



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Santa Fe

Behold. Be still. Become.

Sunday Services

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

- **Parking** can usually be found in the Santa Fe County lot behind the church and at metered parking without charge.
- **Childcare** available Sunday mornings 8:15–12:15 on the second floor.
- **Ask the Ushers** if you have questions. We have hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins available.
- **New Member Gatherings** are the second Sunday of each month between services in the Rendon Room.
- **Counseling** by arrangement with the Pastoral Counseling Center (988.4131). Medicare and most insurance accepted or sliding scale fees negotiable.

FOURTH SUNDAY

- Mugs, t-shirts and lighted magnifiers are on sale in the lobby between services.
- **Bienvenidos Bags** are collected full of food for the Bienvenidos Outreach program.
- The **Prayer Shawls** are blessed. The congregation is invited to see the colors and feel the warmth and comfort the shawls provide.

WORSHIP & STUDY

—LENTEN STUDIES

Resurrection Hope for a Time Such as This: *Sundays* in Lent (March 5–April 2) from 9:45–10:45AM in *McFarland Chapel* the Rev. Jim Brown leads this Lenten journey. Our Good Friday–Easter tradition grounds us in the radical hope that “In life and in death we belong to God.” A thesis being explored in this class is articulated by Christian Wiman in *My Bright Abyss, Meditation of a Modern Believer*. He sees the life of Christ “as not merely a point in time but as a portal to eternity.” For him, “Christ is not alive now because he rose from the dead two thousand years ago. He rose from the dead two thousand years ago because he is alive right now.” We ponder what this means for us and for the entire created order.

The **Belhar Confession** is being discussed on *Wednesdays* during Lent, 6:30–7:15PM in Pope Hall. The Belhar Confession was recently added to our *Book of Confessions* and is the only document to come from the Southern hemisphere. It was written in response to apartheid in South Africa and addresses themes of unity, reconciliation and justice—issues applicable no matter where one lives. We have copies of the material from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

—WEEKDAYS

- **Religion & Science Discussion** 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00PM, Rendon Room
- **Fireside Chat with the Mystics** Tuesdays at 5:00PM, Rendon Room
- **Christian Yoga for Spiritual Renewal** Tuesdays at 6:15PM, McFarland Chapel
- **Morning Prayer** Wednesdays at 7:00AM, McFarland Chapel
- **Celtic EvenSong** Wednesdays at 5:30PM, Sanctuary, followed by a light meal in Pope Hall
- **Book Study** (Belhar Confession) Wednesdays at 6:30PM, Pope Hall
- **Women's Bible Study** 3rd Friday at 1:30PM, third floor
- **Spanish Bible Study** Saturdays 9:00–10:00AM, Rendon Room
- **Circle of Friends** second Saturday at 10:00AM for women of all ages seeking small community fellowship.

March 26, 2017 11:00AM

► *Those who are able may stand*

WORDS OF PREPARATION: God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Christ. The church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.

~ *The Belhar Confession, South Africa, 1987*

GOD CALLS US

PRELUDE

Tierce en taille from Mass for the Parishes

by Francois Couperin

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

bold in unison
*posted on the Presbyterian
Church in Canada website*

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

► **HYMN 712**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

► **OPENING PRAYER**

bold in unison
*written by Walter Brueggemann,
in Awed to Heaven, Rooted
in Earth: Prayers of Walter
Brueggemann*

The witnesses tell of your boundless generosity,
and their telling is compelling to us:

You give your world to call the worlds into being;

You give your sovereign rule to emancipate the slaves and the oppressed;

You give your commanding fidelity to form your own people;

You give your life for the life of the world... broken bread that feeds,
poured out wine and binds and heals. You give...we receive...and are
thankful.

**We begin this day in gratitude,
thanks that is a match for your self-giving,
gratitude in gifts offered,
gratitude in tales told,
gratitude in lives lived.**

Gratitude willed, but not so readily lived,
held back by old wounds turned to powerful resentment,
slowed by early fears become vague anxiety,
restrained by self-sufficiency in a can-do arrogance,
blocked by amnesia unable to recall gifts any longer.

**Do this yet. Create innocent spaces for us this day for the gratitude we
intend. In thankfulness,**

we will give,

we will tell,

we will live,

your gift through us to gift the world. Amen.

► **RESPONSE 165**

vs. 4, words printed at right

♪ Then grant that we like them be true,
consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.

EXPRESSION OF DEVOTION

Gratitude Cards

Rebecca Heindel

GOD RENEWS US

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

New Revised Standard Version, pg 180

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

Grounded in Gratitude

►HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

O Crux fidelis

by David W. Beatty

Faithful cross, among all others
the one noble tree;
none so great does the forest bring forth,
neither flower, leaf, nor bud.

Sweet wood, sweet nail,
His sweet weight supporting!

Bend your branching arms, lofty tree,
spread open your heart,
and soothe that difficult life
given to Him since birth,
so that the heavenly limbs of the King
may softly lay on your trunk.

You are the only tree worthy to bear the price of His life,
and then prepare a harbor for the sailor shipwrecked by the world,
His sacred blood thoroughly anoints you, shed from the Lamb's body. Amen

►RESPONSE 167

vs. 5, words printed at right

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

►PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*in unison,
by Thom Shuman*

We will not only offer our gifts but follow you, Gracious God, all the extra miles needed so the hungry might be fed, the homeless might be sheltered, and your compassion would be showered on all those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US ON OUR JOURNEY

►PASSING OF THE PEACE

*752 in the hymnal,
words at right*

♪ Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

►HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

►BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in a minor, BWV543

by J.S. Bach

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.

SERVING TODAY

Officiant:

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

Music Director:

Linda Raney

Choir Accompanist:

David Solem

MUSIC & ART

TGIF Concerts every Friday night at 5:30PM welcome the congregation and the community to hear music rung, played, or sung. Freewill offering. Pick up the 2017 brochure from the glass music display case in the lobby that gives information on all the concerts through June or sign up for the weekly TGIF e-mail by sending your e-mail address to Krista at office@fpcsantafe.org.

Bring your submissions for the **Back Pew Gallery** exhibit Faces next Sunday, April 2, from 8:30AM–12:30PM in a form ready to be displayed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collecting currently:

- Green ribbon and yarn in the lobby (last Sunday for this collection) for Liturgical Arts
- Bibles, Bible concordances, Bible dictionaries or references in the lobby for the Coalition for Prisoners' Rights—last Sunday for this collection is April 2
- Clothes and toiletries for the Community Closet are collected on an ongoing basis in the Coat Closet
- “Good reads” books for the lobby library

NOT being collected currently:

- Calendars and cards—these are collected for a few weeks in the fall only
- Box tops for education
- Theological or other types of books

Youth on the Move: The big news to watch for is the Youth Room Open House on May 21 from 8:30 until 12:30 when we will celebrate youth ministry, have the opportunity to visit with our teens and have the fun of investing in their plans for the future.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 9 at 8:30AM Pope Hall
NOTE TIME CHANGE at 10:00AM Sanctuary

Procession to the plaza at 11:00AM following the second service to meet and celebrate with the other downtown churches. Suzann Kemp, bagpiper, will lead us to the plaza.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 5:30PM Sanctuary
The tenebrae service is an ancient Christian service where the light gradually diminishes symbolizing the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God.

Good Friday, April 14, concert at 5:30PM Sanctuary
The Chancel Choir will commemorate Good Friday with a composition by Dale Wood entitled A Service for Darkness: Jesus' Death Upon the Cross. In seven sections that correspond to the traditional Seven Last Words of Christ

Easter Egg Hunt, April 15, gather at 10:30AM Federal Park
Peter Cottontail arrives with his stash of eggs & prizes. The hunt itself starts promptly at 10:45.

Easter Festival Services, April 16
Sunrise Service at 6:30AM Rooftop Garden
8:30 and 11:00AM Sanctuary



The Great Heritage — Bold Future Campaign Celebration Events

Gratitude Sunday	March 26
Ministry Sunday	April 23
Celebration Sunday	April 30
Commitment Sunday	May 7
First Fruit Offering	May 21
Announcement Sunday	June 4

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Notify the church office 982.8544 or office@fpcsantafe.org to add a name to our prayer list.

We continue to pray for Judy Beare, Claudia Grayson, Barbara Strange's sister Virginia Clark, Julia Hudson's great-nephew Brandon Main, Janice Mayer's father Russell, Linda Trujillo's grandniece Brianna, Jeff Baker, Ayla Wolff, Dr. Ronald Shumaker, Leo Krulitz, Sheldon Thompson, and Tony Herrera.

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.

Meet and Pray for Your Mission Co-Workers

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Seitz and Emily Seitz Taiwan
Jonathan and Emily serve at Taiwan College and Theological Seminary at Taipei, helping to prepare leaders for the Taiwanese church. Jonathan serves as professor of theology and missiology. Their three elementary school age children are part of their family.

MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Opportunities to Help at the Shelter: Much needed are socks, underwear, spring jackets and jeans. First Church's last evenings at the shelter are coming up in April. We will fix and serve food on April 19 and 20 and we will help with services on April 21 and 22. Please check the Shelter book in the lobby and sign up where you can help.

Over the past few months representatives of 15 faith communities have come together out of their shared pain over the plight of immigrants and refugees in our community. This new coalition recently decided that its next step is to enlist and educate their members who want to become involved in offering support to immigrants and refugees in Santa Fe. Following the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, April 2, the Mission and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a light lunch as a time for conversation among First Church members about this important opportunity. Come join us!

Earth Care Tidbit of the Week:



“To keep health costs from rising we should focus on keeping people healthy rather than dealing with them after they are sick. The highest priorities must be to stop polluting the biosphere and clean up what we've already dumped into it.”

~ Dr. David Suzuki, *AlterNet* 2/5/17