

CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Dinah Jentgen

(from Psalm 91)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

People: **For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

People: **Because we have made the LORD our refuge, the Most High our dwelling place, no evil shall overcome us, no scourge come near our tent. For he will command his angels concerning us to guard in all our ways. Let us praise the Lord, Most High.**

(del Salmo 91)

Líder: *Tú que habitas al abrigo del Altísimo, que moras a la sombra del Todopoderoso, dirás al SEÑOR: "Mi refugio y mi fortaleza, mi Dios, en quien confío".*

Gente: *Porque él os libraré de la trampa del cazador y de la pestilencia mortal; te cubrirá con sus alas, y debajo de sus alas encontrarás refugio; escudo y adarga es su fidelidad.*

Líder: *No temerás el terror de la noche, ni la flecha que vuela de día, ni la pestilencia que acecha en las tinieblas, ni la destrucción que asola al mediodía.*

Gente: *Porque hemos hecho del SEÑOR nuestro refugio, del Altísimo nuestra morada, ningún mal nos vencerá, ningún azote se acercará a nuestra tienda. Porque él mandará a sus ángeles acerca de nosotros que guarden en todos nuestros caminos. Alabemos al Señor, Altísimo.*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

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

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

Most loving and compassionate God, Spirit of truth and love, Jesus Christ our salvation and hope, we come before you in adoration and joyful gratitude for the abundant blessings of our lives. Grant this day, by the power of your Spirit that we will hunger for truth and righteousness. Illumine our hearts and minds and souls that we may better follow in the footsteps of Jesus and more worthily reflect and magnify your holy name. O Lord, may we in and through our worship move toward being more faithful, useful, and forgiving. **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.**

Dios amoroso y compasivo, Espíritu de verdad y amor, Jesucristo nuestra salvación y esperanza; venimos ante ustedes en adoración y gozosa gratitud por las abundantes bendiciones de nuestras vidas. Concede que este día, por el poder de tu Espíritu, tengamos hambre de verdad y justicia. Ilumina nuestros corazones, mentes y almas para que podamos seguir mejor los pasos de Jesús y reflejar y magnificar más dignamente tu santo nombre. Oh Señor, que en y a través de nuestra adoración podamos avanzar hacia ser más fieles, útiles y perdonadores. 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*

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

KYRIE ELEISON

Choral Scholars

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

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. By grace of your light, you shine hope and promise into us. You shine into our closed hidden places of fear, shadow, sin and darkness. Your light is the glory of the Father, which brings healing and hope to our world lost and stumbling in the darkness of corruption. Forgive us, merciful God, for those times we hide from your light, or fail to reflect your light to those around us. By your grace, may we bask in the delight and wonder of your presence, and more faithfully reflect your love and light, your gentle compassion and welcome to those we

encounter. O Lord, restore us from the darkness of our depravity to the full and abundant joy, peace, and good life by your healing and cleansing light.

Señor Jesús, eres la luz del mundo. Por la gracia de tu luz, haces brillar la esperanza y la promesa en nosotros. Superas nuestros armarios cerrados y lugares ocultos de miedo, sombra, pecado y oscuridad. Tu luz es la gloria del Padre, que trae sanidad y esperanza a nuestro mundo perdido y tropezando en las tinieblas de la corrupción. Perdónanos Dios misericordioso por esas veces que nos escondemos de tu luz, o no reflejamos tu luz a quienes nos rodean. Por tu gracia, que podamos disfrutar del deleite y la maravilla de tu presencia, y reflejar más fielmente tu amor y tu luz, tu tierna compasión y bienvenida a aquellos con los que nos encontramos. Oh Señor, restáuranos de las tinieblas de nuestra depravación al gozo pleno y abundante, la paz y la buena vida mediante tu luz sanadora y purificadora.

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: What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to us?

People: **With the witness of Scripture and the Church through the ages we declare: Jesus Christ is the gracious mission of God to the world and for the world. He is the Emmanuel and Savior, One with the Father, God incarnate in Mary's son, Lord of all, the true human one. His coming transforms everything. His Lordship casts down every idolatrous claim to authority. His life shows what it means to be human. His atoning death reveals the depth of God's love for sinners. His bodily resurrection shatters the powers of sin and death. In the proclamation of the Word, the Spirit calls us to repentance, builds up and renews our life in Christ, strengthens our faith, empowers our service, gladdens our hearts and transforms our lives more fully into the image of Christ.¹**

¹ from Union in Christ: A declaration for the church by Mark Achtemeier and Andrew Purves, PC(USA), 1997.

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

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

Líder: *¿Qué significa para nosotros la resurrección de Jesús?*

Gente: *Con el testimonio de las Escrituras y la Iglesia a través de los siglos, declaramos: Jesucristo es la misericordiosa misión de Dios para el mundo y para el mundo. Él es el Emmanuel y Salvador, Uno con el Padre, Dios encarnado en el hijo de María, Señor de todos, el verdadero humano. Su venida lo transforma todo. Su señoría echa por tierra toda pretensión idólatra de autoridad. Su vida muestra lo que significa ser humano. Su muerte expiatoria revela la profundidad del amor de Dios por los pecadores. Su resurrección corporal destruye los poderes del pecado y la muerte. En la proclamación de la Palabra, el Espíritu nos llama al arrepentimiento, edifica y renueva nuestra vida en Cristo, fortalece nuestra fe, fortalece nuestro servicio, alegra nuestro corazón y transforma nuestra vida más plenamente a la imagen de Cristo.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#450 “Be Thou My Vision”

SLAIN

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

Momento de buenas noticias para los discípulos jóvenes

- Since children under 12 are not vaccinated, they are asked to wear masks and to sit on the carpet squares in the front during the Young Disciples Talk.
- *Dado que los niños menores de 12 años no están vacunados, se les pide que usen máscaras y que se sienten en los cuadrados de alfombra en el frente durante la charla de los Jóvenes Discípulos.*

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

REST

Choral Scholars

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Heleluyan, We Are Singing”

HELELUYAN

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 36-40, 44-45 Ephesians 6:10-18

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 36-40, 44-45 (New Revised Standard Version)

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them.

Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (New Revised Standard Version)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 36-40, 44-45 (Nueva Versión Internacional)

³² Entonces David le dijo a Saúl: —¡Nadie tiene por qué desanimarse a causa de este filisteo! Yo mismo iré a pelear contra él. ³³ —¡Cómo vas a pelear tú solo contra este filisteo! —replicó Saúl—. No eres más que un muchacho, mientras que él ha sido un guerrero toda la vida. ³⁶ Si este siervo de Su Majestad ha matado leones y osos, lo mismo puede hacer con ese filisteo pagano, porque está desafiando al ejército del Dios viviente. ³⁷ El SEÑOR, que me libró de las garras del león y del oso, también me libraré del poder de ese filisteo. —Anda, pues —dijo Saúl—, y que el SEÑOR te acompañe. ³⁸ Luego Saúl vistió a David con su uniforme de campaña. Le entregó también un casco de bronce y le puso una coraza. ³⁹ David se ciñó la espada sobre la armadura e intentó caminar, pero no pudo porque no estaba acostumbrado. —No puedo andar con todo esto —le dijo a Saúl—; no estoy entrenado para ello. De modo que se quitó todo aquello, ⁴⁰ tomó su bastón, fue al río a escoger cinco piedras lisas, y las metió en su bolsa de pastor. Luego, honda en mano, se acercó al filisteo. ⁴⁴ añadió: —¡Ven acá, que les voy a echar tu carne a las aves del cielo y a las fieras del campo! ⁴⁵ David le contestó: —Tú vienes contra mí con espada, lanza y jabalina, pero yo vengo a ti en el nombre del SEÑOR Todopoderoso, el Dios de los ejércitos de Israel, a quien has desafiado.

Efesios 6:10-18 (Nueva Versión Internacional)

¹⁰ Por último, fortalézcanse con el gran poder del Señor. ¹¹ Pónganse toda la armadura de Dios para que puedan hacer frente a las artimañas del diablo. ¹² Porque nuestra lucha no es contra seres humanos, sino contra poderes, contra autoridades, contra potestades que dominan este mundo de tinieblas, contra fuerzas espirituales malignas en las regiones celestiales. ¹³ Por lo tanto, pónganse toda la armadura de Dios, para que cuando llegue el día malo puedan resistir hasta el fin con firmeza. ¹⁴ Manténganse firmes, ceñidos con el cinturón de la verdad, protegidos por la coraza de justicia, ¹⁵ y calzados con la disposición de proclamar el evangelio de la paz. ¹⁶ Además de todo esto, tomen el escudo de la fe, con el cual pueden apagar todas las flechas encendidas del maligno. ¹⁷ Tomen el casco de la salvación y la espada del Espíritu, que es la palabra de Dios. ¹⁸ Oren en el Espíritu en todo momento, con peticiones y ruegos. Manténganse alerta y perseveren en oración por todos los santos.

Lider: *Esta es la palabra del Señor.*

Gente: *Gracias a Dios.*

SERMON *Sermón* “Victory Is Wearing the Right Armor” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#269 “Lead On, O King Eternal!”

LANCASHIRE

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“God, We Honor You”

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Dinah Jentgen Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Rusty Smith Video – Brent Brewer



Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following Worship this morning just outside the front doors of the Sanctuary. This is a time to welcome and greet new friends and old friends alike. Fellowship this morning is hosted by the Congregational Life & Outreach Support Ministry team.

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:

Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa – E Cecilia Mboh – W Lynne Carver - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Erin Taylor – E Rev. Norm Story – W Dinah Jentgen – S

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

Please turn off all cell phones

Please remember in your prayers: A.B. Conrad; Bill and Virginia Haynes; Mary Olberg; Adele LaVerne’s family on the passing of Adele; Claudia Sanchez and family; Carol Bott; Paul Vaughan; Melanie Grant and her family; Genevieve Ariege; J.M. Allen; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; all the children and youth returning to school; all the teachers; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons’ Ministries; Gospel Rescue Mission; La Casa; Missionaries Doug and Sherry Barron, CUR-headquarters in Orlando Florida.

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 Office Hours are: Monday – Friday
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



8/24 – Eric Burnham
8/26 – Dinah Jentgen
8/27 – Janet Loman, Harry Topley
8/28 – Henrica Misquez
(Assistant Bookkeeper)
8/29 – Newton Cox

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



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

Thank you to all who have filled our food pantry bins. These donations are delivered weekly to the Casa de Peregrinos food program. Their purpose is “to alleviate hunger in our community through the acquisition and distribution of nutritious food”. If you have never visited this program, you might want to go some morning to the City of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave., where you will see cars lined up daily for food for their families. We are proud to say our church supports this program along with the Soup Kitchen that serves meals to the homeless. Look for the bins at each entrance to the church and share when you are able.

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) video archive on the church website, our Facebook site or YouTube

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, August 22, 2021

9:15 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall

9:15 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall

9:15 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall

9:15 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer. We are viewing and discussing “The Chosen” video series.

10:30 AM Worship Service

11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship outside the front doors of the Sanctuary

12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

Monday, August 23, 2021

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

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

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Friday, August 27, 2021

6:00 PM InBetweeners in Watkins Fellowship Hall. (see announcement)

New Deadline⇒ Midnight on Fridays is the deadline for submission to the Good News.

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Saturday, August 28, 2021

Sunday, August 29, 2021

9:15 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall

9:15 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall

9:15 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall

9:15 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer. We are viewing and discussing “The Chosen” video series.

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- Hand-sanitizer and wipes are located at each door.
- A purple box is located in each aisle with slots where you can deposit your offering.
- Child care is available in Branigan Hall, birth through age 5, beginning at 9:15 am.
- Sunday School is available for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall and for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall. Start time is 9:15 am.
- Please register your presence with contact information or prayer requests on the small slip of paper in your bulletin and place it in the purple offering box in the aisle, so that if we need to do contact tracing later, we can contact those who were present.

Sunday Mornings at 9:15am, in the Library:

Catie Brewer is leading a Sunday School video discussion on The Chosen, a television drama based on the life of [Jesus of Nazareth](#). Each week, we will watch and discuss one episode from the first season. The series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by portraying Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him," including some of the first apostles: Simon and Andrew, the fishermen; and Matthew, the unpopular tax collector; and a skeptic, Nicodemus the Pharisee.

Online Giving

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!



In-Betweeners Coming Up!

On our regular fourth Friday evening, August 27th at 6:00 PM, we plan to get together for dinner and a program of music. Yes, another musical evening, but very different!

We will hear "The Salty Dogs," a local Bluegrass band.

For more information or to let us know you're coming, contact the Ames. 526-3247, or jkames@q.com.

The **Jennie Curry Bible Study** will resume on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021, at 6:30pm in the Library of Jones Hall. Please consider joining the group as we study *Living Beyond Yourself : Exploring the fruit of the Spirit*, By Beth Moore.

We will learn about, but much more importantly, grow in and experience the work of the Holy Spirit. We will be studying the Book of Galatians, concentrating on Galatians 5:22-23. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

We meet the first Thursday of every month. Please email Kathy Story with any question at storyk@comcast.net .

Please absolutely NO food or drink in the Sanctuary at any time. Thank you!

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Our worship services and midweek concerts are available on our website,
Facebook and YouTube