

First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021 – 10:30 AM
Enter to worship – Leave to serve
Entrar para adorar – Salir para servir



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Jesus, Stand Among Us”

Norman Warren (b. 1934)

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

Colin Hand (b. 1929)

“Earth and All Stars” (Hymnal #26)

John Leavitt (b. 1956)

**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

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. (Psalm 63:1, 3-4 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“Morning Has Broken”
Vicki Kuyper, Handbells
Bill Kuyper, Horn

Bunessan

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Stephen Taylor

(Psalm 34)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

People: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

People: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

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

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

Lord God, your eyes are open day and night watching your children; your ears are always ready to listen to our prayer. We have come to worship you. We come as sinners, in need of your forgiveness and healing. We come weary from our work, in need of renewal, refreshment and recreation. We come with worries, in need of your grace and guidance. But first, please lift us out of our preoccupation with our own needs and desires. Allow us to see with eyes of faith, and to hear with understanding what you say to us. Make us more thankful for all the good we receive from you. Awaken in us a longing to do what is right...**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*

#551 “Lord, Have Mercy”

LAND OF REST

- Choral Scholars to sing through first time
- Congregation to join second time

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

Eternal and Triune God, you are good and gracious beyond all thought, but we fail to follow faithfully in thought, word and deed. Our lips are ready to confess, but the human heart is slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to amend. Unmask to us sin's depravity and deformity, that we may reject it, abhor it and flee from it. Work in each of us more profound and abiding repentance. Grant that through tears of repentance, we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of your gracious healing and saving sacrificial cross, and live more faithfully hereafter.¹

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 and believe the Good News! If anyone is in Christ, there is a new beginning. What was old is past and gone. Everything has become alive with new possibilities. Step forward into fullness of life with the certain knowledge that in Christ we are forgiven and freed.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, amen.

Leader: How does the Holy Spirit help us live faithful lives?

People: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.²

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

- Choral Scholars to sing verse 1
- Congregation to sing verses 2-5

¹ drawn from "The Valley of Vision" edited by Arthur Bennett, 1975

² from the Brief Statement of Faith, adopted by the PC(USA) General Assembly in 1993.

CELEBRATION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Celebración y bienvenida de nuevos miembros

Ada Castle and Mary Maley

(Elders currently serving on Session will greet our new church family members while the congregation sings hymn # 306, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”, vs. 1-2)

* Blest Be The Tie That Binds (verses 1-2)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

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.

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“God’s Mercy”

Zollene Reissner

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 143:1-2, 7-11

Mark 10:46-52

Psalm 143:1-2, 7-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Save me, O Lord, from my enemies; I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path. For your name’s sake, O Lord, preserve my life. In your righteousness bring me out of trouble.

Mark 10:46-52 (New Revised Standard Version)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“Healed, He Followed”

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

GO IN GOD’S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Go in Peace”

Arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

Handbells: Mary Maley and Rebekah West

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Stephen Taylor

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:

Cecilia Mboh – E Diana Howard – W Linda Seaton - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Rev. Norm Story – E Stephen Taylor – W Lon Anderson – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Sara Vaughan and family on the passing of Paul Vaughan; Don and Jean Rhodes; Dave Schreuder; George and Sandy Abernathy; Larry Courter; 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; Missionaries Doug and Sherry Barron, CRU headquarters in Orlando, FL.

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.



10/26 – William Kersting
10/30 – Bruce Pearson

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

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.

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

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.

You are THE SALT of the earth

Matthew 5:13

Salt & Light

Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, October 27, 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 11/1/21 at 526-5559 between 9am-2pm to let us know that you will be joining us for dinner.

Karen Candusso, Salt & Light Director

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!



Trunk or Treat is almost here!!

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

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

Trunk or treat is an important outreach to our neighborhood.

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.



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, 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 are
viewing and discussing 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

Monday, October 25, 2021

6:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

7:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

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

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

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

12:00 PM DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin

4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Friday, October 29, 2021

Saturday, October 30, 2021

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****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.