

Welcome! Our community is made stronger by your presence.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *Of* SFe

## **EVENTS COMING SOON**

### **TGIF CONCERT**

eSSO

*March 13, 5:30pm, Sanctuary*

This Friday the eternal Summer Symphony Orchestra plays the dramatic and emotionally intense music of Franz Haydn. Doors to the sanctuary open at 5:15pm and the concert begins at 5:30pm. The concert is free with donations accepted.



### **PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

*March 13, 5:30-8:00pm*

Pope Hall

Join us for a fun-filled night of games, crafts, movies, dinner, and other awesome activities while Mom and Dad can enjoy a night off!

Our monthly Parents Night Out gives you the opportunity to take a well-deserved break. You just drop off your children in Pope Hall at 5:30.

Then you go out for a night on the town, run errands, or have a few hours of self-care. Your children enjoy a fun-filled evening, while you enjoy a few kid-free hours. Please be sure to RSVP to Jen Black at [FamilyMinistryDirector@fpcsantafe.org](mailto:FamilyMinistryDirector@fpcsantafe.org).

### **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**

*March 14, 10:00am*

In March, the Circle of Friends starts its next book, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. The author, Father Gregory Boyle, presents an awe-inspiring series of parables about universal kinship and redemption distilled from his 20 years of running a gang-intervention program in Los Angeles. Email the church office at [office@fpcsantafe.org](mailto:office@fpcsantafe.org) to be put in touch with this group.

### **DONATION BOXES**

In the lobby, we are collecting the following:

- Infant and toddler diapers, baby wipes and all ages hygiene supplies (shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.) for the **Las Cumbres Welcome Center**
- 19-in. backpacks, 1-in. three-ring binders, and watercolor sets for **Adelante**
- New or gently-used, clean stuffed animals, toys, games and children's books for **Reading Quest**
- Pasta (regular and gluten free), canned protein such as tuna, nutrition bars, oatmeal, cereal, soup, and other nonperishable items for **Bienvenidos Outreach**



# THE WORK OF IMAGINATION

**MARCH 8, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

## **A TRANSFORMATIVE DISRUPTION**

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

Transitional Pastor  
Rev. Ashley Birk

Worship 8:30am, Pope Hall  
Worship 11:00am, Sanctuary

Children's Program begins at the  
Worship Service

Adult Education 9:45am, McFarland Chapel

We often hear people say, "Have a blessed day," but what does it mean to be blessed? In our Lenten adult ed series "Invitation to a Blessed Life," Rev. San Williams leads us through the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-11), which offer a life that is blessed in the truest, most satisfying sense. The Beatitudes do not present an easy path, but one that sets free the life of Christ within us.



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PRELUDE *Toccata in C major*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME &  
ANNOUNCEMENTS *We welcome visitors and ask everyone to  
please sign and pass blue Friendship pads.*

Rev. Ashley Birk

+CALL TO WORSHIP  
+please stand  
as you are able  
(bold in unison)  
One: Come into God's presence, you who imagine and you  
who seek, you who disrupt and you who repair.  
**All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.**  
One: Come into God's abundance, you of great faith, and you  
who grasp at crumbs; you who resist, and you who persist.  
**All: In Christ, we gather and are transformed.**  
One: Come into God's presence, singing for joy and for justice;  
bringing your prayers and your worship.  
**All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!**

Mary Ann Amos

+HYMN 399 *God Welcomes All*

PRAYER OF  
CONFESSION  
please be seated  
(bold in unison)  
One: God of mercy and compassion, we confess we have not  
always treated our neighbors, friends, or even family members  
with dignity.  
**All: We have used dehumanizing language or stereotypes.  
We have been critical when we should have been  
encouraging. We have told lies when we should have been  
honest with hard truths. We have excluded people when we  
should have widened the invitation. Forgive us for the ways  
that we have failed our neighbors, friends, and family with  
unkind words. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF  
PARDON  
Beloved in Christ, God knows how it feels to be frustrated with  
other people. Yet, God promises the Spirit to replenish our  
reserves of patience and love when it feels like we cannot spare  
one more kind thought. Receive these gifts of grace. Receive  
God's pardon for our sins and be at peace.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

ANTHEM *Lead Me to Calvary*

Howard Helvey  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON *A Transformative Disruption*

Rev. Ashley Birk

**AFFIRMATION  
OF FAITH**  
(bold in unison)

One: Let us affirm our faith as we participate in the holy work of imagination.

**All: We believe in the dignity of human beings as image bearers and dearly beloved children of God. We believe all people carry God-given dignity—across every age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, language, accent, documentation status, refugee status, appearance, ability, illness, relationship status, social media following, family history, criminal background, education, geographical location, clothing, wealth or poverty, religion, hobbies, possessions, parents or non-parents, mental health, height, weight, hairstyle, tattoos, piercings, talents, or weaknesses. We believe human dignity is inescapable and irrevocable.**

+HYMN 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

**PRAYERS OF THE  
PEOPLE**

Rev. Andrew Black

PRAYER CANDLES *Stars from Scenes from Dinetah*

Connor Chee

**LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERING AND  
OFFERTORY *Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart*

Pashto Hymn 427

+DOXOLOGY 607 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**PRAYER OF  
DEDICATION**

PASSING OF PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

+HYMN 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

+CHARGE &  
BLESSING Beloved children of God, as you prepare to return to the wild wilderness of everyday life, go out into the world reflecting God's glory as you serve our neighbors with joy and gladness. May you treat every person you encounter with compassion and dignity. May you see the image of God all around you.

Rev. Ashley Birk

In Body Mind and Spirit, may you be well this day.  
And may you be strong for the work of healing in the World.

POSTLUDE *Toccatina and Fugue in d minor ~ BWV 565*

J.S. Bach

## WE PRAY FOR:

Ellery & Kelly Truesdell  
Seth Hinshaw  
Arthur Neudek  
Kay Duke Ingalls  
Larry Haslam  
Lynne West  
Nancy Armbruster  
Annetta Grace-Darmitzel  
Sara Romer  
Chuck Poitras  
Jennifer Elliott  
Steve Kinnett

Bonnie Hansen (Lupe Buchser's stepdaughter)  
Jack Miller (friend of Dennis Sanderson)  
Terri Jacoby (friend of Dennis Sanderson)  
Charlie Spring (friend of Ron Latimer and Joy Ice)  
Marcus Clark (friend of Judy Crawford)  
Unknown name (daughter of a friend of Donna Shands)  
Janet Wray (sister of M'Lea Walsh)  
Rob Smillow (friend of Elizabeth and Alan Hook)  
Patricia Kingston (Tom's and Sue's sister-in-law)  
Eva Reneau (mother of Donna Shands)  
Gayle Green and her family (friends of Madeleine Wright)  
Simon Bredbeck (great nephew of Janis Chitwood)  
Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges)  
Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)

And we pray for our  
ministry partners:

Westminster  
Presbyterian Church

The Cathedral  
Basilica of  
St. Francis

Episcopal Church of  
the Holy Faith

Sagua la Grande  
Church, Cuba

## SERVING TODAY

Officiants: Rev. Ashley Birk, Rev. Andrew Black  
Liturgist: Mary Ann Amos  
Organist/Music Director: Dr. Linda Raney  
Assistant Organist: David Solem  
Assistant Choir Director & Cantor: Travis Bregier

## WORSHIP COORDINATORS

Worship & Music: Diane Buchanan  
Ushers: Allen Gullledge  
Liturgical Arts: Judi Haines  
Communion: Alice Tinkle & Jean Withers  
Welcome Ministry: Sharon Kirby



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*Envelopes in the pews*

Join with  
Presbyterians  
worldwide in  
responding to Christ's  
call to ministries of  
compassion for the  
most vulnerable  
around the world.  
If we all do a little, it  
adds up to a lot!

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer  
and Coffee, McFarland Chapel

5:30pm Celtic Evensong  
Sanctuary

### THURSDAY

4:30pm Bell Choir  
5:30pm Choir, Sanctuary

### FRIDAY

5:30pm TGIF Concerts

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