**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:
- **4 times a week**
- **in 4 different ways**
- **in 3 different places**

**Sundays 8:30AM**
Morning Song Service in Pope Hall (mid-September to May), Rooftop Garden (Memorial Weekend to mid-September)
*Relaxed, informal, interactive, prayers, singing, chairs in semicircle, communion every first Sunday*

**Sundays 11:00AM**
Worship Service in the Sanctuary
*Ritual, choral music, hymns, sermon, candles, pews, liturgy, communion every first Sunday*

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

**Wednesdays 5:30–6:00PM**
Celtic EvenSong in the Sanctuary
*Celtic songs and liturgy, weekly communion, worship with the wider community, weekly themes throughout the month:
1st week—justice and peace, 2nd week—healing, 3rd week—creation care, 4th week—welcome; 5th week—commitment*

**Opportunities for Study**
9:45—10:45, 2ND FLOOR

**Child Development Center Open House**

**Circle Sunday, 12:15PM, Pope Hall**
Stewardship Ministry Circle—Great Heritage Bold Future Campaign & 2019 Stewardship Campaign leaders/committees

**Upcoming**
September 16–Acts II begins “Faithful Resistance”
September 23– Al Staggs; Mission Ministry Circle, noon
(Al Staggs one person show on Bonhoeffer at 3 pm in Sanctuary)

**More About Circle Sunday**
The Session has designated the fourth Sunday of each month as “Circle Sunday”. These gatherings, taking place directly after the second service, will allow the committees, groups, and ministries within the Circles (Stewardship, Mission, Jubilee, & Wisdom) to connect with each other and with the entire congregation. We hope to improve communication about the important work every single committee does for FPC and the community at large and at the same time to encourage all to become involved in some way, whether with your time, talents or tithe.

The first Circle Sunday is today with a round-table discussion in Pope Hall at 12:15 pm with the Great Heritage Bold Future (GHBF) Campaign and the 2019 Stewardship Campaign leaders and committees.

The GHBF Campaign is shifting focus to meet the matching requirements of the National Fund for Sacred Places (NFSP) challenge grant. Through AOS Architects we have identified $860,000 of projects requiring immediate attention, many qualifying for grant monies that need to be matched. The GHBF Campaign committee is currently in a quiet state to raise an additional $500,000 as a match for the NFSP’s anticipated grant. Almost $300,000 has been raised to date. The campaign requesting monies from the congregation will kick off on Sunday November 4th along with the 2019 Stewardship campaign.

Please stop by Pope Hall today after the second service.

September 23 is Circle Sunday for the Mission Circle: Mission and Social Justice and our own Child Development Center.
The power of the future lies not in the hands of those who believe in scarcity but of those who trust God’s abundance. Walter Brueggemann

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Janis Gonzales in memory of Cariana Gonzales.

God Calls Us

Prelude

Aria by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

My soul, bless God your Maker.

My soul, bless God your Maker.

God, you are magnificent, clothed with glory and majesty, wrapped in a cloak of light.

How splendid are all your works, rooted in heavenly wisdom.

Creatures of earth and sea look to you for provision.

By your spirit all is created and the face of the earth is renewed.

Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Opening Prayer

O God of all nations, we are fearful people.
We do not trust that it is enough to belong to you.
So we will build up impressive things around us:
buildings, structures, congregations and achievements.
We do not believe that what we have is sufficient.

Teach us how to value the small, the different, the vulnerable, and all that challenges what we have already.

Teach us how not to always seek
to build up, have more, or appear stronger.

Because this is what Jesus was like,
this is what you are like,
and as we are made in your image,
this is what we should look like.

Amen.

Response Hymn 286

Verse 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

God Renews Us

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9
Youth are invited to come to the Baptismal font for a 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.

MESSAGE
Let us Build Ourselves a City
The Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

SILENT MEDITATION
AND PRAYER CANDLES
You are invited to come forward to light a prayer candle during the silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
We pray for people and places, silently or aloud, and respond together:
May they know the deep peace of Christ.

HYMN 313
Lord, Make Us More Holy

OFFERING
Agnus Dei
Abraham Bretón, tenor
by George Bizet

RESPONSE HYMN 279
verse 4
♫ Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
in unison
by Thom Shuman
Take our gifts, Gracious God,
and use them to put shoes on blistered feet,
to put garments of grace around the hopeless,
to touch hurting bodies with healing hands,
and to share the gospel with everyone we meet.
In Jesus’s name. Amen.

HYMN 300
We are One in the Spirit

HYMN 752
Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem.

GOD SENDS US ON OUR JOURNEY

PASSING OF THE PEACE
HYMN 752
♫ Dona nobis pacem, pacem
Dona nobis pacem.

HYMN 300
We are One in the Spirit

BLESSING
POSTLUDE
Fugue in G
by Dieterich Buxtehude

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:
The Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III
Liturgist:
John Whitcomb
Organist:
David Beatty
Soloist:
Abraham Bretón

Worship coordinators
Worship & Music:
Paul Vogel
Ushers:
James Smock
Liturgists:
Sarah Miller, Rebecca Heindel
Liturgical Arts:
Karin Lerew
Communion:
Malissa Haslam, Barbara Ivy
Outreach:
Betty Jones
**Announcements**

**CHURCH PARKING:** The County has awarded a contract to Jaynes Corp. to design and build a new Administrative Complex on the adjacent county property. Jaynes takes control of the property on Saturday, September 1, and will close the parking lot shortly thereafter. Watch for announcements of further information, especially regarding next Sunday, September 2. In the coming months, plan ahead, leave early for Church, and be patient.

**Child Development Center OPEN HOUSE!** Today between Worship Services. Come up to the second floor & see the new addition to our 5 Star Preschool. You helped pay for them: fabulous grassy playdecks! Juice, coffee, tea & treats will be served~Let's Celebrate our MISSION to little ones!

**Journaling as a Spiritual Practice** continues with a spiritual journal writing class the last Friday of each month at 11:30 in the Rendon Room. The next session is Friday, August 31. Jeannie Bowman and Christine Vogel lead the class in a half-hour segment, followed by writing in the sanctuary for an hour. Newcomers are welcome, whether just interested in the subject or with journal-keeping experience. The class is based on Christina Baldwin’s book Life’s Companion. Having the book is not a requirement. Please bring a journal and writing instrument with you to class.

**La Epistola’s fall issue is out.** Go to the newsletter link on the weekly e-News or pick up a copy in the lobby. Among the articles are Laurie Wisdom’s thoughtful reflections on Kathleen Banks, and the Youth Connection’s first mission trip.

**Presbyterian Men’s Breakfast for Saturday, September 8.** Master carving craftsman and past college instructor of his craft, Jay Fann, will demonstrate kiosk carving of a wooden chalice at 8:00AM September 8, Pope Hall, at the Men’s Breakfast. All are invited. (The Pet Parade starts afterward.) Please note the county lot will be closed. For more information please contact John Whitcomb 982-3921 or visit www.facebook.com/PresbyterianMensBreakfast/

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**Music and Art**

**Tenor Abraham Bretón,** from Puebla, Mexico, is a second-year resident artist at the Academy of Vocal Arts. He earned a diploma in singing and dramatic art from ISMEV (2010) and his BA in voice at UNAM (2014). In 2016 he received a Placido Domingo scholarship to study at the young artist program of SIVAM. Other training programs include Oberlin in Italy, American Institute of Music Studies in Austria, And Artescénica in Saltillo, Mexico. He sang Alfredo (La Traviata) and Nemorino (The Elixir of Love) with Allegro Opera Company in Puebla. At AVA, he sang the roles of Mime (Das Rheingold), Ruiz (Il Trovatore), Normano (covering Edgardo) (Lucia di Lammermoor), Borsa (covering the Duke) (Rigoletto). This summer, he sang Don Isaacher and the Crook (Candide) at Santa Fe Opera.

**TGIF 10th Anniversary Season, Friday at 5:30PM:** Galisteo String Quartet: Mucho Mozart! Members of the quartet are Janet Cordova and Julanna Gilbert (violins), Kathleen Neher (viola), and Robert Coombe (cello), all from Santa Fe and Los Alamos. Each have played with various musical groups for many years and recently began exploring music as a string quartet.

**Back Pew Gallery:** “On the Move: Art in Motion”. All works on exhibit depict motion or movement. Through September 16.

**The Back Pew Gallery** has been in existence for many years. Now, its Board leadership, Carol Fallis and Andy Ritch, are retiring at the end of 2018. The Board wishes to consider its future organization, and invites anyone with special interest in the Back Pew Gallery to join us on September 4 at 5:00 - 6:00 in the Pope Hall. We wish to have your ideas and energy as we consider the future. George Packard will facilitate the meeting.

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**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 continue to pray for: Ron Ball, Gloria Coequyt, Allyson Bentley (Juliett Scott-Baker’s sister), Marcella Ortiz, Kati Schwartz, Pat Luiken, Judy Salazar (Barbara Strange’s friend), Nat Dean, Sheldon Thompson, Leo Krulitz, Dr. Ronald Shumaker, Jeff Baker, Brianna (Linda Trujillo’s granddaughter), Jennifer Elliott, Jane and Jene Alexander, Paul Cast (Ethel Trimmer’s cousin), and Bess Brooks.

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

**Earth Care Tidbit of the Week:** “People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us.”

Iris Murdock, author