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

Opportunities for Study

Acts II New Apostles Lay Seminary Series —Sundays in Lent, 9:45-10:45AM, Pope Hall
In Greek, the word apostles means “sent ones.” God loves and strengthens us and then sends us out into the world to help, each in our own way, to bring about the Kingdom of God. Our Acts II New Apostles series is now beginning an in-depth dive into social and personal issues that we confront in today’s world.

Today’s Class—Sabbatical Day
In the seventh month of Acts II we pause to reflect upon what we have learned and where we hope to go. A time to reflect, discuss, discern, discover and envision life beyond Easter as we form new classes and initiatives.

Upcoming Classes
Acts II Adult Education will not meet on Palm Sunday and Easter but will resume on April 8 with a class on what we do now that Easter is “over.” Creation Care will present classes on April 15 and 22. Consult your Friday eNews for information about environment-related activities on Wednesday evenings, April 11 and 18, leading up to Earth Day

Weekday Studies
• Religion & Science: 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00-9:00PM
  Rendon Room
• Fireside Chat with the Mystics: Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00PM
  Rendon Room
• 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
Please stand as you are able.

**GOD CALLS US**

As they traveled together through the wilderness away from Egypt, God’s intention was that Israel’s journey out of empire should be a permanent one... to live with each other and with God in a totally different style of society, which would demonstrate to all the nations how to be true communities. *Graham Turner*

**PRELUDE**
Floating Elegy
Choral Dorian
by Quentin Thomas
by Jehan Alain

**WELCOME**

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**
from Psalm 51

❖ Women and Men sing alternate verses, All joining together for the final verse.

Women: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-KINDNESS;
Men: in your compassion blot out my of-FENSES.
Women: Give me the joy of your saving help a-GAIN,
Men: and sustain me with your bountiful SPIR-IT.
All: Create in me a clean heart, O GOD,
    And renew a right spirit with-IN ME.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Let us confess where we have fallen short. Please join me in the Prayer of Confession.

Dear Creator God who is all powerful and rich in mercy,
We have missed opportunities to love our neighbors and to advance justice, watched evil passively when we could have acted. Please forgive us and continue to have mercy upon us, as you always have. Show us how to do Your will so the world might be set free to live Your love. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

All-knowing God, we do not always know what we are doing, but we trust that our lives make sense to You and You forgive us, pardon us, and love us always.

Amen.

**RESPONSE HYMN 167**
verse 4

❖ So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.

**EXPRESSION OF DEVOTION**

One Great Hour of Sharing — M’Lea Walsh

**ANTHEM**

Still, Still with Thee
Chancel Choir
by Fred Gramann

**GOD RENEWS US**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

❖ in unison
written by members of the Acts II Spiritual Formation Class

God of light, who nourishes all living things with the light, we come to you for guidance in this difficult time. Energize us with your wisdom, guide us to the truth we need at this moment, pray for us the words we do not yet understand. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

Youth are invited to come forward, then go to the second floor for activities.

Final Words to the World
Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

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.

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side, that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

As you write upon our hearts, soften them with your compassion. As you softem them, open us to the needs of those close to us, as well as those in every corner of your world. As you open us to the hurts and heartaches of your children, give us the grace to be as generous with our gifts as you are in blessing us. Take these gifts and use them to share peace, love, grace, and joy with all of your people. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.

Together We Serve

Voluntary in D Major
by Samuel Wesley

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.

Worship Coordinators

Worship & Music: Jeannie Bowman, Paul Vogel
Ushers: James Smock
Liturgists: Sarah Miller, Rebecca Heindel
Liturgical Arts: Karin Lerew
Communion: Malissa Haslam, Barbara Ivy
Outreach: Betty Jones
Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. One Great Hour of Sharing brochures are available in the Lobby.

Interfaith Shelter. March 25-28 is our last time to serve this winter. We need workers March 25-26 only. We prepare and serve meals on March 27-28 only. Please check the shelter book to see where you can help. If you want to make food but cannot take it to the shelter, let Nancy know at nancypete@gmail.com or 603-5645; she will pick it up at the church. Pans are available by the shelter book. Monetary donations can be made out to the church with shelter meals in the memo line. Questions? Please ask Nancy Peterson, Tom Mott, Marjorie Lunderville or Liz Hinds.

Self-Care: An Essential Component—You have another chance to participate in David Solem’s excellent class on Wednesday, March 21, 6:30-7:30PM, in McFarland Chapel. David will lead discussion about taking care of ourselves in order to be mission-ready when sent out into an often harsh world. David is a clinical social work/therapist LISW with a master’s degrees in pastoral counseling and spirituality and a diplomate Jungian analyst.

The New Mexico Peace Choir is in concert Saturday, March 24, 3:00PM, in the James A. Little Theater. The NN Peace Choir sing songs about the importance of nature, the dignity of each individual, the strength people have when we join together, and the courage to “stand in the light and be seen as we are”. Tickets are $20 or a mere $15 for those 62 and over and are available on their website: NMPeaceChoir.org or contact Carolyn Stupin.

The Prayer Shawl gatherings are at 9:30, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the Rendon Room. This is a gathering of those who make shawls for FPC members, friends and neighbors going through the hard places in life. The gathering involves knitting, meditation, prayer and community. All are invited. If you would like to learn to knit you will find many helpers. Call Betty Kersting at 982-4548 for more information.

If you enjoy reading about the news of our GLOBAL MISSION, we invite you to take up the task of writing a weekly paragraph about our Mission Co-Workers. This is your chance to inform and inspire your Sisters Brothers at First Pres Santa Fe, about MISSION near and far. You will be trained in the resources and can work from your home. (contact frontdesk@fpcsantafe.org)

Meet, Remember, and Pray for Your Mission Co-Workers

Liesa TonieAnn Wagstaff is in South Sudan where “there is much to be concerned with,” she says—civil unrest, poverty, lack of education. Of children between ages 6 and 17, 70% have never set foot in a classroom. Only 12% of teachers are trained, and the dropout rate for girls is the highest in the world. Alongside Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, Leisa tells us, “I serve as your representative, your mission co-worker, the embodiment of your desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ in every corner of the earth.”

Earth Care Tidbit of the Week: Good News!! Recently Amcor, Ecover, Evian, L’Oréal, Mars, M&S, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Onilever, Walmart & Werner & Mertz—which together use 6M+ metric tons of plastic packaging annually—have committed to using only recyclable or compostable packaging by 2025. The New Mexican 2/22/18