

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**and**  
**Comunidad de Esperanza (Community of Hope)**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Reformation Sunday**  
**October 25, 2020 – 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*  
*Entrar para adorar – Salir para servir*

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On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg to raise questions about the teaching of the church in his time and look to the Bible for the answers. He didn't know it, but it was the beginning of a revolution—one that John Calvin and John Knox continued, and many others followed. The Bible proclaims salvation by Grace through Faith in Christ alone to the Glory of God. These are the five main points of the Reformation, or the Five Solas:

**Sola Gratia (Grace Alone):** God is motivated to save us by His own love and grace, not by our merits. His heart is for us and His unconditional love is what causes Him to extend to us the free gift of salvation.

**Solus Christus (Christ Alone):** Jesus is the only mediator between God and humankind. We need no priesthood to connect us with God, only Jesus and His own Spirit in us.

**Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone):** How do we know what is true, especially about the character of God and our relationship with Him? The inspired Word of God reveals it. The Word has authority to correct tradition, churches, church councils and all leaders.

**Sola Fide (Faith Alone):** We are saved by faith, not by works. Our salvation depends on our faith in Christ and what He has done, not on anything we do. Our only work is to believe.

**Soli Deo Gloria (To God's Glory Alone):** We live into the great affirmation of the Westminster Catechism, "the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." All we do as followers of Jesus—and as His church—is to bring glory to God alone.

PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” – Alan Smith (1962-2017)

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” (Reformation Hymn Tune of 1579) – Robert M. Thompson (b. 1940)

“I’ll Praise My Maker” (Reformation Hymn Tune of 1525) – Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

**\*\*The Prelude functions like a curtain that separates our world from the worship place of peace and sanctuary. We enter prayerfully. We wait expectantly, listening for God’s Spirit and truth, which challenges us to return to the world equipped for faithful and useful Christian service.**

**\* *Those who are able, please stand***

***Please turn off all cell phones***

**\*\* *El Preludio funciona como un velo que separa a nuestro mundo del lugar de la adoración de la paz y el santuario. Entramos piadosamente. . Esperamos para la verdad y el Espíritu de Dios que nos desafía para volver al mundo equipados para el servicio cristiano fiel y útil.***

**\* *Aquellos que pueden, por favor ponganse de pie***  
***Por favor apaguen todos los teléfonos celulares***

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Bienvenida, Saludos & Anuncios*

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Meditación para la preparación para la adoracion*

We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (1 John 4:19-21 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**  
**REÚNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*  
(Psalm 46)

Dinah Jentgen

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: God's love surrounds us every day; our God is merciful and gracious.**

Leader: Blessed are all who stand in awe before God; blessed are all who walk in his ways.

**People: The love of God has chosen us, the love of God unites us with all his people. We joyfully worship our God, who is our hope, our comfort, and our refuge.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FEST BURG

Congregation to sing verses 1, 2, and 4, Choral Scholars verse 3

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

*Oración de adoración y la oración del Señor (al unísono)*

O Lord our God, together we are your people who have come in need today. We worship not because we are good, holy, and faithful, but because you are merciful and loving. By your Holy Spirit, allow us in this time of worship to catch a glimpse of your glory and greatness. Today may our hearts soar in the sure knowledge of your gracious love for us. We are grateful that you do care about our lives and concerns. Help us, we pray, to be a people of diligent faith and service. May this church, this community of grace, be more and more faithful and useful in fulfilling our mission to our world and community. We ask through Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught his disciples to pray, **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

**PLEASE BE SEATED** *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

#729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) *Oración de confesión (unísono)*

O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as thou dost blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of thy Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto thee.<sup>1</sup>

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

*Momento de confesión en silencio y reflexión*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

*Seguros del amor y misericordia de Dios*

(from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

Leader: Hear the Good News: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that our sins are forgiven.

People: **"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us a ministry of reconciliation." Let us live new lives of Christian unity, faith, obedience, joy, and peace!**

Leader: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**<sup>2</sup>

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Aseguramiento*

#62 "Love the Lord Your God"

GREAT COMMANDMENT

Congregation to join the second time

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<sup>1</sup> prayer by John Calvin, 1542

<sup>2</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Judith Ames

*Momento de buenas noticias para los discípulos jóvenes*

- Children are asked to remain with their families throughout the worship service.
- *Se les pide a los niños que permanezcan con sus familias durante todo el servicio de adoración.*

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

#175 “Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Pass It On”

Kurt Kaiser

Beth Thomas, Solo, Choral Scholars

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Matthew 22:34-40

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Matthew 22:34-40 (New Revised Standard Version)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “As God Makes a Home in Us” Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#804 “Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart”

MARION

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**  
VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

\*BENEDICTION *Bendición*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

\*POSTLUDE *Postludio* Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

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*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Rev. Norm Story – E Judith Ames – S Dinah Jentgen – W*

Welcome!

We come together as a community at worship to experience the grace of God, who is present in our midst. This is a time to open ourselves to Him and to each other. Expect great things of God and His grace will come to you! Please take a moment to fill out the friendship pads so we can greet you by name. Thank you for coming to First Presbyterian Church; we are glad that you are here. If you are not active in a church home in this community, we invite you to consider joining our fellowship and sharing in this ministry of Christ.

Our sacred space is not this building or this Sanctuary, but it is the fellowship we share, the hospitality we live, and the presence of God we see in each other.

*For prayer requests during the week, call the church office to get your request on the Church-wide Prayer Chain, or e-mail Linda Ramirez at [linda@fpc.lc](mailto:linda@fpc.lc)*

**Our Vision:** A place where Christian love is modeled.

**Our Mission:** To be a place where Christian love is modeled through:

1. Understanding, celebrating, and sharing God's Word.
2. Following obediently where God is leading us.
3. Leading, nurturing, and serving our community for Christ.

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## Ways To Give

Don't have cash, ran out of checks? That is not a problem with our new multi-way to give options below. Simply Text 84321 a dollar amount, follow the steps and you are good to go for all future giving. One simple step to giving with the convenience of one text moving forward.

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Download the Planning Center App: Find First Presbyterian Church, select and start your tithe in under a minute.

Go to the church website: [fpc.lc](http://fpc.lc) click on the "heart" icon and set up your giving today.

Or go directly to: [fpc.lc/giving](http://fpc.lc/giving)



- Everyone is asked to please wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times. Even if you question the effectiveness, please do so for the comfort and sake of others. Let us focus on loving our neighbors.
  - Please practice social distancing, 6 ft. from others not in your family unit.
  - Hand-sanitizer and wipes are located at each door.
  - A box is located in each aisle with slots where you can deposit your offering.
  - Children are to stay with their families throughout the worship service, no child-care is available at this time.
  - Please register your presence on the purple slip of paper in your bulletin and place it in the offering box in the aisle, so that if we need to do contact tracing later we will have a good idea of who came to worship.
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- *Se le pide a todos que usen una máscara sobre su boca y nariz en todo momento. Incluso si cuestiona la efectividad, hágalo para la comodidad y el bien de los demás. Centrémonos en amar a nuestros vecinos.*
  - *Practique el distanciamiento social, a 6 pies de otros que no estén en su unidad familia.*
  - *Desinfectante de manos y toallitas se encuentran en cada puerta.*
  - *En cada pasillo hay una caja con ranuras donde puede depositar su oferta.*
  - *Los niños deben permanecer con su familia durante todo el servicio de adoración, no hay cuidado de niños disponible en este momento.*
  - *Registre su presencia en el trozo de papel color purple en su boletín y colóquelo en la caja de ofrendas en el pasillo, de modo que si necesitamos hacer un seguimiento de contactos más adelante, tengamos una buena idea de quién vino a adorar.*

Rev. Dr. Norm Story	Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation
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