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

Sunday 8:30AM — MorningSong Service in Pope Hall: informal, interactive, prayers, singing, chairs

Sunday 11AM — Worship Service in the Sanctuary: liturgy, hymns, sermon, choir, candles, pews

Wednesday 7–7:30AM — Morning Prayer in McFarland Chapel: contemplative, prayers, Book of Common Prayer

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

Weekly Studies & Ministries

Grief Group: Mondays, 4-5:30pm, Rendon Room

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

Acts II Adult Education, 9:45-10:45AM

Today in McFarland Chapel

Lectio Divina

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.

March 24 in Pope Hall

Wisdom Circle Sunday

The Wisdom Circle is our largest ministry circle, only half of the groups will be making a presentation. Come learn where you might engage in the church: Presbyterian Women, Youth Connection, Circle of Friends, Children's Ministry, Spanish Bible Study, History and Archives, Wednesday Morning Prayer and Meditation. Come learn about these wonderful groups who can enrich your spiritual life in the Wisdom Circle.

Beginning March 31

A six-week course in Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Soul. The Acts II Spiritual Formation coursework will include a six-week study of spiritual practices that are based on Jane Vennard’s book Fully Awake and Truly Alive: Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Soul. Spiritual Directors Christine Vogel and Jeannie Bowman will lead a class in the exploration of spiritual practices that may expand our understanding of prayer and commonly understood spiritual practice. Join us as we learn how to become fully alive in Christ in creative and restorative ways to connect with the Holy and to serve the world.
God Calls Us

Welcome

Prelude

Toccata for the Elevation
by Girolamo Frescobaldi

Call to Worship

God is my light, God my salvation; of whom should I be afraid?

God is the stronghold of my life; why should I live in fear?

One thing I desire, this I ask of God, that I may live forever in God's house.

There I would seek my Maker, and contemplate God's beauty.

Hymn 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Opening Prayer

In the light of the word and your call to care for creation, we come to say sorry, God.

We’re sorry for the times we’ve messed up, sorry for bad decisions we’ve made, sorry for people we’ve hurt, sorry for damaging your world.

In the silence, we seek your forgiveness for ourselves and healing for the world.

—silence is kept—

Listen to what God says to us:

"I have made the heavens and the earth. I call you to be good servants and responsible stewards. Come and work with me. I will always be with you."

Amen.

Response Hymn 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (verse 1)

Expression of Devotion

Recognition of New Members

Hymn 306

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds (verse 1)

Anthem

Like as the Hart (Psalm 42)
by Herbert Howells

God Renews Us

Scripture

Revelation 18:1-10
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

Steal Away

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

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

What Wondrous Love (verse 1)

No. 46, from 60 Pièces dévotionelles by Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B.

Now Thank We All Our God (verse 1)

Having been blessed by you, Loving God, we will not waste our gifts but
offer them back to you, so the parched throats might be soothed by your
grace, the hungry feed on your bounty, and the stranger welcomed as
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Amen.

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Great God of Every Blessing

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.

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GOD SENDS US ON OUR JOURNEY

PASSING of the PEACE and HYMN 752

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SERVING TODAY

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III
Liturgist: Alice Tinkle
Organist/Music Director: Linda Raney
Assistant Organist: David Solem
Assistant Choir Director: Travis Bregier
Associate Musician: David Beatty
Children’s Ministry: Jill McCormick

WORSHIP COORDINATORS

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
The Third Sunday Lunch will take place today 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. No reservation is needed, so do come along and join us. Everyone is 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

The Santa Fe Desert Chorale is seeking accommodation in Santa Fe for some of the singers this summer - July 14 to August 10, 2019. If you have a guest house or a room with a private bath (and a shelf in the refrigerator!) that you would be willing to offer to these wonderful professional musicians, please contact First Presbyterian Member Janice Mayer (505-988-2282, ext 5 or janice@desertchorale.org).

Join Linda Biehl and Steve Gish in a dialogue and signing of "Amy Biehl’s Last Home", Friday, April 26, 5:30-7:30pm, Santa Fe School of Cooking. There is limited capacity; please RSVP to linda.abf@gmail.com.

"I am sharing this invitation with our many friends at the church. My daughter Molly and I enjoyed being with you at the great anniversary event and reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. Santa Fe was a great influence on Amy and hope some friends might join me (and Molly) at this event." Linda Biehl

For those interested in volunteering for some of the agencies that First Pres helps fund there is a sheet of volunteer opportunities on the table in the lobby.

"We are very grateful for the many delicious, creative, thoughtful and generous ways in which you helped us celebrate our 60th birthdays. It is not too late to send a "quote to live by" to harlandjn@gmail.com. Thanks and blessings." ~ Harry Eberts & Jenny Harland

The Earth Care Tidbit: Write down everything you throw away today. Watch "The Story of Stuff" by Annie Leonard on YouTube. Challenge yourself to reduce the trash you produce for the remaining days of Lent. PCUSA Daily Reflection Calendar for Lent 2019

TGIF 10th Anniversary Season, Friday at 5:30PM: Linda Raney, FPC Music Director and Organists, presents her annual Bach Birthday Celebration concert with works of Bach and Buxtehude.

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.

Prayers and Praise

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

Charlie Stringfellow has moved from Christus St. Vincent Hospital to the Medical Resort at Fiesta Park, 8820 Horizon Blvd. NE, Albuquerque 87113. Lelah Larson helped Jane with the big move. Visits are welcome between 7:30AM and 8PM; however, Charlie will be in Physical Therapy, so first check his PT schedule. Prayers are still and always needed

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.

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