 11:30AM-12:30
Rendon Room (resumes January 11)

Journaling as a Spiritual Practice: Last Friday, 11:30AM
Pope Hall

Men’s Breakfast: 2ND Saturday, 8-9:00AM
Pope Hall

Spanish Bible Study: Saturdays, 9-10:00AM
Volunteer Room (third floor)

Circle of Friends: 2ND Saturday, 10:00AM
in members’ homes
When your tongue is silent, you can rest in the silence of the forest. When your imagination is silent, the forest speaks to you. It tells you of its unreality and of the Reality of God. But when your mind is silent, then the forest suddenly becomes magnificently real and blazes transparently with the Reality of God. **Thomas Merton**

**Prelude**

*Sonata in D Major* by Giuseppe Torelli

Allegro-adagio, Presto, Adagio-Allegro

Jim Toevs, Trumpet

**Welcome**

Along with our sisters and brothers in various spiritual traditions we call upon the four directions as a way to invite all of creation to be present with us in worship this morning.

**Blessed be the gifts from the North:**

As the deepest snows and strongest winds blow from the North, we are reminded of the need to rely God's shelter and strength in bearing what is cold and harsh in life. As the dark of winter sets in and the mountains are blanketed with snow, we see the stark beauty of God's creation. *(Psalm 46; Proverbs 25:23)*

**Blessed be God's gifts from the East:**

From the East, God brings forth fresh beginnings with the rising of each new sun. As the sun cuts through the dark of winter, we are reminded of the gift of each new day and the need to let our light shine in the midst of the world's darkness so that all may give glory to God. *(Matthew 5:16; John 1:5; 8:12)*

**Blessed be the gifts that come from the South:**

From the South come winds that bring forth warmth in the midst of the cold. A warmth that reminds us of God's love and winds that remind us of God's Spirit hovering over the Chaos of our world bringing order. *(Genesis 1:2; Luke 12:55)*

**Blessed be the gifts from the West:**

From the West comes gifts of beautiful sunsets reminding us that the Heavens are telling of the Glory of God. As day transforms into night, we are reminded of God's transformative presence in our world and the need for Sabbath rest after a hard day's work. *(Psalm 19; Romans 8:26; Exodus 20:8-11)*

God in this new year we join all your creatures in giving thanks for the gift of the goodness of your creation. May we care for this gift with great wisdom and responsibility so that it may be enjoyed by the many generations to come.

**Hymn 664**

*Morning Has Broken*

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, your word is spoken through creation and your breath gives life to all.

We rejoice in the gift of good land, you have made beautiful mountains, diverse animals and vibrant plants and waters that bring forth life.

We pray for the wisdom for all who live on this earth

So that we may manage the gift of your creation wisely and be good stewards for the next generation. Amen.

**Response Hymn 150**

*As with Gladness Men of Old* (verse 4)

**Scripture**


**God Renews Us**
Th e Y outh and the Congregation exchange the following blessing:

In body, mind, and spirit, may you be well this day.
And may you be strong for the work of healing in the world.

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

We Three Kings (verse 1)

We pray for people and places, silently or aloud, and respond together:

May they know the deep peace of Christ.

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 . . .

With heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place we sing together:

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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.

Communion is by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice.

Gluten-free wafers and cups of juice are available on the Communion Table.

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Dona nobis, nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.

What Star is Th is, with Beams So Bright

Ciacona in e minor, BuxWV 160
by Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Committees and Ministries:
The Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church will be Sunday, January 27, 2019. Committee and ministry reports are due no later than Monday, January 14, 2019 for compiling into the 2018 Annual Report. Please email them to office@fpcsantafe.org. Thank you.

Pastor Harry is recovering after vocal polyp surgery on January 3 at the Cleveland Clinic. Preachers during this time will be Ruth Hoffmann, Director of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry (Jan 13), the Rev. Jim Brown (Jan 20), and the Rev. Christine Vogel (Jan 27). Many thanks to these who will be preaching while Harry is on voice rest.

Are you new to the church or wanting more connection with a small group of women? All women are warmly invited to the Saturday January 12th gathering of Circle of Friends 10am—noon at the home of Judy Montaño. We are looking at Joan Chittister’s “The Breath of the Soul”. No pre-reading required! Feel free to contact Jenny Harland with questions at harlandjn@gmail.com.

Matter of Balance Class, sponsored by Second Family, will start Monday, February 4, meeting every Monday and Wednesday, 2-4pm, in February in Pope Hall. Enrollment limited to 20: preregistration required: $40 voluntary donation is appreciated. Contact Betty Kersting to register. This Evidence Based Program was developed by New Mexico Department of Health in Partnership with Maine Health. The master trainers are trained and certified to deliver this program to the community.

Third Sunday Lunch resumes January 20 after the 11am service at Café Sonder on Guadalupe St. We meet at the restaurant, order from the menu and receive separate checks. Please join in this warm fellowship. Reservations aren’t necessary but if you plan to come please sign the sheet in the lobby or email anedmag@prodigy.net so we can have an idea for count.

Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, January 12, 8AM, Pope Hall. Come hear an outstanding community builder, Desirée Bernard, Executive Director, Casa Milagro, protege of Meryl Lieberman. Desirée is “passionate about mental health and healing through the lens of understanding social systems”. Casa Milagro provides a safe, supportive, reliable home to 12 residents experiencing a spectrum of serious mental illnesses.

There are many ways for you to serve your church. Please contact Rebecca at frontdesk@fpcsantafe.org to learn about how you can be more engaged in the life of your church.

Music and Art

TGIF 10th Anniversary Season, Friday at 5:30PM: The Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church sings the Duruflé Requiem. Soloists: Nancy Maret, Barbara Roush, Nina Brown, Tim Willson, and Travis Bregier. David Solem, organ.

Back Pew Gallery—Call for Artists for the first exhibit of 2019 “Almost BLACK and WHITE”. All mediums accepted, must be display-ready. All art is due today from 8:30 to 11:00.

Prayers and Praise

Please notify the church office (office@fpcsantafe.org or 982.8544) to add or remove a name on our prayer list.

Marcella Ortiz is on her second round of treatment in a course of six. As of now her tests are coming back cancer free. Thank you everyone who has donated and prayed for Marcella this far. Please continue to give her strength and prayers throughout this journey. Noël Apodaca

We pray for: Charlie Stringfellow, Cheri Schumann, Mary Schneider, Glennis & Seth Hinshaw, David Ingalls, Kati Schwartz, Susan Slotter, Dan Crane, Marcella Ortiz, Nat Dean, Sheldon Thompson, Jeff Baker, Brianna (Linda Trujillo’s grandniece), Jennifer Elliott, Jane & Jene Alexander, Paul Cast (Ethel Trimmer’s cousin), Bess Brooks.

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

Mark your calendars! Sunday, January 27
9:45-10:45AM: Jubilee Ministry Circle, Pope Hall
12 NOON: Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the Sanctuary after the 11am Worship Service

Interfaith Community Shelter. FPC will serve suppers at the Interfaith Community Shelter January 20, 22, & 23. Please check the Shelter Book in the lobby to see where you can help. We will have large and small aluminum pans available after January 1. We also need financial help to buy some of the main dish ingredients. To help, make a check out to First Presbyterian Church and put MSJ Shelter Food in the memo line.

Earth Care Tidbit: Today, just 8% of Chaco Canyon remains untouched by oil and gas development and locals are experiencing unprecedented & devastating health impacts. Sierraclub.org 10/22/18