

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**All Saints and Reformation Sunday**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 31, 2021 – 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*  
*Entrar para adorar – Salir para servir*

**All Saints and Reformation Sunday**

The early Christian Church marked the anniversary of a martyr's death as their "birthday" as a saint. On All Saints Day we give thanks for the lives of those who have been a blessing and influence on our lives, and who have passed on into the Kingdom of God. On All Saints Day we are reminded that we are connected to all the people who have loved God and followed Jesus in all times and all places and that we are part of that community of faith, a family of God.

Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds our faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation. Through reading the Bible, Luther came to believe people were saved not by good works or acts of penance, but through their faith in Jesus Christ.

**PRELUDE** *Preludio*

"A Mighty Fortress" Michael Ryan (b. 1952)  
"The Saints Victorious" George Blake (1912-1986)

"Solemn Entrance of the Knights of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem"  
Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

Brass Quintet and Organ  
Larry Hill, Trumpet  
Paul McLaughlin, Trumpet  
Kristen Major, Horn  
Scott McLaughlin, Trombone  
John Feeny Bass, Trombone

\*\*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*

**WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Bienvenida, Saludos & Anuncios*

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Meditación para la preparación para la adoración*

We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (1 John 4:19-21 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“Built On the Rock”

Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

Brass Quintet

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Lon Anderson

(Psalm 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: God's love surrounds us every day; our God is merciful and gracious.**

Leader: Blessed are all who stand in awe before God; blessed are all who walk in his ways.

**People: The love of God has chosen us; the love of God unites us with all his people. We joyfully worship our God, who is our hope, our comfort, and our refuge.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#326 “For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

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

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

Holy and Loving God, as the angels and all the saints gather before your throne and proclaim your everlasting praise and glory, so we gather here today in your holy sanctuary to worship and adore you. Stir up, O Lord, your faithful ones to seek more eagerly your living presence, so that we may more worthily magnify your most holy name. Grant us grace to follow those who have gone before us in lives of faith and commitment, that we, with them, may know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you. We ask all of this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever... **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*

“Holy God”  
Choral Scholars

Suzanne Toolan

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

O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as thou dost blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of thy Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto thee.<sup>1</sup>

**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*

(from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

**Leader:** Hear the Good News: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that our sins are forgiven.

**People:** **“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us a ministry of reconciliation.” Let us live new lives of Christian unity, faith, obedience, joy, and peace!**

**Leader:** What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**People:** **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**<sup>2</sup>

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE** *Himno de Seguridad*

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<sup>1</sup> prayer by John Calvin, 1542

<sup>2</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less      Arr. Craig Courtney  
Choral Scholars, Congregation and Brass Quintet

1. Chancel Choir
2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, His covenant, His blood sustain me in the raging flood.  
When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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.

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”  
Choral Scholars

GRAND ISLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“The Church’s One Foundation”  
Chancel Choir  
Brass Quintet

Arr. Jerry Brubaker

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Deuteronomy 6:4-12      Mark 12:28-34

Deuteronomy 6:4-12 (New Revised Standard Version)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and

when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Mark 12:28-34 (New Revised Standard Version)

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength” Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#463 “How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Built On the Rock”

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

*Liturgist – Lon Anderson    Deacon Captain – Dale Cook*  
*Sound System – Max Schroeder    Video – Will Schroeder*



Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following Worship this morning in Jones Hall. This is a time to welcome and greet new friends and old friends alike. Fellowship this morning is hosted by the Missions 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:*

*Divine Mboh – E      Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa – W      Linda Seaton - S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Lon Anderson – E      Erin Taylor – W      Rev. Norm Story – S*

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

**Please turn off all cell phones**

**Please remember in your prayers:** Janet Loman; Sara Vaughan and family on the passing of Paul Vaughan; Don and Jean Rhodes; Dave Schreuder; George and Sandy Abernathy; Bill and Virginia Haynes; Mary Olberg; Carol Bott; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; Gospel Rescue Mission; La Casa; Missionary Donna Evans, Indonesia and the Philippines.

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.

***Belated Happy Birthday to:***

10/19 – Laura Conniff

***Happy Birthday to:***

11/01 – Iain Christopher Deason

11/06 – Molly Schroeder

(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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**CASA de PEREGRINOS FOOD PROGRAM**

After a tour of Casa de Peregrinos much was learned about the organization of this facility and the amazing number of volunteers who work to get the food ready for those in need. Some were stocking shelves, while others were filling bags with food according to the huge white board for the supply of the day. Meanwhile, the line was long outside waiting for their gift of food. The man who took me on the tour said he was one of the ones in line for food. However, he didn't like getting something for nothing so he volunteered to help in the warehouse. After a period of time as a volunteer, he was offered a staff position and often meets with the donors to collect our donations onto a cart. In meeting the program manager she said the need is for foods that are easy to open like pop top cans or souper meal in a pull top box. There is also a need for baby food that is not expired, as they cannot give out expired food. Donations are greatly appreciated so keep filling our blue buckets at each entrance to our church. Thanks to all. *–Deacon Rosalyn Stolle*

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*You are THE SALT of the earth*

*Matthew 5;13*

**Salt & Light**

Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, November 3, 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 11/8/21 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!



**TONIGHT! Trunk or Treat**

**Join us from 6pm – 8pm.**

**Bring your car and candy. Park in the west parking lot and hand out candy!**





## 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 31, 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.
- 9:00 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Hall
- 12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM Trunk or Treat in the Jones Hall Parking Lot (see announcement)

### **Monday, November 1, 2021**

- 6:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas
- 7:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

### **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Missions Ministry team meeting at the home of Brad and Gracia Class

### **Wednesday, November 3, 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, November 4, 2021**

- 6:30 PM Jennie Curry Bible study in Jones Hall Library

### **Friday, November 5, 2021**

Assistant Bookkeeper Henrica will be out of the office

### **Saturday, November 6, 2021**

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Paul Vaughan in the Sanctuary

### **Sunday, November 7, 2021 Daylight savings time ends**

- 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.
- 9:00 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
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- 12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

**\*\*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).

**Want To Get Involved?**

You're thinking that you want to participate more in the life of our church but just aren't quite sure how to get started? Well, here's a couple of ideas – folks you can talk to. There are lots of ways to get involved in the life of our church – these are just some of them, but hopefully this gives you some insight on how to get started. There are directories in the church office with these folks' names and emails.

- Administration - Marsha Topley
- Missions - Brad Class
- Buildings and Grounds - Rusty Smith
- Music and Worship - Vicki Kuyper or Winnie Quinzi
- Christian Education - Yolanda Koontz
- Congregational Life & Outreach Support - Samantha Armendariz
- Salt and Light - Karen Candusso
- Deacons - Dale Cook
- Mary Martha Circle- Cheri McMillan or Helen Moser
- In-betweeners – Judith or Lyn Ames
- Music Programs – Beth Thomas

**Mary Martha Circle** welcomes all ladies to our meeting on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM in the Library for a social time and then at 9:45 AM we will continue our Bible study of LUKE. We look forward to having you join us.

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The **Christian Education Committee** would like to invite members of the Congregation to write their own Advent Devotional, which would become part of the Congregationally-written Advent Devotional booklet. Each writer will prepare a couple of paragraphs of an experience that would be inspirational to other members of our Congregation. Please also include a Scripture verse or two that relates to your contribution. Your devotional could be based on an unexpected blessing during our struggles with the virus, or any other experience you want to share of God working in your life!

The deadline to submit your devotional is November 7th. You can email it to [ykoontz@gmail.com](mailto:ykoontz@gmail.com) or to Linda, our church secretary at [linda@fpc.lc](mailto:linda@fpc.lc) You are also welcome to write it and give it to any member of the Christian Education Committee.

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