

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Communion Sunday**  
**November 7, 2021 – 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*  
*Entrar para adorar – Salir para servir*



**PRELUDE** *Preludio*

“O Sacrum Convivium” (O Sacred Banquet)	Attrib. to Giovanni Pergolesi (1710-1736)
“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”	Charles Callahan (b. 1951)
“The Comforter Has Come” (19 <sup>th</sup> -Century Hymn)	John Sciveyner (b. 1927)

\*\*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*

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39 NRSV)

**MINUTES FOR MISSION**

**Church Work Day**  
**Stewardship**

**Rusty Smith**  
**Marsha Topley**

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Coral Introito*

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

COME, SHARE THE LORD

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Janet Green

(from Psalm 89)

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**People: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed be the Lord forever. Amen and Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#511 "Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

LLANFAIR

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison) *Oración de adoración (al unísono)*

Lord God, you who are Creator of the Universe and the Power behind all powers, we gather today as your people to praise you, to hear your word, and to pray that your truth might guide us in our every action and thought. Help us come from our scattered lives to focus on your eternal truth. Assure us once more of your divine control over all things; help us to surrender ourselves completely into your loving care and to follow your path of holy obedience and joy. Be present with us and bless us, we ask in the name of Jesus, amen.

**PLEASE BE SEATED** *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

"Your Only Son"

Choral Scholars

LAMB OF GOD

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

O Holy and merciful God, we want to be more like Jesus, always faithful, loving, and obedient. But as you already know, there are things that we say and do that hurt other people. We remember that Jesus would go to a quiet place to think, listen, and pray, spending time with the Father. Now in our prayer, help us use this quiet time to think, listen, and pray. We want to be more like Jesus, and we are sorry that we stray from the paths of righteousness. Thank you for loving us enough to freely forgive us. Thank you for helping us to amend our ways, and that you want to help us grow closer to you, day by day and year by year.

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 sacrifice of Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: What does God's word in Scripture lead us to believe?

**People: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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.<sup>1</sup>**

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#519 "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

JERNIGAN

## 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.

## CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

"Let Us Break Bread Together"  
Handbell Ensemble

Arr. Jason Krug

## PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

BREAK NOW THE BREAD

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<sup>1</sup> from The Brief Statement of Faith of 1993

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**  
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Lectura de la escritura*

Mark 13:1-8, 32-33

Mark 13:1-8, 32-33 (New Revised Standard Version)

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* "Confidence and Trust Well-Placed" Rev. Norm Story

\*COMMUNION HYMN *Himno de Comunion*

#507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

TABLE OF GRACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *Invitación a la mesa*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

*El Padre Nuestro y oración de acción de gracias*

**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**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *Comunion de la gente*

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*After the choral benediction, you are welcome to come to the front for prayer with the pastor.*

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

*Liturgist – Janet Green      Deacon Captain – Dale Cook*

*Sound System – Curtiss Benaway      Video – Rusty Smith*



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 Janet Green and Tisa Gabriel.

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      Diana Howard – W      Lynne Carver - S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Judith Ames – E      Kathy Story – W      Bea Connor – S*

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**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; “El Caldito” soup kitchen; Salvation Army; Missionaries Joel and Barbara Trudell.

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.



11/09 – George Abernathy

11/11 – Marjorie Burr

11/14 – Judi Ferguson, Mike Bartholomew

(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

**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).

**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.

**Our Congregation Is Invited:** Diana Gutierrez, soprano choral scholar, will be performing her senior recital in our Sanctuary on Sunday, November 14 at 2:30 pm. She will be accompanied by her father Ruben Gutierrez and her mother, Monica Gutierrez will be singing a duet with her. Diana's parents are both music educator's in El Paso.

### 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

Buildings & Grounds - Rusty Smith

Music & Worship - Vicki Kuyper or Winnie Quinzi

Christian Education - Yolanda Koontz

Mary Martha Circle- Cheri McMillan or Helen Moser

Congregational Life & Outreach Support - Samantha Armendariz

Missions - Brad Class

Deacons - Dale Cook

Salt and Light - Karen Candusso

Music Programs – Beth Thomas

In-betweeners – Judith or Lyn Ames



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.



### Save the date!

**Buildings & Grounds is happy to invite you to the Fall Church Workday on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-12. All materials will be provided and there will be jobs for all skill and ability levels.**

**If you have any questions or would like to RSVP  
please contact Rusty Smith, smithdandr@yahoo.com**



### An Opportunity to Help

During a Sunday near Thanksgiving each year, we are asked to bring non-perishable food items to church that will be distributed to those in the Las Cruces community who are in need. This year the Thanksgiving In-Gathering will be Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. During the Worship service there will be a special time when you will be invited to put your food-offerings into the baskets in the front. Our congregation has contributed an amazing amount of rice, dry pasta, boxed and canned foods in the past, remembering, "...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me," (Matthew 25:40)

### Stewardship Sunday is November 14, 2021

Stewardship is ultimately a personal decision. But when we give together as a church, the effects are magnified marvelously. That is why we pledge.

On behalf of our church, the stewardship committee is asking you to prayerfully consider your pledge for next year to be submitted on Stewardship Sunday, November 14, 2021. The decisions you make concerning your pledge will have enormous consequences for the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Wonderful things are happening in our church as we see the power of the Holy Spirit move in new, surprising ways.

Your pledge, whatever its amount, is important for your continuing spiritual growth as well as keeping the ministry of this church alive and vibrant. So please pray over your pledge and be prepared to bring your pledge card with you to Worship on Stewardship Sunday as we rededicate our lives and our gifts unto God. We will present our pledges together as a group during the service into the basket next to the communion table.

If you cannot attend on that day, your pledge will be welcomed at any time.





**Salt & Light – “Enter With a Thankful Heart”**  
Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, November 10, 2021  
4:00 – 6:30 PM

5:50 PM – Dinner

Menu: Baked potato night with a variety of toppings

- 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 11/15/21 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, November 7, 2021 Communion Sunday - 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
- 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 outside the front doors of the Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

### **Monday, November 8, 2021**

- 6:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas
- 6:30 PM Calligraphy Guild meeting in the Library and fellowship area in Jones Hall
- 7:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

### **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

- 9:30 AM Mary Martha Circle in the Library and fellowship area in Jones Hall (see announcement)
- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Ministry team meetings: Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Christian Education, Congregational Life & Outreach Support, and Music & Worship in Jones Hall.

### **Wednesday, November 10, 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 11, 2021**

**Office closed for Veterans Day**

### **Friday, November 12, 2021**

### **Saturday, November 13, 2021**

The Good News Newsletter goes out on Saturdays. Please send submission to:

[scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net)

- 8:00 AM All Church Work Day! (see announcement)

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