**Sunday Worship**  
December 8, 2019

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**Weekday Studies & Ministries**

**Evening Prayer/Mindful Movement**: Sun., 5-6:15pm, McFarland Chapel  
**Religion & Science**: 1st/3rd Mon., 7-9pm, Pope Hall C  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry**: 1st/3rd Tues., 9:30-11:30AM, Rendon Room  
**Environmental Ethics**: Tues., Noon-1pm, Rendon Room  
**Fireside Chat with the Mystics**: Tues., 5-6PM, Rendon Room  
**Presbyterian Women**: 2nd Weds., 10AM, Volunteer Room  
**Bible Study**: Fri., 11:30AM-12:30, Rendon Room  
**Journaling as a Spiritual Practice**: December 20, 11:30AM, Pope Hall C (returns to last Friday schedule in Jan.)  
**Spanish Bible Study**: Sat., 9-10AM, Volunteer Room  
**Men’s Breakfast**: 2nd Sat., 8-9AM, Pope Hall

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**Weekday Worship**

**Wednesday 7–7:30AM—Morning Prayer** McFarland Chapel: contemplative, prayers, Book of Common Prayer  
**Wednesday 5:30–6PM—Celtic EvenSong, Sanctuary**: Celtic songs & liturgy, communion, weekly themes:  
  - week 1—justice & peace, week 2—healing, week 3—creation care, week 4—welcome; week 5—commitment  
  - A light supper is served after EvenSong.

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**Today’s Alternative Christmas Market** is an annual event coordinated by Presbyterian Women, with a wide range of items from members of our congregation as well as international artisans. By buying from our Market, you have the opportunity to support various local, national, and international mission projects benefiting from the proceeds from this one-day sale.

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**Acts II Adult Education**

**9:45-10:45AM in Pope Hall**  
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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**Behold a transforming God**  
**Be still and take time**  
**Become followers of Jesus**

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**Angel Tree**

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.
Please stand, as you are able.

**GOD CALLS US**

Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things—the weather, human relationship, the economy, the political situation, and so on—will get better. Hope is trust that God will fulfill God’s promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom. — Henri Nouwen

**PRELUDE**

Now Come the Savior of the Nations BWV 659

by J. S. Bach

**WELCOME**

Lighting of Advent Candle

Katharine Griffing and Sameera Chandra

**INTROIT HYMN 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (verse 1)

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

And every mountain and hill made low;

The uneven ground shall become level,

And the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all people shall see it together,

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**HYMN 378**

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us pause in silence to recall all that prevents us from living into the fullness of this day. . .

—Silence is kept—

O God,

You call to us from the wild places,

You call to us from the inner chambers of our hearts.

We come in answer to your call.

We come to pray, to praise,

To learn of your love for all creation.

Reveal your glory that we may see it together —

Inform and inspire us to seek your kingdom on earth in our time.

Amen.

**RESPONSE HYMN 94**

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (verse 1)

**ANTHEM**

Light Looked Down

Chancel Choir

by Eleanor Daley

**GOD RENEWS US**

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 11:1-10
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.

There will come a flourishing through a process of growth and development.

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1)

Creator of the Stars of Night

setting by Edwin T. Childs

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (verse 2)

We pray that with our gifts, as well as our lives,
we will tell of those who are given voice,
those who are put back on their feet,
those who show us the way,
and those who offer us grace and hope, as well.

In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

We welcome our visitors.

Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

Ninth Toccata in e minor

by Georg Muffat

God Sends Us

We offer our prayers and responses in unison to God.
**Music and Art**

TGIF Concert Series 11th Season, **Friday at 5:30PM:**
The eternal Summer String Orchestra presents music of Bach and Mozart.

Join in the All Church Christmas Caroling Party, next Sunday, December 15 after the 11:00 service.
12:00: Soup and Bread Lunch in Pope Hall
12:45-2:00: Carol for 2nd Family Friends (Music and Itineraries provided)
2:00-2:30: Carol at Genesis Care Facility (Casa Real)

Back Pew Gallery: Visit our annual “Ornaments, Ornaments, Ornaments.” Come in and find those perfect ornaments for your tree. All proceeds go to the Interfaith Community 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: Audrey Maehl, 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.

Need resources to care for others? There are Caregiving Resource packets available in the lobby. They are filled with resources for caregivers, those needing assistance, those dealing with Alzheimer's or Dementia issues, veterans information, services, and support groups.

Earth Care Tidbit: The Bureau of Land Management has offered millions of acres of public lands to the fossil fuel industry with minimal public input & little consideration for climate, ecological, or cultural values. NRDC Voices Fall 2019