



**Presbytery of Santa Fe Worship
February 21, 2026
Sandia Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(Luke 13:20, Isaiah 49:15–16, Luke 12:6–7, Acts 2:1-4, Isaiah 30:15)

Rev. Karen Cobb
Presbytery Chaplain

Leader: Jesus said, “To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” When the world forgets our names and stories,

PEOPLE: God remembers.

Leader: When we feel small or unseen,

PEOPLE: God calls us beloved.

Leader: In every gathering God meets us with love,

PEOPLE: And we respond with worship.

Leader: The Spirit of God comes in many forms - wind, fire, manna, quail, whisper.

PEOPLE: We welcome all the ways God shows up.

Leader: Some days loud and clear, some days soft and subtle.

PEOPLE: God is present and moving.

Leader: Come, O Lord, and make this place holy.

PEOPLE: Come, O Lord, and make this place sacred.

HYMN #324*

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you have filled all things with your presence and called every person, every place, every moment sacred – yet we confess that we often forget. We rush past wonders with unseeing eyes. We speak carelessly, act thoughtlessly and handle the gifts of creation without reverence.

We confess when we have neglected our own sacred worth, listening more to fear than to your voice of love. Restore in us a sense of awe. Teach us to walk gently, to speak with intention and to honor the holiness woven through all things. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God, hear the good news:
The One who created all things in love calls you beloved.

People: We receive this truth with grateful hearts.

Leader: What we confess, God meets with mercy. What we release, God renews.
What we surrender, God transforms.

People: In God’s compassion, we are forgiven.

Leader: Stand in the freedom of grace. Walk with the Lord, who restores and heals.

People: We live as people made whole, held in God’s endless love and forgiven.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 6:24-36

Em Ahrend
La Mesa Presbyterian

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir,^[b] give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Eric Moyer and Barbi Cappel

COMMISSIONING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES – Libby Engdahl Whiteley,
Moderator of Presbytery; Delegates: David Whiteley, John Sitler

GA Commissioner Commissioning

The Apostle Paul Tells us: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

The call of Christ
is to willing, dedicated discipleship as a part of that one body.
Our discipleship is a manifestation
of the new life we enter through baptism.
Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment,
an offering and a responsibility.

David, you are being commissioned to be our Teaching Elder Delegate
John, you are being commissioned to be our Ruling Elder Delegate
To General Assembly,

John and David,
the grace bestowed on you in baptism
is sufficient for your calling
because it is God's grace.
By God's grace we are saved,
and enabled to grow in the faith
and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.
God has called you to particular service.
Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service
because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus,
to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,
relying on God's mercy
and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do we, members of Santa Fe Presbytery,
accept David and John as Commissioners to General Assembly
chosen by God through the voice of the church,
to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we promise to support and encourage them
as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry?

We do.

LET US PRAY...

Faithful God,

in baptism you claimed us;

and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives,
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.

We thank you for leading David and John to this time and place.

Establish them in your truth,

and guide them by your Holy Spirit,

that in your service they may grow

in faith, hope, and love,

and be faithful disciple(s) of Jesus Christ,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit
be honor and glory, now and forever.

John and David, you are commissioned
to service as Commissioners to General Assembly
Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him.

May the God of peace
make you holy in every way,
and keep your whole being,
spirit, soul, and body,
free from every fault
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
And All of God's People Say: AMEN

TIME TO REMEMBER

SCRIPTURE Exodus 16:2-4; 9-15

SERMON "Sacred in the Ordinary"

Rev. Dr. Aaron Nagel
Sandia Presbyterian

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #398* "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in the Place"

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE