

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

7th Sunday of Easter – Graduate Recognition

May 16, 2021 – 10:30 AM

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

PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Deep River”

Robert M. Thompson (b. 1940)

Variations on “That Priceless Grace” (Ghanian Hymn Tune)

David Lasky (b. 1959)

“This Is My Song”

Arr. Jason Krug (b. 1978)

Bells of Praise Ensemble

****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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Reconocimiento de los graduados

(see last page)

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Meditación para la preparación para la adoracion

See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

(Matthew 10:16, 32 NRSV)

Mira, te envío como ovejas en medio de lobos; Sed, pues, sabios como serpientes e inocentes como palomas. Por tanto, a todo el que me reconozca ante los demás, yo también lo reconoceré delante de mi Padre que está en los cielos.

(Mateo 10:16, 32 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“Sing Praise, and Bless the Lord”

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Arnold McMillan

(Psalm 119)

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart.

People: How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

Leader: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise.

People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes.

(Salmo 119)

Líder: *Bendito los que van por caminos perfectos, los que andan conforme a la ley del SEÑOR. Bendito los que guardan sus estatutos y de todo corazón lo buscan.*

Gente: *¿Cómo puede el joven llevar una vida íntegra? Viviendo conforme a tu palabra. Yo te busco con todo el corazón; no dejes que me desvíe de tus mandamientos.*

Líder: *En mi corazón atesoro tus dichos para no pecar contra ti. Envíame, SEÑOR, tu gran amor y tu salvación, conforme a tu promesa.*

Gente: *Tu palabra es una lámpara a mis pies; es una luz en mi sendero. Que rebosen mis labios de alabanza, porque tú me enseñas tus decretos.*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#463 “How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

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

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

We praise you, O God, and rejoice in the covenant whereby you have written your word on our hearts. We have come here because we wish to see Jesus. Eternal One, by faith we believe that you brought us here today. By faith we believe that you sent Jesus because you love us and that you desire to bless all of your creation. We believe that you know everything about us, and that through

our worship, you will speak truth and grace to us. Let us hear your grace and feel your mercy as we come before you in worship. May we bend and bow to your will and purpose for us. May our worship be truthful and pleasing to you... **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**

Te alabamos, oh Dios, y nos regocijamos en el Convenio por el cual escribiste tu palabra en nuestros corazones. Hemos venido aquí porque deseamos ver a Jesús. Eterno, por fe creemos que nos trajiste aquí hoy. Por fe creemos que enviaste a Jesús porque nos amas y que desees bendecir toda tu creación. Creemos que usted sabe todo sobre nosotros, y que a través de nuestra adoración, usted hablará la verdad y la gracia a nosotros. Oigamos su gracia y sintamos su misericordia al venir ante ustedes en adoración. Que nos doblemos e inclinemos a su voluntad y propósito para nosotros. Que nuestra adoración sea veraz y placentera para ti... 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*

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
Elijah Estrada, Solo

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

God of love and tenderness, you call us from the chaos of our lives, just as we are. Embrace each of us now as we confess our sins. Forgive us for the opportunities we miss, for squandering our gifts, for wasting our time, and for simply being too busy and preoccupied to keep our focus on the things that really matter. Where we have fallen short of doing your will, forgive us. Where we have neglected those in need, forgive us. Where we have been selfish and hurt other people, forgive us. By your mercy and grace, lead us to live in ways that more faithfully reflect your steadfast loving kindness.

Dios de amor y ternura, nos llamas desde el caos de nuestras vidas, tal como somos. Abrazarnos a cada uno de nosotros ahora mientras confesamos nuestros pecados. Perdónanos por las oportunidades que perdemos, por malgastar nuestros dones, por malgastar nuestro tiempo y por simplemente estar demasiado ocupados y preocupados para mantener nuestro enfoque en las cosas que realmente

importan. Si nos hemos quedado cortos en hacer tu voluntad, perdónanos. Donde hemos descuidado a los necesitados, perdónanos. Donde hemos sido egoístas y lastimamos a otras personas, perdónanos. Por tu misericordia y gracia, condúcenos a vivir de maneras que reflejen más fielmente tu inquebrantable bondad amorosa.

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: Through the love of the only true God, the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven. Glory to God!

People: **We rejoice in the Good News that through Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven.**

Leader: Now cleansed from our sin, how should we live in faithful response?

People: **The God spoke these words: I am the LORD your God, you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. (Exodus 20)**

Líder: Por el amor del único Dios verdadero, la gracia de Jesucristo y el poder del Espíritu Santo, somos perdonados. ¡Gloria a Dios!

Gente: Nos regocijamos en las Buenas Nuevas de que a través de Jesucristo, todos nuestros pecados son perdonados.

Líder: Ahora limpios de nuestro pecado, ¿cómo debemos vivir en respuesta fiel?

Gente: El Dios habló estas palabras: Yo soy el SEÑOR tu Dios, no tendrás dioses ajenos delante de mí. No te harás ídolo. No harás uso indebido del nombre del SEÑOR tu Dios. Acuérdate del día de reposo y santifícalo. Honra a tu padre y a tu madre. No matarás. No cometerás adulterio. No robarás. No darás falso testimonio contra tu prójimo. No codiciarás nada que sea de tu prójimo. (Éxodo 20)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Aseuramiento*

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
Bells of Praise Ensemble

Arr. Jason Krug

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lynne Carver

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*

“I Love You, Lord”
Choral Scholars

I LOVE YOU, LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno* “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
➤ To follow text, #775 in Hymnal

WALK WITH ME

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Psalm 1

John 17:6-11, 14-21

Psalm 1 (New Revised Standard Version)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 17:6-11, 14-21 (New Revised Standard Version)

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may

be one, as we are one. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Salmos 1(Nueva Versión Internacional)

1 Dichoso el hombre que no sigue el consejo de los malvados, ni se detiene en la senda de los pecadores ni cultiva la amistad de los blasfemos, ² sino que en la ley del SEÑOR se deleita, y día y noche medita en ella. ³ Es como el árbol plantado a la orilla de un río que, cuando llega su tiempo, da fruto y sus hojas jamás se marchitan. ¡Todo cuanto hace prospera! ⁴ En cambio, los malvados son como paja arrastrada por el viento. ⁵ Por eso no se sostendrán los malvados en el juicio, ni los pecadores en la asamblea de los justos. ⁶ Porque el SEÑOR cuida el camino de los justos, mas la senda de los malos lleva a la perdición.

Juan 17:6-11, 14-21 (Nueva Versión Internacional)

⁶ »A los que me diste del mundo les he revelado quién eres. Eran tuyos; tú me los diste y ellos han obedecido tu palabra. ⁷ Ahora saben que todo lo que me has dado viene de ti, ⁸ porque les he entregado las palabras que me diste, y ellos las aceptaron; saben con certeza que salí de ti, y han creído que tú me enviaste. ⁹ Ruego por ellos. No ruego por el mundo, sino por los que me has dado, porque son tuyos. ¹⁰ Todo lo que yo tengo es tuyo, y todo lo que tú tienes es mío; y por medio de ellos he sido glorificado. ¹¹ Ya no voy a estar por más tiempo en el mundo, pero ellos están todavía en el mundo, y yo vuelvo a ti. »Padre santo, protégelos con el poder de tu nombre, el nombre que me diste, para que sean uno, lo mismo que nosotros. ¹⁴ Yo les he entregado tu palabra, y el mundo los ha odiado porque no son del mundo, como tampoco yo soy del mundo. ¹⁵ No te pido que los quites del mundo, sino que los protejas del maligno. ¹⁶ Ellos no son del mundo, como tampoco lo soy yo. ¹⁷ Santifícalos en la verdad; tu palabra es la verdad. ¹⁸ Como tú me enviaste al mundo, yo los envío también al mundo. ¹⁹ Y por ellos me santifico a mí mismo, para que también ellos sean santificados en la verdad. ²⁰ »No ruego solo por estos. Ruego también por los que han de creer en mí por el mensaje de ellos, ²¹ para que todos sean uno. Padre, así como tú estás en mí y yo en ti, permite que ellos también estén en nosotros, para que el mundo crea que tú me has enviado.

Lider: Esta es la palabra del Señor.

Gente: **Gracias a Dios.**

SERMON *Sermón* “People for Whom Jesus Prays” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*
“611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY

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

*BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*
“May the Love of the Lord” SOON TI
Leah Rasmussen, Solo

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

Liturgist – Arnold McMillan Deacon Captain – Diana Howard
Sound System – Max Schroeder Video – Dina Schroeder

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:

Wanda Mattiace - E Debra Smith – W Linda Seaton - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Arnold McMillan – E Lynne Carver – W Rev. Norm Story – S

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

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Please remember in your prayers: Mary Olberg; Ann Miller; Larry Felhauer; Jess, daughter of David and Donna Curtiss; Clyde and Juanita Treat; Paul Vaughan; Robert Watkins; Fred Yanker; Dorris Hamilton; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons’ Ministries; El Caldito soup kitchen; La Casa Gospel Rescue Mission; Missionaries Joel and Barbara Trudell, Cape Town, South Africa.

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! 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Call the church office 526-5559 for information on any events, or by the net:

www.fpc.lc or by e-mail: linda@fpc.lc

Rev. Norm Story e-mail: revstory@fpc.lc

Facebook: Look up First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces

Sunday, May 16, 2021

10:30 AM Worship Service

11:45 AM Sermon discussion in the Library with Rev. Story

Monday, May 17, 2021

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7:00 PM Session meeting in Jones Hall Library

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

9:30 AM Staff meeting, office will be closed during meeting

Midnight Deadline for submission for the Good News.

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Thursday, May 20, 2021

6:30 PM Deacons meeting in Jones Hall Library

Friday, May 21, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Sunday, May 23, 2021 Day of Pentecost – Wear Red to Worship

10:30 AM Worship Service

11:45 AM Sermon discussion in the Library with Rev. Story

Happy Birthday to:

5/20 – Jean O’Neill, Lyn Ames

5/21 – Caitlin Candusso

5/22 – Randy McFerrin

5/23 – Kip Smits

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

Casa de Peregrinos – The Las Cruces Food Pantry

Every week the Deacons deliver the non-perishable food items that are collected to the local food bank at the Community of Hope. On Sunday mornings the food donations for Casa de Peregrinos can be left in the containers that are located at the doors to the Sanctuary. During this time of food insecurity for many of our neighbors, please consider purchasing an extra can or box of food to donate. It would be most appreciated.

Greetings! Our worship services are now available

- 1) in-person, with Covid19 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

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!





**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**
Acts 2.4

PENTECOST SUNDAY - NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, MAY 23

Everyone is encouraged to wear **RED** in celebration of
this special day in our church year.

Pentecost Offering

You can help shape our church's future by giving to the Pentecost Offering. It will provide opportunities for our young people to forge a deep and lasting faith on which to build their lives.

40% stays with our congregation supporting programs for our own children and youth.

25% supports young adult volunteers who serve in communities around the world in Christian service.

25% goes to ministries with youth uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders of God's word.

10% advocates for at-risk children, providing a safe haven for children across the globe.

In the flyer included in this Sunday bulletin are three ways that you can give.

This offering will be collected on Sunday, May 23.

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.

In-Betweeners Save the Date

We have missed a few fourth Fridays, but now we plan to get together on May 28th at 6:00 PM in Reeves Fellowship Hall. If our county stays in the “Turquoise” category, we’ll enjoy dinner together, and then Rev. Norm has agreed to talk with us about plans for getting things going again at First Presbyterian. The large room will be organized for appropriate distancing, and you are asked to wear a mask when not eating. We will not try to serve food this first time back, but instead ask everyone to BYOE — Bring Your Own Everything in the way of food and beverages.

Contact for questions or reservations: the Ames, jkames @q.com or 526-3247.

- 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 can contact those who were present.
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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 rastreo de contacto más tarde, podamos comunicarnos con los que estuvieron presentes.*



Recognizing our Graduates!!

High School

- **Dominic Candusso** will graduate from Centennial High School, will be attending DACC-NMSU.
- **Naomi Loya** will graduate from Centennial High School, will be attending DACC-NMSU studying Criminal Justice.
- **Elias Merchant** will graduate from Las Cruces High School, will be attending NMSU plans to study Biology.
- **Jack R. Pickett**, grandson of Bill & Wanda Mattiace will graduate from Centennial High School.
- **Evan Thompson**, grandson of Rev Norm & Kathy Story, will graduate from Ballard High School in Louisville, KY.
- **Dyllan Washam** will graduate from Centennial High School.
- **Dalton Washam** will graduate from Centennial High School.

College

- **Faith Chilaka** will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy, Dona Ana Branch.
- **Judi Ferguson** graduated in December of 2020, with an Associate degree in Early Childhood Education. She is continuing to work toward her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at NMSU.

University

- **Samantha Armendariz** will graduate from New Mexico State University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She will begin her Master's degree in summer, 2021.
- **Elijah Estrada** will graduate from NMSU with a Bachelor of Individualized Studies degree, College of Arts and Sciences. He will be moving to Nashville, pursuing a music career and working.
- **Lauren M. Mattiace**, daughter of Bill & Wanda Mattiace will graduate from Vanderbilt as a Certified Nurse Practitioner.
- **Kate Puckett** will graduate from the University of Texas at Austin with a PhD in May. She will then begin teaching Early Childhood Education courses at Eastern Oregon University in the fall.
- **Evan Schroeder** will graduate from NMSU with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. He will be attending Pacific University this fall to study Optometry in Forest Grove, OR.