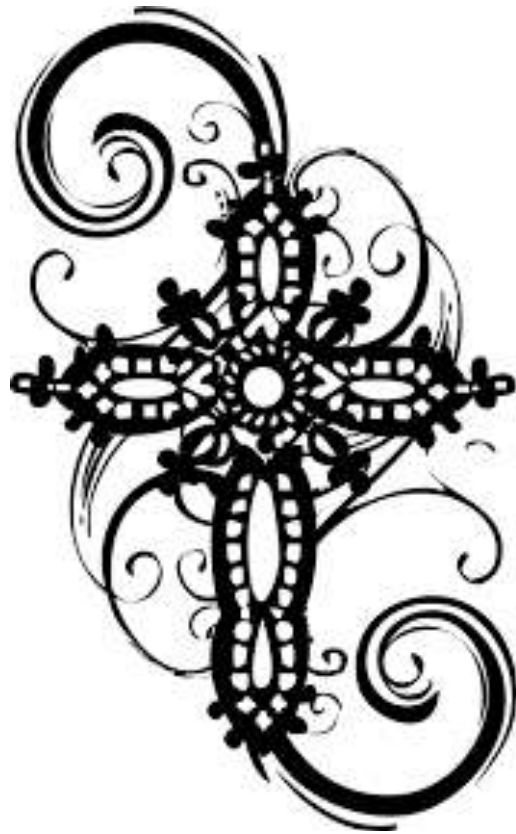


**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 17, 2021 – 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*  
*Entrar para adorar – Salir para servir*



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” (Hymnal #274) John William Jordan (1941-2012)

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” (Hymn of 1880) William Maag Felton (1887-1942)

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” Arr. Jason Krug

Handbell 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*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Hamburger Fry

Debra Smith

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Meditación para la preparación para la adoración*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:1-2, 4-5 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky”

Arr. Jason Krug

Handbell Ensemble

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Nancy Cowan

(Psalm 104)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

**People: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

**People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#236 "The Strife Is O'er"

VICTORY

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

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

O Lord, you have given us a new beginning, a new morning! What a treat to come and worship, to praise and glorify your name! In wonder, we thank you for the abundance of blessings and gifts in our lives. Were we to make a list of all the ways we are blessed, we would never be able to finish the task. Thank you, and may we be ever more mindful of your benefits, endless blessings, and steadfast loving kindness. In our worship, may we be as exuberant and eager as our children. Help us set aside the concerns of this world and come into your presence with childlike joy and anticipation...**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*

#544 "Bless the Lord"

LAND OF REST

Choral Scholars

Vicki Kuyper, Flute

Elisabeth Greene, Viola

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

O Lord, when we pray “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,” we don’t always really mean that. We need much greater forgiveness from You than we are able, even than we are willing, to give to others. Some things are beyond our human ability to forgive, and so we ask not only that You will forgive us, but that You will enable each of us to forgive wrongs, both new ones and those deeply buried in the past. In faith, we ask for the blessing of forgiving hearts that pray in joy and gratitude, “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”

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: Hear the words of Jesus and be comforted. "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in me and in my love." Friends, believe the Good News, all our sins are forgiven.

**People: By God's grace we are loved and saved. Through the atoning sacrifice of Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: What do we mean when we speak of "the forgiveness of sins"?

**People: Because of Jesus Christ, God no longer holds my sins against me. Christ alone is my righteousness and my life. Grace alone is the basis on which God has forgiven me in him. Faith alone is the means by which I receive Christ into my heart, and with him the forgiveness that makes me whole.<sup>1</sup>**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#743 “O God, You Are My God”

STEP BY STEP

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Judith Ames

*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.*

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<sup>1</sup> Question #62, The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version, Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

#471 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

HEAR MY PRAYER

Choral Scholars

Vicki Kuyper, Flute

Elisabeth Greene, Viola

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“With You, O Lord”

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 33:13-22

Mark 10:31-44

Psalm 33:13-22 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind. From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth— he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds. A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save. Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Mark 10:31-44 (New Revised Standard Version)

“But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.” They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.”

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am

baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

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

SERMON *Sermón* “First Is Last, and Least Is First” Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” CHEREPONI

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

#80 “You Shall Go Out with Joy” THE TREES OF THE FIELD

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

*Liturgist – Nancy Cowan Deacon Captain – Gracia Class*

*Sound System – Max Schroeder Video – Dina Schroeder*



Join us for our Annual Deacons’ Hamburger Fry following Worship today in the courtyard. Please see announcement.

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:*

*Aline Ily Pangoup – E Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa – W Dennis Thomas - S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Nancy Cowan – E Rev. Norm Story – W Judith Ames – S*

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

**Please turn off all cell phones**

**Please remember in your prayers:** Don and Jean Rhodes; Dave Schreuder; George Abernathy; Larry Courter; Paul Vaughan; A.B. Conrad; Bill and Virginia Haynes; Mary Olberg; Carol Bott; Melanie Grant and her family; Genevieve Ariege; J.M. Allen; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; "El Caldito" soup kitchen; Salvation Army; Missionary Cesar Caruchin, Presbyterian Minister, Columbia, South America.

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](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.



10/17 – Kathy Story, Curtis Benaway, Lauren Mattiace

10/19 – Donna Farmer, Claudia Sanchez

10/20 – Larry Felhauer

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

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Covid19 precautions:

- 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.
- 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.

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**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

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Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

**CASA de PEREGRINOS FOOD PROGRAM**

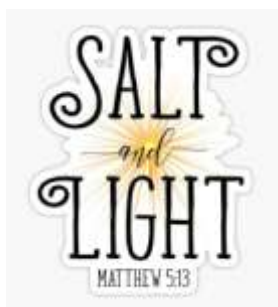
A record for the month of September was set at 210 pounds of food donated from our church to this food program. Blessings and thanks to all who fill our blue buckets each Sunday at all entrances to our church. Our thanks also goes out to the Deacon volunteers who pick up and deliver the food. We are very proud of this record month and hope to break it in the month of October! This food goes to alleviate hunger in our community. We also support the homeless through our support of the soup kitchen.

**IN-BETWEENERS** Coming Up  
on October 22nd

At 6 PM on the fourth Friday, October 22, we plan to get together in Watkins Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be your choice of bring-your-own OR pizza and salad at a cost of \$10/person. After dinner, there will be an excellent one-hour Ken Burns video, *The Shakers*. For planning purposes, please let us know you are coming by Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact: the Ames at 575-526-3247, or [jkames@a.com](mailto:jkames@a.com).

**\*\*Listening prayer** on the calendar: a reflection on the scripture for the upcoming sermon. We are asking people to join us at 3:00 pm on Tuesdays. If you have questions, please contact Mary Maley at [marymaley@netzero.com](mailto:marymaley@netzero.com).





## Salt & Light

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

4:00 – 6:30 PM

5:50 PM - Dinner

If you plan to join your child for dinner, please RSVP with the church office.  
\$4.00 suggested donation

Please call the church office by Monday 10/18/21 at 526-5559 between 9am-2pm  
to let us know that you will be joining us for dinner.

Karen Candusso, Salt & Light Director

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### 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](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)

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!



## CHURCH CALENDAR

Call the church office 526-5559 for information on any events, or by the net: [www.fpc.lc](http://www.fpc.lc) or  
by e-mail: [linda@fpc.lc](mailto:linda@fpc.lc)

Rev. Norm Story e-mail: [revstory@fpc.lc](mailto:revstory@fpc.lc)

Facebook: Look up First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces

### **Sunday, October 17, 2021 Deacons' Hamburger Fry**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School class led by Larry Hicks in Branigan Hall. The subject is "19th Century Literature's Use of the Bible and Application for Us Today."

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. We are viewing and discussing season one of "The Chosen" video series.

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

10:30 AM Worship Service

11:45 AM Deacons' Hamburger Fry, in the courtyard, donations accepted.

### **Monday, October 18, 2021**

6:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

7:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

### **Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor (see announcement)

7:00 PM Session meeting in the Jones Hall Library

### **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

9:00 AM Quilting group in Jones Hall Library

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

4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)

### **Thursday, October 21, 2021**

Karen Candusso will be out of the office till the 27<sup>th</sup> of October

6:00 PM Deacons meeting in the Jones Hall Library

### **Friday, October 22, 2021**

6:00 PM In-Betweeners (see announcement)

### **Saturday, October 23, 2021**

### **Sunday, October 24, 2021**

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School class led by Larry Hicks in Branigan Hall. The subject is "19th Century Literature's Use of the Bible and Application for Us Today."

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. We will begin viewing Season 2 of "The Chosen" video series.

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

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

## **Trunk or Treat is almost here!!**

Congregational Life & Outreach Support (CLOS) committee is preparing for the return of Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**We need your help to make this successful.** Please see sign-up sheet.

We are now accepting donations of candy, small toys/trinkets, fruit snacks, granola bars, any non-perishable individually wrapped snacks/goodies. Donations can be dropped at the entrances of the Sanctuary and at the office, from now through 10/31. Please contact Samantha with any questions at 575-373-5606 or [Samantha.co09@gmail.com](mailto:Samantha.co09@gmail.com).



## **It's Here! It's Today!**

**Following the Worship Service  
Join us in the courtyard for our**

### **DEACONS' ANNUAL BURGER FRY**

Every year the Deacons have had a burger fry to raise funds for First Presbyterian's emergency assistance program. **This is the Deacons' only annual fundraiser.**

Last year's burger fry was "virtual". This year we are pleased to announce we will gather in person, but with restrictions to keep everyone safe. We have been given a large donation of McDonald's value meals; plus in a nod to tradition, we will have a small grill for hot dogs for our younger members, and those who prefer hot dogs to burgers. Tables will be set up outside, or members can grab a bag and take it with them.

This is a donation-only event. Members can contribute on-line, via the Sanctuary offering boxes, or at the fry. <http://fpc.lc/giving>

Taizé Prayer is a worship tradition begun in Taizé France following WWII by Brother Roger, a protestant monk who had experienced the ravages of war and hoped to develop a sense of reconciliation among the people of Europe. The services are completely ecumenical, containing only universal biblical truths about God in Jesus Christ.

The Taizé movement today has grown to be a worldwide mission, especially among Young Adults. Approximately 100,000 pilgrims from all over the world arrive at the Taizé Community annually, and become a part of the daily life there, cleaning, cooking, and serving others during their stay. Small group Bible study and three prayer times a day center on community, hospitality, and worship.

Taizé at First Presbyterian Church helps to train our Choral Scholars and other musicians in this prayerful worship style, preparing them more broadly in the area of church music as they graduate and go into other communities as choral directors and church musicians. Taizé training is part of our College and Young Adult Ministry, and is funded by the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca. The Taizé music heard today in our worship were recently included in a full Taizé Prayer service at Holy Cross Retreat Center Chapel for the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca Pastors' Retreat on October 11.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the chant throughout the song, as voices and instruments interplay with beautiful descants.

*Janet Loman and Beth Thomas*