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 This Week

Sundays 8:30AM — MorningSong Service
in Pope Hall — Informal, interactive, prayers, singing, chairs in semicircle, communion every first Sunday

Sundays 11:00AM — Worship Service
in the Sanctuary Liturgy, hymns, sermon, choir, candles, pews, communion every first Sunday

Wednesdays 7:00–7:30AM — Morning Prayer
in McFarland Chapel — Contemplative, prayers, Book of Common Prayer liturgy

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

Committees and Ministries:
The Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church will be Sunday, January 27, 2019. Committee and ministry reports are due no later than Monday, January 14, 2019 for compiling into the 2018 Annual Report. Please email them to office@fpcsantafe.org. Thank you.

Pastor Harry will be away in January recovering after vocal polyp surgery on January 3 at the Cleveland Clinic. Preachers during this time will be:

January 6: The Rev. Andrew Black, Parish Associate
January 13: Ruth Hoffmann, Director of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry
January 20: The Rev. Jim Brown
January 27: The Rev. Christine Vogel

Many thanks to these who will be preaching while Harry is on voice rest.
*Please stand as you are able.*

**God Calls Us**

*Prelude*

Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541  
by J. S. Bach

*Welcome*

**Call to Worship**  
*bold in unison*  
Written by Roddy Hamilton  
posted on *Listening to the Stones*

The year has thinned, the light seems weaker;  
the year is tired, and the season is running out.  

Yet here we are in the place of life,  
for this place believes in things beyond time and season.  

We might live in the echo of stables  
and incarnation holding on to faith in the year’s final days.

Yet, what we do, we do but perform acts of renewal and rebirth,  
of baptism and hope and seeking new life shaped in Jesus Christ.

So let us gather in what the world sees as the cusp of a new year,  
yet what we know as another day in the eternity of love;

And celebrate who we are and who we are yet to be.  
Come let us be together and worship.

**Hymn 147**  
The First Nowell (verses, 1, 2, 3, and 6)

*Opening Prayer*  
*bold in unison*  
written by John Birch  
posted on *Faith and Worship*

God of new beginnings,  
We lift to you all that we need to carry no longer  
so we might be free to live the new life that awaits us.

—Silence is kept—

God of the past,  
accept the people we have been  
and the baggage we drag behind us.

God of the present,  
accept the people we are now  
and the potential that lies within us.

God of the future,  
accept the people we could be  
and by your Spirit transform us.

Amen.

**Response Hymn 113**  
Angels We Have Heard on High (verse 3)

*Expression of Devotion*  
Rebecca Heindel

*Anthem*  
Put Memory Away  
by Bob Chilcott

**God Renews Us**

*Scripture*  
Luke 2:41-52
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.

MESSAGE
Jesus’ First Words
The Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

HYMN 110
Love Has Come

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

HYMN 121
O Little Town of Bethlehem (verse 1)

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY
No. 57, from 60 Pièces dévotionelles
by Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B.

RESPONSE HYMN 145
What Child Is This (verse 3)

PRAYER of DEDICATION
By these gifts, Gracious God,
may those who have so little be clothed with your abundant grace;
may the hungry be fed with food that strengthens them
and with hope which gives them new life;
may all who are searching find that they are your beloved children.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US ON OUR JOURNEY

PASSING of the PEACE and HYMN 752
Dona nobis pacem

HYMN 112
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

BLESSING

POSTLUDE
Praeludium in a minor, BuxWV 153
by Dietrich Buxtehude

The service of worship concludes after the postlude.
The music may be enjoyed, and this time may be used for prayer.
You may remain seated or depart quietly.

SERVING TODAY
Officiant:
The Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts III

Liturgists:
Alice Tinkle
The Rev. Andrew Black

Organist/Music Director:
Linda Raney
The Rev. Andrew Black

Assistant Organist:
David Solem

Assistant Choir Director:
Travis Bregier

Associate Musician:
David Beatty

Children’s Ministry:
Jill McCormick

WORSHIP COORDINATORS
Worship & Music:
Paul Vogel
Ushers:
Rebecca Heindel
Liturgists:
Karin Lerew
Liturgical Arts:
Malissa Haslam, Barbara Ivy
Communion:
Outreach:
Betty Jones
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Music and Art

TGIF 10th Anniversary Season, Friday at 5:30PM: Michael Ging, organ, plays works of Bach, Vierne, Alain, and Duruflé.

Back Pew Gallery—This is the last day for our popular annual show and sale: “Ornaments, Ornaments, Ornaments”. Come purchase one or some of our unique ornaments to add to your Christmas decorations. Proceeds go to a mission of the church. Thank you for your generous support in the past. We raised $1,000 last year, which we gave to Santa Fe Dreamers Project and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico.

Call for Artists for the first exhibit of 2019 “Almost BLACK and WHITE” All mediums accepted, must be display-ready. All art is due Sunday, January 6, from 8:30 to 11:00.

Prayers and Praise

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

Good News! Margarita Lopez’s cataract surgery went very well. She is most appreciative to those in the congregation who donated toward the expense of the surgery. Richard Crawford

We pray for: Charlie Stringfellow, Cheri Schumann, Mary Schneider, Glennis & Seth Hinshaw, David Ingalls, Kati Schwartz, Susan Slotter, Dan Crane, Marcella Ortiz, Nat Dean, Sheldon Thompson, Jeff Baker, Brianna (Linda Trujillo's granddaughter), Jennifer Elliott, Jane & Jene Alexander, Paul Cast (Ethel Trimmer’s cousin), Bess Brooks.

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

Interfaith Community Shelter. FPC will serve suppers at the Interfaith Community Shelter January 20-23. Please check the Shelter Book in the lobby to see where you can help. We will have large and small aluminum pans available after January 1. We also need financial help to buy some of the main dish ingredients. To help in this way, make a check out to First Presbyterian Church and put MSJ Shelter Food in the memo line.

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Announcements

A 7-week workshop - Exploring Whiteness: Unlearning Racism and Understanding Privilege will be held Jan 16-Feb 27 on Wednesdays at 2:30-5 or 6:00-8:30 at the Santa Fe Community Foundation. This free course is available by application only by applying before Jan 2. For info e-mail exploring.whiteness.together@gmail.com

Acts II, The Second Semester—January 6, 13, and 20 in the Chapel, 9:45-10:45. We continue to discern how the church can be the hands and feet of Jesus, and how we are called to listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit through spiritual practices. As we discover our individual gifts, we are able to truly love God and love our neighbors.

Rev. Marney Wasserman, spiritual director, retired professor of worship history, theologian, and author of Companions: Accompanying Newcomers into Church Life and Faith, leads this class entitled Connecting the Dots: the Church’s Liturgy & the Christian Life.

Ever wonder what difference it makes WHY we worship the WAY we do? There are a lot of connections between the way the church conducts its worship and the way Christians are called to live daily in the world. The class will be part presentation and part discussion.

January 6: The Pattern of Gratitude Responding to Grace. So often in life we get grace and gratitude backward—thinking we need to earn God’s gifts. The church’s liturgy is steady weekly practice in getting the pattern right: grace first, unearned and undeserved; a life of gratitude follows. We’ll look at how the order of our worship helps us live this core spiritual truth.

January 13: The Word Over Time: Hearing God Speak to Us. The way God spoke to Moses just doesn’t happen anymore, right? And yet Sunday by Sunday, as the Scriptures are read and preached, God speaks to us. Worship is not just instruction ABOUT God; it is encounter WITH God, in community. We’ll explore the patterns of reading God’s Word over time, in the liturgical year and the lectionary, and consider how we learn to listen for God’s voice in our own lives and world.

January 20: Prayers that Take us from the Word to the World. In worship, who do you pray for when you light candles? What happens in you as the congregation gives voice to their concerns in the Prayers of the People? Just as “Word and Sacrament” is the distinctive calling of ministers, so do the intercessions belong uniquely to the people of God. We’ll explore the connections between prayer and action, and between the church’s prayers and a life of prayer.