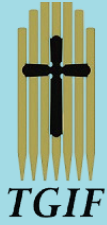


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EVENTS COMING SOON



TGIF CONCERT

Sin Nombre Brass Ensemble

April 24 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Start your weekend with an energizing brass concert by the Sin Nombre Brass Ensemble. Doors to the sanctuary open at 5:15pm and the concert begins at 5:30pm. The concert is free with donations accepted.

JOURNALING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

New online course, begins April 24, 1:00-3:00pm

Jeannie Bowman, Spiritual Director and recent graduate of the Amherst Writers and Artists leadership program, is introducing an online journaling group. If you are a frequent journaler or have never written but wish to begin, this is the group for you! The class will be held on the fourth Friday of the month—April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24 via Zoom. For more information and the Zoom link, contact Jeannie: jeannie.bowman17@gmail.com. (Free-will contribution for this introductory series will be taken, but no more than \$50 should be donated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We recently received this notice from the Presbyterian Hunger Program:

“Congratulations on your 10+ year of recertification as an Earth Care Congregation! The steps your congregation has taken to care for God’s earth are inspiring!”

Since 2010, this PC(USA) program certifies and celebrates environmental ministry across a congregation’s life. The review process looks at four major areas: worship, education, facilities, and outreach in the community. This program currently has 4.5% of all PC(USA) congregations and continues to grow each year. Earth Care Congregations exist as important examples for congregations across the country. One of the goals of this program is to inspire churches to care for God’s earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life. By the time a church has recertified for several years, the earth care ethic becomes ingrained in a congregation’s culture, spreads to the surrounding community, and impacts the personal lives of individual church members.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

EMBODIMENT: EARTH DAY EDITION

Genesis 2:4-7

Ezekiel 3:1-11

Rev. Andrew Black and L.V. West

Worship 8:30am, Pope Hall

Worship 11:00am, Sanctuary

Children’s Program begins at the
Worship Service

Adult Education 9:45am, McFarland Chapel

CRASH COURSE IN PASTORAL TRANSITION

Have questions about the pastoral transition process and who is responsible for what? Wondering what the Congregational Mission Study and the work of Transitional Ministry are all about? Ready to talk about where you’ve been, where you are now, and what God may be calling you to do as a congregation? Pastor Ashley leads us through this three-week series

This Sunday: Context matters!

*April 26: Generational differences
& small group discussion*



PRELUDE *Christ ist erstanden* (Orgelbuechlein) J. S. Bach

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP Leader: In the beginning, the dust lay still and silent. Steve Clark
+please stand Formed, yet unfilled. Shaped, yet unmoving.
as you are able **People: Then the Holy One breathed—**
(bold in unison) **and life awakened from the dirt of the earth.**
Leader: From the earth we were formed,
and by the breath of God we live.
People: We are dust and spirit,
body and breath,
held together by divine mercy.
Leader: Come, Spirit of Life, breathe upon us again.
Where we are weary, renew us.
Where we are empty, fill us.
People: Breathe into us Your living breath,
that we may rise and live.

+HYMN 664 *Morning Has Broken*

OPENING PRAYER We open ourselves to receive Your word, O God.
please be seated
(in unison) **Though it may be bitter to hear, though it may be heavy to carry—**
Let Your Word become sweetness within us,
nourishment for our souls.
You send us to speak truth to power, to turn hearts that may resist and speak truth in love to ears that may refuse. Give us courage to speak and stand-up, even when we feel unheard and unseen.
Amen

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:4-7

ANTHEM *Meditations of my Heart* Elaine Hagenberg
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 3:1-11

SERMON *Embodiment: Earth Day Edition* Rev. Andrew Black and
L.V. West

**STATEMENT OF
FAITH and PRAYER
FOR EARTH DAY**
(bold in unison)

Breath of Life,
You formed us from the dust of the earth
and breathed into us the gift of living spirit.
**Remind us that we are Spirit and breath—
creatures of soil and soul,
kin to every field, river, and forest.**
As Your breath fills us,
teach us to breathe gently upon this world,
to walk with care upon the ground that shaped us,
to honor the sacred dust in all living things.
**Where we have forgotten our belonging, awaken us.
Where we have taken without tending, restore us.
Where the earth is wounded, make us instruments of healing.**
May we remember that the same breath within us
moves through wind and wing,
through oceans and open sky.
**On this week where we celebrate Earth Day,
renew in us a humble spirit—
that we may serve as faithful stewards
of the garden You entrusted to our care.**
From dust we came,
by Your breath we live,
and in gratitude we return our lives
to the flourishing of all creation.

+HYMN 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**BLESSING OF THE
PRAYER SHAWLS**

**PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE**

Rev. Ashley Birk

PRAYER CANDLES *Blessed Assurance*

arr. Mark Hayes

LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING AND
OFFERTORY** *Touch the Earth Lightly*

Hymn 713
Chancel Choir

+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 714 *God of the Fertile Fields*

+CHARGE &
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.

Rev. Andrew Black

POSTLUDE *Wir glauben all in einen Gott (Orgelmesse)*

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

Brian Fuller (grandson of Gwen and Ralph Fuller)
 Helen Walsh (Susan Tarver's sister)
 David Wiseman (Transitional Pastor from 2009-2011)
 Bonnie Hansen (Lupe Buchser's stepdaughter)
 Jack Miller (friend of Dennis Sanderson)
 Terri Jacoby (friend of Dennis Sanderson)
 Marcus Clark (friend of Judy Crawford)
 Unknown name (daughter of a friend of Donna Shands)
 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)
 Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges)
 Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)

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 the Holy Faith

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 Church, Cuba

SERVING TODAY

Officiants: Rev. Andrew Black, L.V. West, Rev. Ashley Birk
 Liturgist: Steve Clark
 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

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEMBERS

Mary Ann Amos	Sharon Marrs
Jeannie Bowman	Esther Milnes
Sharon Eklund	Carolyn Minton
Terrell Falk	Tillie Perkins
Leslie Goslin	Juanita Thorne-Connerty
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