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
MorningSong 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
Morning 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
Acts II New Apostles Lay Seminary Series

Upcoming—9:45AM—Pope Hall
September 16—“Faithful Resistance” (Acts II begins)
September 23—Al Stagg
Mission Ministry Circle, noon
“Bonhoeffer”, Al Stagg’s one-person show, 3:00PM, Sanctuary
October 14—Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta, mission co-workers from Indonesia

Weekday Studies
• Religion & Science: 1ST & 3RD Monday, 7:00-9:00PM
  Pope Hall C
• Fireside Chat with the Mystics: Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00PM
  Rendon Room (on hiatus until September 18)
• Women’s Bible Study: 3RD Friday, 1:30PM
  Moore Conference Room (on hiatus until October 10)
• 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

Church Parking: Latest update: the parking lot will remain open for public use through Sunday, September 16, including weekdays after 5pm and all day on weekends.
The church is currently finding off-site parking spaces for staff to use during the week and on Sunday. This will ensure parking availability for others in the church’s garage.
Did you know there are 141 parking meters within a two-block radius of the church? These are free after 6:00PM, Monday through Saturday, and all day on Sundays and holidays.
A Parking Update kiosk will be set up in the church lobby next week to provide information to members and guests.
If you wish to be on a contact list for construction updates, send your email address to Kristine Mihelcic, Communications Coordinator, at kbustos@santafecountynm.gov.
A page on the county website will provide construction updates: www.santafecountynm.gov/cac
Another page on the website provides history of the project: www.santafecountynm.gov/cao
Please stand as you are able.

GOD CALLS US

PRELUDE

My Lord! What a Morning
by Richard Billingham

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP bold in unison

When God restored us to freedom, it was like a dream!

Our mouths were filled with laughter.
Our tongues sang out our joy.

Lead us back to our homes, O God.
like streams to a thirsty land.

Let those who wept as they sowed their seed gather a harvest of joy.

HYMN 352

My Lord! What a Morning (Refrain - Verses 1, 2, & 3 - Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER bold in unison

Adapted, posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways Archive

Sheltering God, Guiding God, as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us.

You have urged us to trust you.

We have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God.

Lord, have mercy.

Instead of following where you lead, O God, at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us.

Christ, have mercy.

We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance aside.

Lord, have mercy.

Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us.
Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us.
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.

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing by Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.
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.

Out into the Wilderness
The Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

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

May our gifts not be the crumbs of our lives,
but justice for those overlooked by the world;
be healing for those broken by pain and grief;
be grace for those who long to be listened to and welcomed.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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.

Updated rosters for your church directory are available in the lobby. Please pick up one to replace your previous roster.

Mission co-workers, Bernie and Farsijana Adenen-Risakotta, both teach at Duta Jacana Christian University, Indonesia, where they help prepare Christian leaders to serve the church in the world’s largest Muslim country. Bernie is the founding director of the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS). It is the only cooperative of its kind among secular, Muslim, and Christian universities. Farsijana is the founder of the House of Authentic Sense and works with the Center for Development and Social Transformation at the Duta Jacana Christian University. Sound interesting? Come join us at Men’s Breakfast, October 13, and Adult Education, October 14.

Sandia Presbyterian, Albuquerque, is inviting our congregation to join them for “A Taste of Ethiopia” on September 14, 6PM, where they will celebrate the work of mission co-workers, Michael and Rachel Weller, who will be there and spoke at First Presbyterian several years ago. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dave Philips at 505-488-3969.

The Presbytery of Santa Fe 150th Anniversary Dinner will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, on Thursday, October 18. The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is invited guest and speaker. Opening reception 5:30, dinner 6:00, program 7:00 (history of the Presbyterian Church in the southwest). Tables are $150 for seating for 8. Tickets are $20 for individuals. If you are interested in attending this celebratory dinner, please contact Pastor Harry.

Anyone who would like to contribute to Kathleen Banks’ reception on Tuesday, September 18th, please bring your food item and leave it in the Church kitchen with a note identifying it is for Kathleen’s reception. You may bring any dessert item such as cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. The memorial service begins at 5:30PM, with the reception immediately following.

Third Sunday Lunch plans to begin for the season on Sept. 16 at Café Sonder on Guadalupe St. We plan a monthly gathering when there is no conflict with the date. We gather after the late service about 12:30 to choose from the menu, and we receive separate checks. We hope this venue close to the church, with ample parking in the rear, will suit everyone as we resume this popular after-church activity. Reservations aren’t necessary but do sign the list in the lobby if you hope to attend in order to give an indication of our number. Please join in.

**MUSIC AND ART**

TGIF 10th Anniversary Season, Friday at 5:30PM: David Solem, piano, plays music of Adams, Brahms, and Ades.

Back Pew Gallery—Current exhibit: “On the Move: Art in Motion”. Calling all artists for the next show: “Into The Blue”. All mediums accepted, but the color BLUE must dominate the work. Art will be taken in Sunday September 16, 8:30AM to 11AM. The show opens Friday September 21. Questions? Call Carol Fallis 670.9250 or Barb Hutchison 505.982.0684.

**PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

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

We continue to pray for: 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: For many scientists, 2018, which is shaping up to be the hottest year globally on record, is the one in which many scientists started living climate change rather than studying it. NYdirect@nytimes,climatefwd 8/15/18