

**First Presbyterian Church
and
Comunidad de Esperanza (Community of Hope)
Las Cruces, New Mexico**

Ordination and Installation of Officers

January 17, 2021 – 10:30 AM

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve
Entrar para adorar – Salir para servir*

PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Be Thou My Vision”

Christina Harmon (b. 1944)

“A Prayer for Unity”

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

****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 adoración

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 4:10-11 NRSV)

Como buenos administradores de la multiforme gracia de Dios, sírvanse unos a otros con cualquier don que cada uno de ustedes haya recibido. El que habla debe hacerlo como quien habla las mismas palabras de Dios; el que sirve debe hacerlo con la fuerza que Dios da, para que Dios sea glorificado en todas las cosas por medio de Jesucristo. A él pertenecen la gloria y el poder por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. (1 Pedro 4: 10-11 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord”

HAL'LUHU

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME
REÚNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Janet Green

(Romans 12)

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

People: **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Leader: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

People: **We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.**

Líder: *apelo a ustedes por lo tanto, hermanos y hermanas, por las misericordias de Dios, para que presenten sus cuerpos como sacrificio vivo, Santo y aceptable para Dios, que es su adoración espiritual.*

Gente: *no se conforman a este mundo, sino que se transformen por la renovación de sus mentes, para que puedan discernir cuál es la voluntad de Dios — lo que es bueno y aceptable y perfecto.*

Líder: *porque como en un cuerpo tenemos muchos miembros, y no todos los miembros tienen la misma función, así que nosotros, que somos muchos, somos un cuerpo en Cristo, y individualmente somos miembros uno de otro.*

Gente: *tenemos dones que difieren según la gracia que se nos ha dado. Que el amor sea genuino; odiar lo que es malo, aferrarse a lo que es bueno; amarse unos a otros con afecto mutuo; superarse unos a otros en Mostrar honor.*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

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

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

Heavenly Father, you have placed me in the Church which your Son purchased by his sacrifice and obedience. Add grace to grace that I may live worthy of that calling. I am a voyager across life's ocean; safe in heaven's ark. May I pass through this troubled world into the harbor of eternal rest. I am a tree of the vineyard you have planted. Grant me not to be barren with worthless leaves and wild grapes. Prune me of useless branches and water me with the dews of blessing. May our worship be always firmly rooted in your word, our understanding divinely informed, our affections holy and heavenly and our motives simple and pure.¹ **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**

*Padre celestial, me has puesto en la iglesia que tu hijo compró por su sacrificio y obediencia. Añade gracia a la gracia para que pueda vivir digna de ese llamado. Soy un viajero a través del océano de la vida; a salvo en el arca del cielo. Que pase por este mundo turbulento al puerto del descanso eterno. Soy un árbol de la viña que has plantado. Grant me not to be barren with worthless leaves and wild grapes. Prune me of useless branches and water me with the dews of blessing. May our worship be always firmly rooted in your word, our understanding divinely informed, our affections holy and heavenly and our motives simple and pure. **Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.***

PLEASE BE SEATED *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

#177 "I Will Come to You"

YOU ARE MINE

- Choral Scholars to sing verses
- Congregation to join on refrain

¹ from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*, The Banner of Truth Trust, Edinburgh, 1975.

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

Great God of wisdom, compassion, and power, we ask your forgiveness for the times when we have turned away from you and your claim upon our lives. Forgive us the times that we have not used the spiritual gifts and resources that you have given us, and for the times when we have ignored and neglected those who need us. We confess that too often, when we could glorify you and make a difference, we are fearful and choose not to obey and not to serve. You have called us to be your servants, yet we get so wrapped up in our own lives that we fail to reflect your compassion. We are not faithful with all our hearts, minds, and strength. In your mercy, forgive us and inspire us once again by your Holy Spirit, guiding us and giving us courage to serve with you faithfully in all that we say and do. Through Jesus we pray.

Gran Dios de la sabiduría, la compasión y el poder, te pedimos perdón por los tiempos en que nos hemos alejado de ti y tu reclamo sobre nuestras vidas. Perdónanos los tiempos en que no hemos usado los dones espirituales y los recursos que nos has dado, y en los momentos en que hemos ignorado y descuidado a quienes nos necesitan. Lo confesamos con demasiada frecuencia, cuando podemos glorificarlo y hacer una diferencia, tenemos miedo y elegimos no obedecer y no servir. Nos has llamado a ser tus sirvientes, sin embargo, estamos tan envueltos en nuestras propias vidas que dejamos de reflejar tu compasión, por lo que no somos fieles con todo nuestro corazón, mente y fuerza. En tu misericordia, perdónanos e inspíranos una vez más por tu Espíritu Santo, guiándonos y dándonos valor para servirte fielmente en todo lo que decimos y hacemos. A través de Jesús oramos.

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

Leader: Having confessed our sin before God who loves us and saves us, let us walk anew. God calls us with a holy calling, not because of our good works, but because of God's own purpose in the grace of God given through Christ Jesus. Therefore I declare to you that, in Christ, all our sin has been forgiven.

People: **Through Jesus we are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: We have prayed for forgiveness, but what is prayer?

People: **Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.²**

² Question 178, The Larger Catechism, England, 1646.

Líder: Habiendo confesado nuestro pecado ante Dios que nos ama y nos salva, volvamos a caminar. Dios nos llama con un llamamiento santo, no por nuestras buenas obras, sino por el propósito propio de Dios en la gracia de Dios dada por medio de Cristo Jesús. Por eso les declaro que en Cristo, todos nuestros pecados han sido perdonados.

Gente: A través de Jesús somos amados y perdonados. Gracias a Dios. Amén.

Líder: Hemos orado por perdón, pero ¿qué es la oración?

Gente: La oración es una ofrenda de nuestros deseos a Dios, en el nombre de Cristo, con la ayuda de su Espíritu, con la confesión de nuestros pecados y el reconocimiento agradecido de sus misericordias.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Aseuramiento*

#647 “Give Thanks”

GIVE THANKS

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*

#839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Amazing Grace”

Arr. Jay Althouse

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Isaiah 43:1-7 1 Peter 5:1-8

Isaiah 43:1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

1 Peter 5:1-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Isaías 43:1-7 (Nueva Versión Internacional)

43 Pero ahora, así dice el SEÑOR, el que te creó, Jacob, el que te formó, Israel: «No temas, que yo te he redimido; te he llamado por tu nombre; tú eres mío. ² Cuando cruces las aguas, yo estaré contigo; cuando cruces los ríos, no te cubrirán sus aguas;

cuando camines por el fuego, no te quemarás ni te abrasarán las llamas. ³ Yo soy el SEÑOR, tu Dios, el Santo de Israel, tu Salvador; yo he entregado a Egipto como precio por tu rescate, a Cus y a Seba en tu lugar. ⁴ A cambio de ti entregaré hombres; ¡a cambio de tu vida entregaré pueblos! Porque te amo y eres ante mis ojos precioso y digno de honra. ⁵ No temas, porque yo estoy contigo; desde el oriente traeré a tu descendencia, desde el occidente te reuniré. ⁶ Al norte le diré: “¡Entrégalos!” y al sur: “¡No los retengas! Trae a mis hijos desde lejos y a mis hijas desde los confines de la tierra. ⁷ Trae a todo el que sea llamado por mi nombre, al que yo he creado para mi gloria, al que yo hice y formé”».

1 Pedro 5:1-8 (Nueva Versión Internacional)

5 A los ancianos que están entre ustedes, yo, que soy anciano como ellos, testigo de los sufrimientos de Cristo y participe con ellos de la gloria que se ha de revelar, les ruego esto: ² cuiden como pastores el rebaño de Dios que está a su cargo, no por obligación ni por ambición de dinero, sino con afán de servir, como Dios quiere. ³ No sean tiranos con los que están a su cuidado, sino sean ejemplos para el rebaño. ⁴ Así, cuando aparezca el Pastor supremo, ustedes recibirán la inmarcesible corona de gloria. ⁵ Así mismo, jóvenes, sométanse a los ancianos. Revístanse todos de humildad en su trato mutuo, porque «Dios se opone a los orgullosos, pero da gracia a los humildes». ⁶ Humíllense, pues, bajo la poderosa mano de Dios, para que él los exalte a su debido tiempo. ⁷ Depositen en él toda ansiedad, porque él cuida de ustedes. ⁸ Practiquen el dominio propio y manténganse alerta. Su enemigo el diablo ronda como león rugiente, buscando a quién devorar.

*Lider: Esta es la palabra del Señor.
Gente: Gracias a Dios.*

SERMON *Sermón*

“Living Life Shaped by Grace”

Rev. Norm Story

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Dinah Jentgen, Clerk of Session

Elders: *Samantha Armendariz, *Vicki Edwards, *Jasey Loman

Deacons: Adwoa S. Amankwaa, *Ernie Armendariz, Diana Howard, Cecilia Mboh,
*Will Schroeder (youth Deacon), *Dennis Thomas

*previously ordained

A special thank you to the Elders and Deacons rotating off of the Session and the Board of Deacons

Elder: Dina Schroeder

Deacons: Lon Anderson, Curtis Benaway, Margaret Burr

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

GO IN GOD’S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

*BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS

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

Liturgist – Janet Green Deacon Captain – Dale Cook

Sound System – Evan Schroeder Video – Vicki Edwards

Rev. Dr. Norm Story	Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation
Dr. Janet Loman, CLP	College Ministry	Dr. Howard A. Smolleck	Organist
Bobby & Karen Candusso	Youth Group Sponsors	Karen Candusso	Salt & Light Coord.
Beth Borchert-Thomas	Dir. of Music & Bells		

Greeting before Worship Service:

Ernie Armendariz - E Adwoa S. Amankwaa - W Linda Seaton -S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Judith Ames – E Rev. Norm Story – W Janet Green – S

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

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Please remember in your prayers: Chris & Helen Roger’s son Chris; Our shut-ins; David Bridges; Robert Watkins; Fred Yanker; Dorris Hamilton; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); St. Luke’s Health Care Clinic; Deacons’ Ministries; Missionaries Bob and Donna Waguespack, Mexico City.

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

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.

Happy Birthday to:

1/17 – David Cox, Colleen West

1/23 – Chris Rogers

(If we missed your birthday please call the office at 526-5559 or email Linda at linda@fpc.lc)

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<p>www.fpc.lc_ or e-mail: linda@fpc.lc Rev. Norm Story e-mail: revstory@fpc.lc Facebook: Look up First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces Our worship services and midweek concerts are available on our website, Facebook and YouTube. You can listen to the service in the east parking lot on 106.3 FM.</p>
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Online Giving on the Rise

In these unprecedented times, we have been very blessed to have the option of online giving. We have seen a major increase with our faithful congregation giving in this manner. This has been instrumental in keeping our Mission in place and our budget in line. Cash and checks are still welcome, but we are glad to offer a more convenient, safe, and easy way to give. Many options are available and listed below. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

Go to the church website: fpc.lc click on the “heart” icon and set up your giving today.

Or go directly to: fpc.lc/giving

Smartphone users can download the Planning Center App: Find First Presbyterian Church, select and start your giving in under a minute.

You can also Text 84321, enter any dollar amount, follow the steps listed and you are set for future giving. One simple step to giving with the convenience of one text from then on. QR Scan: Follow the prompts and it is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Give quickly, securely and even set up recurring gifts. Supporting your church has never been easier!



Greetings!

Our worship services are now available

- 1) in-person, with Covid precautions
- 2) live-stream on YouTube (search for: First Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, NM)
- 3) by FM radio from the East parking lot, station 106.3
- 4) by video on the church website, our Facebook site or YouTube



Contribution Envelopes for 2021

If you use contribution envelopes, please pick them up in the Narthex.

Monthly or weekly envelopes are available.

Or, you can call the office and setup an appointment to pick them up.

- As soon as we get the per-capita amount we will share it with everyone.

- 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 expected to stay with their families throughout the worship service; no child-care is available at this time.
 - Please register your presence on the 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 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.*