



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**January 9, 2022 - 10:30 A.M**

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*  
*Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir*

PRELUDE *Preludio*

“The Quest Of The Magi”

H. Alexander Matthews (1879-1973)

“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”

James Mansfield (1927-2018)

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer” (American Hymn of 1877)

Ann Clark (b. 1930)

\*\*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*

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

(2 Corinthians 5:17, 21 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

PERSONENT HODIE

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Janet Green

(Psalm 139)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

**People: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#134 “Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

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

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

Heavenly Father, you have placed me in the Church which your Son purchased by his sacrifice and obedience. Add grace to grace that I may live worthy of that calling. I am a voyager across life’s ocean; safe in heaven’s ark. May I pass through this troubled world into the harbor of eternal rest. I am a tree of the vineyard you have planted. Grant me not to be barren with worthless leaves and wild grapes. Prune me of useless branches and water me with the dews of blessing. May our worship be always firmly rooted in your word, our understanding divinely informed, our affections holy and heavenly, and our motives simple and pure.<sup>1</sup> **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*

“Lamb of God”

AGNUS DEI

Diana Gutierrez and Leah Rasmussen

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

Great God of wisdom, compassion, and power, we ask your forgiveness for the times when we have turned away from you and your claim upon our lives. Forgive us the times that we have not used the spiritual gifts and resources that you have given us, and for the times when we have ignored and neglected those who need us. We confess that too often, when we could glorify you and make a difference, we are fearful and choose not to obey and not to serve. You have called us to be your servants, yet we get so wrapped up in our own lives that we fail to reflect your compassion. We are not faithful with all our hearts, minds, and strength. In your mercy, forgive us and inspire us once again by your Holy Spirit, guiding us and giving us courage to serve with you faithfully in all that we say and do. Through Jesus we pray.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

*Momento de confesión en silencio y reflexión*

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<sup>1</sup> from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*, The Banner of Truth Trust, Edinburgh, 1975.

## 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:** We have prayed for forgiveness, but what is prayer?

**People:** **Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.<sup>2</sup>**

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#152 "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Judith Ames

*Momento de buenas noticias para los discípulos jóvenes*

- Children 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*

#827 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

## PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno* "Before the Marvel of This Night"

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Isaiah 43:1-7, 18-19

Romans 3:19-26, 28

Isaiah 43:1-7, 18-19 (New Revised Standard Version)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

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<sup>2</sup> Question 178, The Larger Catechism, England, 1646.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Romans 3:19-26, 28 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“Because I Love You”

Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#480 “Take Me to the Water”

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Raise a Song of Gladness”

JUBILATE DEO

\*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist – Janet Green*

*Deacon Captain – Gracia Class*



Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following Worship this morning in the Jones Hall Fellowship area. 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:*

*Wanda Mattiace – E      Patricia Mensah – W      Linda Seaton - S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Judith Ames – E      Rev. Norm Story – W      Janet Green – S*

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**Please remember in your prayers:** Dorris Hamilton; Josie Fietze; Dave Schreuder; Bill and Virginia Haynes; Mary Olberg; Carol Bott; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; La Casa ; Gospel Rescue Mission; Missionaries Joel and Barbara Trudell, Cape Town, South Africa.

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.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 1/12 – Dylan Anderson
- 1/13 – Rebecca Smith, Aline Pangoup
- 1/14 – Naomi Loya
- 1/15 – Florence Hamilton
- 1/16 – Josh Borchert



(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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**Salt & Light – “Welcome Back – Winter Wonderland!”**

Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

4:00 – 6:30 PM

5:50 PM – Dinner

Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad and cookies

- 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

The Christian Education Committee is seeking to hire a child care worker for Sunday mornings. Hours would be 9am to 11:30am every Sunday. This is a paid position of \$11.50 per hour. “Best practices” is that we keep two staff members in the class room at all times. Since safe-guarding the children is our priority, we need to fill this position as soon as possible. Candidates must be fully vaccinated, and be able to pass a background check. Ages 14 and up can apply. Please send your interest in applying to Yolanda at: [ykoontz@gmail.com](mailto:ykoontz@gmail.com)

*Per Capita Apportionment*

Every Presbyterian (USA) congregation is apportioned a share of the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount to be paid by our congregation for the year 2022 is \$29.11 per member. Members may choose to contribute this amount, if they wish, thus freeing church funds for our ministries.

Corrected Date: **Mary Martha Circle** and Bible Study will begin the New Year on **January 11**, at 9:45 AM in the library. Please join us as we continue to study God's word with old and new friends.

## 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, January 9, 2022

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

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

### Monday, January 10, 2022

6:30 PM Calligraphy Guild meeting in the Library and fellowship area in Jones Hall

### Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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.

**It is very important to attend your Ministry meetings.**

*Missions team please check with Brad Class on your meeting.*

### Wednesday, January 12, 2022

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

4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)

### Thursday, January 13, 2022

6:30 PM Jennie Curry Bible Study in the Jones Hall Library. (see announcement)

### Friday, January 14, 2022

The Good News Newsletter goes out on Saturdays. Please send submission to:  
[scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net)

### Saturday, January 15, 2022

### Sunday, January 16, 2022

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

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

**Monday, January 17, 2022 Holiday, the Church Office will be closed.**

Covid19 precautions:

- Hand-sanitizer and wipes are located at each door.
- A purple box with slots for depositing your offering is located in each aisle.
- 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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### **You Can Help Our Church!**

By now you may know that First Presbyterian Church streams live services and recorded events on YouTube for those who are not able to worship in person. But you may not realize that by signing up for your free subscription to our church YouTube channel, you will be helping us grow a larger viewing audience to spread the good news about Christ to our community and beyond.

In today's world, people of all ages and backgrounds spend a good portion of their time watching shows on YouTube. Because there is vast potential for reaching many others and attracting them to our church, we are asking each member and visitor to consider signing up to our church YouTube channel. It's free and easy. Here are the steps:

1. In your browser type in YouTube.com
2. Tap on the magnifying glass icon to the right and type in First Presbyterian
3. Church Las Cruces, NM
4. When one of our church services pops up, click on the red Subscribe icon on the right side of the screen.
5. Enter your Google (Gmail) email address and password. You can create a free account from this page if you don't already have one.
6. You are now a subscriber to our church's YouTube channel.

And that's it! What a quick, easy way to support our church.

Thank you for helping us spread the Word.

#### **WE ARE INVITED!**

It's a Birthday Party! Florence Hamilton will be having her 100th birthday on Saturday, January 15! Her family invites us to help celebrate by coming to a reception given in her honor at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1-25 and University, that afternoon. You are welcome to drop in between 1:00 and 3:00 to offer your congratulations.

**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).

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### **Contribution Envelopes for 2022**

If you use contribution envelopes, please pick them up in Jones Hall.  
Monthly or weekly envelopes are available.

Or, you can call the office and set up an appointment to pick them up.

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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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### **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!

