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

Opinions Wanted:

Please fill out the Facilities Committee survey regarding audio in the Sanctuary and parking for the church. The survey can be found on the Lobby table.

The Mission and Social justice Committee is interested in your opinion! So that we may prioritize our 2019 funding, please fill out their questionnaire, which asks you to rank the categories of giving, from the most important to the least important - in your opinion.

Acts II Adult Education—9:45-10:45AM
Today in McFarland Chapel:
Lectio Divina is a form of contemplative prayer in which we listen to God speaking to us through the Word. We will seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance while reading a passage from Matthew several times, focusing on a different aspect of listening with each reading. These sessions will take us deeper into scripture, leading us to a more personal understanding of how Jesus’ words apply specifically to our lives today. This serves as an introduction to what we may want to continue in our spiritual practice throughout the remainder of Lent. Facilitated by Spiritual Director Jeannie Bowman. Continues next week, March 17

March 24 - Wisdom Circle Sunday

—Weekday Studies & Ministries

Grief Group: Mondays, 4-5:30PM
Rendon Room (beginning March 11)

Religion & Science: 1st & 3rd Monday, 7-9:00pm
Pope Hall C

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am
Rendon Room

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

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

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, 10am in member’s homes
I imagine Lent for you and for me is a great departure from the greedy, anxious anti-neighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, and a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be.

Walter Brueggemann, A Way Other Than Our Own, Devotions for Lent

GOD CALLS US

WELCOME

PRELUDE  
O Humanity, mourn your sins  by J. S. Bach

CALL to WORSHIP  
You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
Who live in the shadow of the Almighty:  
You can say to God: My refuge, my fortress,  
My God in whom I trust.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 374  
O Holy City, Seen of John

OPENING PRAYER  
As we begin this season of Lent,  
Let us remember the journey before us.  
Please join me in prayer:

Iona Abbey Worship Book  
2017, p. 143

Into your hands we commit ourselves, O Christ,  
for your holding,  
your directing,  
your inspiring,  
your perfection.

Into your hands we commit ourselves.

Bless us with your power  
to heal, help, liberate and challenge.
Bless us with your yearning  
for a better world and fuller faith.
Bless us with your Holy Spirit  
within us and among us.

Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN 166  
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (verse 1)

BAPTISM  
Quinn Elizabeth Hook, daughter of Alan and Elizabeth Hook

HYMN 487  
These Treasured Children (verse 1)

ANTHEM  
Gentle Words  arr. Wayland Rogers

Chancel Choir  
As the dew is to the flower, gentle words are to the soul, and a blessing to the giver and so dear to the receiver, we should never withhold. While links of love are broken by words that are unkind, then, O, thou gentle spirit, my constant guardian be, “Do to others” be my motto “as I’d have them do to me”.

—Sister Polly M Rupe, Pleasant Hill Shaker Community

GOD RENEWS US

SCRIPTURE  
Revelation 17:9-17
The Youth 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.

The Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

You are invited to come forward to light a prayer candle
during the time of meditation.

Morning Has Broken (verse 1)

We pray for people and places, silently or aloud, and respond together:
May they know the deep peace of Christ.

O Lux beatissima
by Howard Helvey
Blessed Light, deeply fill our hearts, for without your grace we are nothing.

Now Thank We All Our God (verse 1)

We offer you our gifts, God of grace,
so they might become part of all the fruits of hope and of healing,
of peace and patience,
which you give to others throughout the world.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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.

Praeludium und Fuge in c minor
by Vincent Luebeck

Worship & Music: Paul Vogel
Ushers: Penney Poole, Alice Tinkle
Liturgists: Rebecca Heindel, interim
Liturgical Arts: Karin Lerew
Communion: Malissa Haslam, Barbara Ivy
Outreach: Betty Jones
Earth Care Tidbit: "Gandhi said that the planet can produce enough for human need, but not for human greed. It is essential that each of us takes action, does our bit to make this a better world." Jane Goodall in Saving Wild by Lori Robinson

MUSIC AND ART

TGIF 10th Anniversary Season, Friday at 5:30PM:
Mezzo-Soprano Kehar Koslowsky and pianist Deborah Wagner present songs of love and nature—works by Mahler, Rodrigo, Carissimi, and Gordon.

Back Pew Gallery—"REALLY RED — Come and see how the artists are expressing the color RED.

Call to Artists! We are looking for your art to represent "Pathways: A Journey". This could be: a step by step toward somewhere; a track that serves as a path and crosses borders; actions and choices that are part of your life; a representation of your road to recovery; a doorway to somewhere; a walk in the woods; a physical journey; a spiritual pathway. All mediums accepted. All art must be ready for display. All art will be received on Sunday, March 17, from 8:30-11:00AM. No late entries will be accepted. Questions? Call Barb Hutchison 982-0684 or Carol Fallis 670-9250.

From the Archives: The Sanctuary Cross (cont’d. from last Sunday)
Sculptor Jack Miller of Tesuque was selected to design and craft the sanctuary cross. Made of dark brown distressed steel, the Celtic style cross carries a circle of the semi-transparent mineral salinate (though it carries within it striations which give it a cosmic look) found in the arroyos of New Mexico, banded in steel and, on both front and back, traceries of silver in Celtic knots. Silver clavos mark the places where the nails pierced the hands and feet of Jesus, and the head is a larger clavo marked with a small silver cross. The silver represents the purity of the life of Christ against the distressed and utilitarian background of the steel.

Members of the congregation contributed STERLING silver mementos, coins, jewelry, flatware, and serving pieces in honor of and in memory of loved ones. The silver was melted down to create the Celtic tracery on the front and back of the cross. The new cross was

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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

We pray for: Chandler and Jenny (children of Susan and Al Clark), Darlene Otero and Erin Armstrong (friends of Janis Gonzales), Rev. Katharine Rice (Gwen Fuller’s sister), Charlie Stringfellow, Cheri Schumann, Mary Melodie Schneider, David Ingalls, Kati Schwartz, Susan Slotter, Dan Crane, Marcella Ortiz, Sheldon Thompson, Jeff Baker, Brianna (Linda Trujillo’s grandniece), Jennifer Elliott, Jane & Jene Alexander, Bess Brooks.

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

Cookies and Quotes Birthday Party!

The Third Sunday Lunch will take place next Sunday March 17 after the 11:00 service. Join us to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at Café Sonder on Guadalupe St. We meet there, sit together, order from the menu and have separate checks. Reservations aren’t needed but if you plan to come or have a question please sign our sheet in the lobby. Everyone welcome.

Coming soon to YOUR neighborhood, an exciting new opportunity to grow as congregational communities! Deacons are looking to neighborhood groups as a way to better get to know your FPC friends through sharing, caring and fellowship. Expect a call from your Deacon Neighborhood Leader to learn more and to add your thoughts as this new ministry develops. Questions? Phone Sharon Kirby, 713-417-9453

We Men's Breakfast 8:00am, Saturday, March 9. Guest speaker is Peter Wirth, Senate Majority Leader, who will present "Aftermath: An Update on the Legislature", describing what has been accomplished in the current session of the NM Legislature. RSVP to John Whitcomb 982-3921 or facebook.com/PresbyterianMensBreakfast/

Cookies and Quotes Birthday Party! Come and celebrate Jenny and Harry’s 60th birthdays (March 7 and 8) at their home, 3 Camino Oriente, Santa Fe, on Saturday, March 9, any time from 1 to 4 pm. Bring some cookies to share and a quote to live by. If you can’t come that day we would still love your quote sent to harlandjn@gmail.com.