

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

February 6, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

5th Sunday after Epiphany – Communion Sunday

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir



PRELUDE *Preludio*

Meditation on “Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer”

May F. Lawrence (1942)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Richard Blake (2015)

“The Great Commission”

(Based on Three Familiar Evangelistic Hymns)- Hugh S. Livingston, Jr. (1945-2014)

**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

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. The Lord does not forsake the work of his hands. (Psalm 138:7-8 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“I Danced in the Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Dr. Janet Loman

(Psalm 27)

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

Leader: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

People: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

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

Lord God, we worship you. In company with all who turn towards you, we adore you. Be close to our thoughts and prayers, so that we may receive from you the blessing you are waiting to give us. Allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with understanding what you say to us. Help us to be thankful for all the good we have received from you. Awaken in us a longing to do what is right. Guide us to be more aware of the great company, past, present and to come, with whom we join in worship and share in the sacrament of Communion. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

#757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

Vs. 1

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

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

God of hope, we confess that we still struggle to live faithful lives that reflect the new life you promised. Too often we allow fear and doubt to stifle our joy. We are slow to trust; we do not easily welcome change and new possibilities. Forgive our hesitance to grasp the gift of new life and share it with others. Forgive our failure to have empathy for others and offer help to those who are hurting. We thank you for your love that enables us to have a more genuine and hopeful faith, faith that can bear witness to the Good News of your gracious mercy and love. Help us to live more and more joyfully each day, in certainty that we are the children of God.

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: The proof of God's amazing love is this, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. And Christ rose for us and takes away all our sin. I therefore declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven, thanks be to God, amen.

Leader: What does Scripture teach and declare about God?

People: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.¹

¹ from The Scots Confession of 1560

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

“As the Deer”

As the deer pants for water, so my soul pants for You. Psalm 42:1

Harmony optional

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, So my soul long-eth af - ter Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, E-ven though You are a King.
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, On-ly You can sat - is - fy.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.
I love You more than an - y oth-er, So much more than an - y - thing.
You a - lone are the real joy giv-er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.

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*

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
Choral Scholars

KELVINGROVE

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno* “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 42:1-2, 5-8 Luke 5:1-11

Psalm 42:1-2, 5-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Luke 5:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with

him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “A Hunger and Thirst for More” Rev. Norm Story

*COMMUNION HYMN *Himno de Comunion*

#525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

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*

“I Danced in the Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE

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

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Linda Ward Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Curtis Benaway Video – Rusty Smith



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 or an anniversary.

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 Adu Mensah – W Linda Seaton - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Bill Kuyper – E Kathy Story – W Erin Taylor – S

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

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Please remember in your prayers: Brian Otto; 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; Casa de Peregrinos; 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

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2/06 – Joyce Nolan

(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, February 6, 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, February 7, 2022

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

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

9:30 AM Mary Martha Circle (see announcement)

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

7:00 PM Ministry team meetings: Please contact your moderator to see if your meeting is electronic or in person.

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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

No Salt & Light

6:30 PM **Moved from last week:** Jennie Curry Bible Study in the Jones Hall Library.

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Friday, February 11, 2022

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

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Sunday, February 13, 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



After Worship Fellowship: The sign-up board is in Jones Hall Fellowship area.

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.



Mary Martha Circle welcomes all ladies to our Tuesday, February 8th meeting in the library. Please come at 9:30 AM for a brief social time and at 9:45 AM our continuing Bible study of LUKE 16:1–19:27 led by Gracia Class. Mask up! We look forward to having you join us.

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!



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.

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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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.

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATES

Please join us as we continue to host small groups in our back yard when the weather permits. It will soon be Spring in New Mexico!

Please call Janet @ 575.202.4379 if you would like to join us!

Friends are always welcome.

ALSO

College and Young Adult Bible Study

will begin via Zoom on

Monday evenings @ 7:00PM beginning February 21, 2022

Please email Janet @ drjml@me.com for the link

and mark your calendars!

WE HAVE MISSED YOU AND ARE HOPING TO SEE YOU!