
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 Opportunities
We are a worshiping community
four times a week
in four different ways
in three different places

Sundays 8:30–9:30AM
MorningSong Service in Pope Hall (mid-September to May), Rooftop Garden (Memorial Day through mid-September)
Relaxed, informal, interactive, prayers, singing, chairs in semicircle, communion first Sunday

Sundays 11:00AM–12:00NOON
Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
Ritual, choral music, hymns, sermon, candles, pews, liturgy, communion every first Sunday

Wednesdays 7:00–7:30AM
Morning Prayer and Meditation in the McFarland Chapel
Contemplative, prayers, liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer

Wednesdays 5:30–6:00PM
Celtic EVENSong in the Sanctuary
Celtic songs and liturgy, different themes, weekly communion, worship with the wider community

Opportunities for Study
—Sundays, 9:45–10:45, Pope Hall

Spiritual Practices for Everyone
with Spiritual Directors
Jeannie Bowman and Rev. Dr. Christine Vogel

Please join us for a new Adult Education series “Spiritual Formation: How Spiritual Practices have the Power to Change our Lives.” The 5-part series begins today at 9:45AM in the Chapel. Jeannie Bowman and Christine Vogel will introduce and facilitate a number of spiritual practices intended to enrich and deepen your lives. Don’t expect lectures! Instead, come prepared for participatory discussion and individual practice in spiritual practices.

—Weekday Studies

• Religion & Science: 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00-9:00PM
  Rendon Room (resumes January 15, 2018)

• Fireside Chat with the Mystics: Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00PM
  Rendon Room (resumes January 9, 2018)

• Christian Yoga for Spiritual Renewal: Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30PM
  McFarland Chapel

• Women’s Bible Study: 3rd Friday, 1:30PM
  Moore Conference Room (third floor)

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

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

• Circle of Friends: 2nd Saturday, 10:00AM
  in members’ homes

Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation will be held on Sunday, January 28, in the Sanctuary after the 11:00AM service.
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The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

William Sloane Coffin

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Please stand as you are able.

Carillon by Dean Wagner

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Left and Right sides of the Sanctuary sing alternate verses, joining together for the final verse.

Left:
Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly BEINGS, ascribe to the Lord glory and STRENGTH.

Left:
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory THUNDERs; the Lord is upon the mighty WA-TERS.

Left:
The voice of the Lord is a powerful VOICE; the voice of the Lord is a voice of SPLEN-DOR.

Left:
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar TREES; the Lord breaks the cedars of LE-BA-NON;

Right:
He makes Lebanon skip like a CALF, and Mount Hermon like a young wild OX.

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Holy God,
We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in.

Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all.

In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

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Lord, all thy creatures thou wilt save. Since thou art ever kind, Beneath the shadow of thy wings we may a refuge find.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-11

NRSV Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 34

MESSAGE

Spirit Descending

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

SILENT MEDITATION

AND PRAYER CANDLES

You are invited to come forward to light a prayer candle during the silence.
We pray for people and places, silently or aloud, and respond together:
May they know the deep peace of Christ.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
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.

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With the abundance of thy house we shall be satisfied;
from rivers of unfailing joy our thirst shall be supplied.

Bathed in the waters of baptism, we are graced people. Graced people, we recognize the gifts which have been poured out upon us. Recognizing these gifts, we take them and give them back to you, God of the waters, so that others might be bathed in hope, graced with joy, gifted with your peace and love. Amen.

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Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Bright Beams – Fantasy for Organ (2002)

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.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Second Family Ministry has two upcoming trainings: Saturday, January 20—for those who are already care circle leaders and members; Monday, February 19—for those who are not yet part of a care circle. Both are 10:00-11:30AM in Pope Hall with coffee and rolls and parking in the garage or behind the church. This rewarding ministry has been life-changing for those involved. We invite everyone in the congregation to participate. Contact Betty Kersting at bettybetsf@gmail.com or 505.982.4548 for more information.

Please join the Columbarium Committee for an “Open House” on Sunday, January 28, 9:30-11:00AM, in the McFarland Chapel, which has recently received a long overdue update. Food and beverages will be served in the Chapel that day. Committee members will be available to answer any questions you may have about the Columbarium.

The Facilities Committee is pleased to announce that a new audio system has been installed in McFarland Chapel. Last fall, First Presbyterian received a memorial gift from the family of Janet Ollman for this upgrade. If you have plans to use the audio system in the chapel, we are asking that you contact Bill Adrian, facilities@fp santafe.org, for a required training on the new system.

Monday, January 8, 6PM, NM Speaker of the House Brian Egolf and Senate Majority Floor Leader Peter Wirth will be hosting a town hall meeting at First Presbyterian in the Sanctuary. Please join them to ask questions, express your ideas, and learn what to expect from the 2018 legislative session.

All are welcome to Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, January 13, 2018, 8:00AM in Pope Hall. Dana Schultz Millen, PhD, MPH, will speak about the New Mexico Health Security Act. Dr. Millen has 16 years in NM health management. She will discuss her deep concerns on achieving active social justice to fight a ubiquitous passivity and conformity within the system. To RSVP, contact John Whitcomb at 505.982.3921 or visit www.facebook.com/PresbyterianMensBreakfast/

As I Age What Next. January 12, 3:30 in McFarland Chapel, Jerry Valdez from the NM Motor Vehicle Department will give a presentation on “Real ID and what it means to you”.

Alienated Grandparents Anonymous, Tuesday, January 9, 3:00-4:30PM in the Rendon Room. Have you been cut off from access to your grandchildren or know someone who has been? AGA provides information and support to grandparents who feel alienated, estranged, or isolated from their grandchildren. Please contact Susan, Santa Fe AGA coordinator, at agasf7@gmail.com with any questions.

Is one of your New Year’s resolutions to spend more meditative time in your life? Join us for an hour of Contemplative Silence at Westminster Presbyterian, Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30AM, in the sanctuary. Because there are many doorways into meaningful silence and each of us is different, we welcome anyone in the community to join us, in their own silent practice. Centering Prayer is one silent Christian contemplative practice that has been embraced over many centuries. For those who would like to learn the simple and beautiful practice of Centering Prayer, written guidelines will be offered. For more information, please contact Jeannie Bowman, 610-764-4817.

“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

**MUSIC & ART**

The Chancel Choir sings Requiem by John Rutter at TGIF. They will be joined by Dana Winograd, cello and David Solem, organ. Come join them for this beautiful concert, on Friday January 12, at 5:30.

Back Pew Gallery is proud to announce that the show “Ornaments, Ornaments, Ornaments” raised a total of $1,000. We wish to thank all of you who contributed ornaments for our show. We also thank those of you who purchased ornaments or gave a monetary contribution.

The proceeds from this show will be divided between the Dreamers Project here in Santa Fe and the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund for use in Puerto Rico.

Many thanks from the Back Pew Gallery Board.

**PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

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

Our prayers are with members Karin and Harold Lerew and Katje Musgrave and their family upon the sudden death of son and brother Geoffrey who died suddenly on December 20.

We continue to pray for Jennifer Elliott, Jane and Jene Alexander, Ethel Trimmer’s cousin Paul Cast, Lindy Manley, Sarah Stark, Bess Brooks, Claudia Grayson, Julia Hudson’s great-nephew Brandon Main, Janice Mayer’s father Russell, Linda Trujillo’s granddaughter Brianna, Jeff Baker, Dr. Ronald Shumaker, Leo Krulitz, Sheldon Thompson, and Nelda Bell.

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.

**HELP OUR NEIGHBORS**

January 28-31 are the dates for our next opportunities to prepare and serve supper at the Interfaith Shelter. Please check the Shelter Book in the lobby to sign up to help provide food and/or provide help. Take one of the pans for your contribution. If you leave your food donations at the church, please call Nancy Peterson, 424-0414, so that she can take them to the shelter for you.

If you are unable to provide food or help, but wish to be a part of this ministry, monetary donations are appreciated. (Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church with “shelter meals” in the memo line.)

Earth Care Tidbit of the Week:

Climate scientists say that climate change could spell disaster for coffee, a crop that requires specific temperatures to flourish and is highly sensitive to a range of pests.

*The New Mexican* 10/21/17