

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

January 23, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

3rd Sunday after Christmas

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

Albin C. Whitworth (b. 1938)

“I Waited for the Lord; He Inclined His Ear to Me”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

“God the Omnipotent”

Thomas Chesterton (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

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” (Luke 1:68, 78-79 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Dinah Jentgen

(Matthew 13)

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

People: **Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.**

Leader: Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

People: **Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

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

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

Most loving and compassionate God, Spirit of truth and love, Jesus Christ, our salvation and hope; we come before you in adoration and joyful gratitude for the abundant blessings of our lives. Grant this day that by the power of your Spirit, we will hunger for truth and righteousness. Illumine our hearts and minds and souls that we may better follow in the footsteps of Jesus and more worthily reflect and magnify your name. O Lord, in and through our worship may we move toward being more faithful and forgiving...**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*

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Choral Scholars

RESTORATION

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

Lord, if your mercy had limits, where would we find shelter from your justice? But we have hope because in Christ you give grace without measure. Confident in your love, we present ourselves before you to seek your pardon for our sins of commission and omission, sins against your commandments in Scripture, sins against your Spirit speaking through our conscience, and for sins against our neighbors and ourselves. We don't plead righteousness, but our great need for your mercy. May we be open to a vision of new possibilities and boldness in a life of faithfulness, integrity, and sacrificial service. Holy Jesus, our living hope, may we become more and more responsive to your grace and to your call.

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 truth. Neither this world nor our lives are so broken that God cannot restore to wholeness. Trust and believe that reconciliation is possible. God does show us the way home. In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

People: **We rejoice in the Good News that through Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven.**

Leader: What truth does Scripture teach us to believe?

People: **I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.¹**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#749 "Come! Live in the Light!"

WE ARE CALLED

- Choral Scholars to sing verses
- Congregation to join on refrain

¹ Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the western churches. In the fourth and fifth centuries, North African Christians debated the question of whether the church was an exclusive sect composed of the heroic few or an inclusive church of all who confessed Jesus Christ, leading to the addition of "holy" (belonging to God) and "catholic" (universal). In Gaul, in the fifth century, the phrase "he descended into hell" came into the creed. By the eighth century, the creed had attained its present form.

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

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*

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
Choral Scholars

OPEN MY EYES

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
➤ To follow text, see #182 in Hymnal

KINGSFOLD

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Luke 4:14-21

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Luke 4:14-21 (New Revised Standard Version)

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their

synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “Good News Still Being Fulfilled” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#772 “Live into Hope”

TRURO

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

TREES OF THE FIELD

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

Liturgist – Dinah Jentgen Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Rusty Smith Video – Brent Brewer



No Fellowship this morning, no one signed up to host it. Sign up board is in Jones Fellowship area. You can sign up as a committee, or for a birthday, an anniversary or any other occasion.

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| 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 Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa – W Patricia Adu-Mensah - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Rev. Norm Story – E Dinah Jentgen – W Erin Taylor – S

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

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Please remember in your prayers: Brian Otto; Paul Deason and Diana Davidson; Ada Castle’s mom Berniece; A.B. and Millie Conrad; Johanna Miller at the Heritage; 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 Doug and Sherry Barron, CRU headquarters in Orlando, Florida.

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.



BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/1 – Brad Class

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/23 – Chris Rogers

1/29 – Lon Anderson

1/30 – Beth Thomas, Alex Merchant

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

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, January 23, 2022

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. We are viewing and discussing "The Attributes of God" by Steven Lawson.
(see announcement)

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

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

Monday, January 24, 2022

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

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

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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

No Salt & Light until February

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Friday, January 28, 2022

The Good News Newsletter goes out on Saturdays. Please send submission to:
scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, January 29, 2022

Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. We are viewing and discussing "The Attributes of God" by Steven Lawson.
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9:00 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall

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10:30 AM Worship Service

11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship

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

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Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer: This week we are beginning "The Attributes of God." This 16-episode video series looks at the ways that God is described in the Bible and how those attributes affect our relationships with God and with each other.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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

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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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 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!



Notes:
