Behold a transforming God

Be still and take time

Become followers of Jesus

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A light supper is served after EvenSong.

**Sunday Worship**

December 1, 2019

8:30AM MorningSong in Pope Hall
11:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

208 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501
505.982.8544 fpcsantafe.org
Rev. Dr. Harry W. Eberts III, Pastor

**Acts II Adult Education**

9:45-10:45AM in Pope Hall

No Class Today

**December 8**: It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, so please come to our Alternative Gifts Sale. Coordinated by Presbyterian Women, this annual event will lure shoppers with items made by members of our congregation as well as international artisans. With a wide range of groups represented, you will have an opportunity to support various local, national, and international mission projects benefiting from the proceeds from this one-day sale.


Did you know that the birth of Jesus was not celebrated until the fourth century, and that the December date was chosen in good measure to absorb pagan mid-winter festivals loved by the public? Or that in the Middle Ages Christians attended Christmas services and then engaged in raucous celebrations? Or that Pilgrims in Boston outlawed the celebration of Christmas from 1659 to 1681? Or how Christmas came to be celebrated as it is today? The class will include an historical overview, and reflections on “the clear, bright blade of amazing grace” that lies at the core of our Christmas experiences, "amidst all forgettings, denials, and sheer clutterings,” as the theologian Joseph Sittler put it a generation ago.

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**Be an ANGEL** to a homeless teen. You still have time to select an Angel and put a smile on someone’s face! Look for the Angel Giving Tree in the lobby and pick an angel. Lily Bair will be there to assist you. Bring your unwrapped gifts to the church by Wednesday, December 18. The Youth Connection will wrap and deliver your gifts to the Youth Shelter and Family Services on Thursday, December 19. Make this a Merry Christmas for all in our community.
In the silence of a midwinter dusk, there is a sound so faint that, for all you can tell, it may be only the sound of the silence itself. You hold your breath to listen. You are aware of the beating of your heart. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment.

— Frederick Buechner

God Calls Us

Prelude: Vater Unser im Himmelreich (1539) by Jan Pieter Sweelinck

Welcome: Lighting of Advent Candle David, Jordan, Niva, and Eleanor Smith

INTROIT HYMN 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1)

Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God’s servant.

God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

God has shown strength with God’s arm.

God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Come, for God is doing a new thing!

Come, let us worship God!

CALL to WORSHIP Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

Inspired by Luke 1:46-55

written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing,

posted on Liturgy and Hymns

HYMN 107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

OPENING PRAYER O God, our hope and our salvation, be with us in these days of waiting and expectation.

Disturb and awaken us, so we do not fail to see the star, or hear the song of joy.

by Thom Shuman

RESPONSE HYMN 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 2)

God Renews Us

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5

BLESSING 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.
Neither shall we learn war anymore

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.

You are invited to come forward to light a prayer candle.

Wait for the Lord (sing two times)

E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
by Paul Manz

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 5)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Communion is by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it in the chalice.
Gluten-free wafers and cups of juice are available on the Communion Table.

In the Singing (verse 2)

God Sends Us

We welcome our visitors.
Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

O Day of Peace

Now Come the Savior of the Nations
by Paul Manz

Serve Today

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III
Rev. Andrew Black
Linda Raney
David Solem
Travis Bregier
David Beatty

Worship & Music: Paul Vogel
Ushers: Penney Poole & Alice Tinkle
Liturgists: Tom Kingston
Liturgical Arts: Karin Lerew
Communion: Malissa Haslam & Barbara Ivy
Outreach: Betty Jones
**MUSIC AND ART**

**TGIF Concert Series 11th Season, Friday at 5:30pm:**
High Desert Harp Ensemble plays seasonal favorites, filling the evening with the sound of Celtic harps — an annual favorite and an ideal concert for the holidays.

**Back Pew Gallery** — Our popular “Ornaments, Ornaments, Ornaments” show & sale opens today, which provides funding for missions. Thank you for your generous support in the past. This year’s proceeds will go to the Interfaith Shelter here in Santa Fe.

**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 pray for:**
- Henry Morello, Tom & Leah Paalman, Kay Roberts, Lori Tormey (Thomas and Alexander Shumaker’s cousin), Dr. Ronald C. Shumaker (Thomas’s father and Alexander’s grandfather), Madeleine Wright, Jeannie H. Barrera (Lisa Barrera’s mother), JoAnn Hays (Pauline Toevs’ sister), Anton Brkic, Laurie Wisdom, Elisa Bowles (CDC teacher), Ron Ball, Teresa Gomez (friend of Janis Gonzales), Chandler & Jenny (Susan & Al Clark’s children), Erin Armstrong (friend of Janis Gonzales), Mary Melodie Schneider, David Ingalls, Susan Slotter, Marcella Ortiz, Sheldon Thompson, Jeff Baker, Brianna (Linda Trujillo’s granddaughter), Jennifer Elliott.

**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.

**Meet and Pray for Your Mission Co-Workers**

**Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee — South Korea**
This couple mentor Young Adult Volunteers who spend a year in Korea promoting social justice, reconciliation and evangelism. They prepare the volunteers to return to the US to lead the church in working for God’s Shalom throughout the global community.

If you bring a coat or jacket for the shelter and leave it in the cloak room, please label it so Nancy Peterson can take it to the shelter! Also, there is a need at the shelter for socks and winter clothing! Thank you.

**Earth Care Tidbit:** Coal, oil, & gas extracted from public lands account for 25% of the total US fossil fuel annual production.

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