A Service of Lessons and Carols

“Gloria” by John Rutter

Rev. Dr. Harry W. Eberts III, Pastor
Linda Raney, Director of Music/Organist
David Solem, Assistant Organist
Travis Bregier, Assistant Choir Director
David Beatty, Associate Musician

Brass Ensemble
Jim Toevs and Jan McDonald, trumpet
Bill Britten and Tom Leming, trombone

Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church

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Readers at 8:30 am
Jeannie Bowman
Chris Haynes
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Mary Ann Lundy
MelindaJoy Pattison
Barbara Roush
Howard Turner
Tim Willson

Readers at 11:00 am
Jeannie Bowman
Diego Dodge
Sharon Eklund
Tom Kingston
Karin Lerew
Richard Rowe
Alice Tinkle
Please stand as you are able.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Prelude

The Nativity
by Jean Langlais

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Katie, Zach, Morgan, & Niàmh Musgrave
Karin & Harold Lerew

Hymn 140

Once in Royal David’s City
Verse 1: soloist: Johanna Friedrich, soprano
Verses 2 - 4, all

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us fill this church with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity.

And let us at this time remember in Christ’s name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope is in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to heaven, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father . . .

Anthem

Gloria: Allegro vivace
Chancel Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gracias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace
To all those of good will.

We praise thee. We bless thee.
We worship thee. We glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
According to thy great glory.
The Creation

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let the earth be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, and let it be fruit bearing.” And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and the sea and rule over the earth.” And it was so.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.
Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**ANTHEM**

*Gloria: Andante* by John Rutter

*Chancel Choir*

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<td>Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.</td>
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<td>Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.</td>
<td>Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.</td>
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**The SECOND LESSON**

Genesis 22: 15-18: MelindaJoy Pattison (8:30), Sharon Eklund (11:00)

_God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed._

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**ANTHEM**

*Gloria: Vivace and ritmico* by John Rutter

*Chancel Choir*

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The THIRD LESSON
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Mary Ann Lundy (8:30), Richard Rowe (11:00)

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN 112

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (verses 1 and 2)

The FOURTH LESSON
Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a, 6-9
Barbara Roush (8:30), Karin Lerew (11:00)

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord . . . but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The FIFTH LESSON
Luke 1: 26-35, 38
Howard Turner (8:30), Alice Tinkle (11:00)

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

**HYMN 129**

*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* (verses 1 and 2)

**The SIXTH LESSON**

The Gospel of Luke 2:1, 3-7

*Kythea Jones (8:30), Diego Dodge (11:00)*


In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**HYMN 115**

*Away in a Manger* (verses 1 and 2)

**The SEVENTH LESSON**

Seventh Lesson from Luke 2: 8-16

*Chris Haynes (8:30), Diego Dodge (11:00)*

*The Shepherds go to the manger.*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**HYMN 113**

*Angels We Have Heard on High* (verses 1 and 2)
The Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
Shepherd’s Joy  
Chancel Choir  
soloists: Johanna Friedrich, soprano, and Travis Bregier, baritone

PASSING of the PEACE

>HYMN 119  
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (verses 1 and 3)

BLESSING  
O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy that light perfectly in heaven. May Christ by his Incarnation gather us into one and fill us with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, be upon us and remain with us always. Amen

POSTLUDE  
Postlude: Noel IV  
by Louis Claude Daquin
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  Nancy Peterson |
| Sue & Tom Kingston | Our Parents |
**THIS AFTERNOON — LAS POSADAS**

Los Posadas is a reenactment of Mary and Joseph searching for shelter in Bethlehem on the night of Christ’s birth, gathering followers as they go from place to place. The procession leaves the Basilica Cathedral of St. Francis at about 1:30pm, proceeds to First Presbyterian, and ends at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith.

We, as the Innkeepers, sing back and forth with the Holy Family outside that “There is no room in the inn!” (music provided). We are finally convinced to offer them shelter and let them enter. The procession leaves First Presbyterian for Holy Faith Episcopal Church (on Palace, east of Paseo de Peralta) for a short prayer service followed by refreshments in Palen Hall.

While you wait here at First Presbyterian, you may help the youth make farolitos to decorate the outside of our church on Christmas Eve.

If you have never participated in this northern New Mexico Christmas tradition, please join us for the fun and fellowship. This is a great time for all ages to anticipate the coming of the Holy Birth!

**Weekday Worship**

**Wednesday 7–7:30AM—Morning Prayer** McFarland Chapel: *contemplative, prayers, Book of Common Prayer  
We will meet on Christmas morning.  
Join us to “Greet the Dawn of Christmas Day”.

**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  
We will meet on Christmas evening.

**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

**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
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Start the new year by becoming part of the **Welcome Desk Ministry** at First Presbyterian. Answer phones, greet guests and visitors and talk about our church, assist the office with daily work and special projects. Three-hour shifts are available: Monday morning, Monday afternoon, and Thursday morning. Contact Delicia in the office by phone: 505-982-8544 or by email: frontdesk@fpcsantafe.org.

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.

**Parking**: There is currently no public parking at the county parking garage behind the church: lower level restricted to county staff; upper level for public doing county business. There is no access after hours or on weekends. Also, street parking next to the Convention Center on Grant Avenue is now limited to “Convention Center Business Only.” Violators will be towed.

FPC will serve suppers at **Interfaith Shelter** on Jan. 19, 20, and 21. The shelter book is in the lobby with menus and ways you can support the suppers. Please sign up to work, bring food, or give a monetary donation. We can cook at the shelter again, so money to help pay for ingredients is appreciated; put “MSJ shelter” in the check’s memo line. Your support of the shelter and its guests is greatly appreciated. If you have questions, contact Nancy Peterson, 603-5645. Thank you.

**Earth Care Tidbit**: Excluding Antarctica, less than 1/4 of Earth’s landmass remains undisturbed by industrial activity & development. Civilization’s environmental footprint is more like a body slam. Sierraclub.org 9/10/19 10/19/18

**MUSIC AND ART**

TGIF Concert Series
11th Season:
**Friday at 5:30pm**

Jan Worden-Lackey, former choir organist at First Presbyterian, plays selections from Handel’s *Messiah* transcribed for solo organ. Join us at Jan’s annual post-Christmas TGIF concert.

**Back Pew Gallery**: This is your last chance to visit our annual “Ornaments, Ornaments, Ornaments.” Come in and find those perfect last-minute ornaments for your tree. This year, all proceeds go to the Interfaith Community Shelter here in Santa Fe.

Calling all artists for our next show “Land of Enchantment”. All mediums accepted. We ask for 1 or 3 pieces ready for display. Art will be taken in on Sunday, January 5th from 8:30 to 11:00. No late entries accepted. Questions?? Call Carol Fallis 670.9250 or Barb Hutchison 982.0684

**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**: The Rev. Bobby McGee and family, The Rev. Kyle and Steph Sanderson, Audrey Maehl, Henry Morello, Tom & Leah Paalman, Kay Roberts, Lori Tormey (Thomas and Alexander Shumaker’s cousin), Dr. Ronald C. Shumaker (Thomas’ 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), 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 grandniece), 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.
Associate Pastor Search

2020 promises to be an exciting year for the church! With the increase in young people, families and children, and the need for further outreach into the community,

Session recently approved a proposal from Personnel to add a Designated Associate Pastor to our staff. (“Designated” means a shorter search process where presbytery provides a few names for us to consider and the pastor is designated for a specified term which can become a permanent position if all sides agree.)

This position comes with a very modest increase in overall salary expense as we shift staffing priorities.

The search process begins with developing a mission study, led by elders Steve Kinnett and Dick Lindahl (who are seeking church members to join them in this effort), which will include Sunday morning sessions in January when the congregation can provide its input.

The final draft will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on January 26, 2020.

Once presbytery approves the mission study an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will be formed to interview candidates suggested by presbytery with the hope that the entire process will be completed by mid-March.

This is a great opportunity and a positive sign of the church's vitality and we hope you will join us to support this effort as we approach a new decade of mission and ministry.

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.

Meet and Pray for Your Mission Co-Workers

Rev. Cheryl Barnes: Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP).

Rev. Barnes is responsible for resourcing the CCAP to strengthen teaching, increase the availability of educational materials and encourage community involvement in the denomination’s 2,200 schools in Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

GRACE and COMPASSION
January Acts II Offering

“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer.”
-Maya Angelou

Please join us at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe for a four-week course that uses guided meditation, music, creative writing and art to explore your creative process, gratitude and how these are so intertwined with GRACE and COMPASSION. Each class will be offered from 9:45 am to 10:45 am each Sunday in January (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.)

Gratitude, like the creative spirit, has the ability to change you. It gets you to tune in to what you love, to what inspires you, to shift your thoughts and perceptions, to befriend and embrace life, regardless of what you are going through.

Being grateful also opens you up to being in a state of grace. Grace is often used as an expression of the divine—for example, the grace of God. Grace is also an elegance of action, such as walking with grace. It means that you are a part of something deep and powerful and sustaining.

Facilitator Patricia Varga is a church member and also a graduate of Stanford and Harvard. Her career includes working with some of the finest publishing companies: The Economist Group, Hearst, Rodale, Conde Nast and Mariah Media, the publishers of Outside Magazine, based here in Santa Fe.

Her love for the creative process, years of education and experience led her to “scribble and doodle” her way to a teaching method the allows people to “get out of their heads and into their hearts,” where creativity, gratitude and compassion reside. Her signature Create to Heal™ program is being used in hospitals and cancer centers in Southern California, the Pacific Northwest, the Southwest and UCLA Medical School.

This series of classes is a progression; however, anyone can jump in at any time. Each participant will receive a Gratitude Journal and all art / writing tools will be supplied.

For more information on Patricia’s work, please visit womenwwings.org. Please let Patricia know if you plan to attend the class so she will have enough supplies for everyone: pv@womenwwings.org