

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir

PRELUDE *Preludio*

===== HOWARD

**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

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

(2 Corinthians 4:1-2)

INTROIT *Introito*

"Majesty"

Jack W. Hayford

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

REÚNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Linda Ward

(Psalm 99:1-5)

Leader: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: **The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is He!**

Leader: Mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and the righteousness in Jacob.

People: **Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is He!**

*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)

LORD, our LORD, you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. You are faithful and just, showing kindness to generations upon generations. You are the God of earthquakes, wind, and fire, and also the God of sparrows, flowers, and the smallest of children. We are humbled and honored by your presence and grateful that we can gather together to proclaim the works of your hands. You meet the needs of all of your creation with blessings more than we can count. You sent your Son to be with us, who taught his first disciples and us to pray together: **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*

“555 “O Lamb of God”

LAND OF REST

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

God of the ages, you have given us life and salvation. In return, you have asked us to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We come before you now to say that, although we have tried, we have not been the people that we want to be. We have put other things before you and have missed opportunities to love our neighbors. Help us to acknowledge those times when we have fallen short and when we have turned away. Direct us back towards you. In this silence, hear our confessions, so that we may leave behind our mistakes and failures, and take up your grace once again.

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 and take comfort: God does not leave us on our own. He has sent his Son, Jesus, to take away the sins that separate us from him. We have been forgiven and restored.

People: **Thanks be to God! With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we live as God would have us live, in perfect unity with Him and with each other.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#191 “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

BREWER

- Choral Scholars to sing verse 1
- Congregation join on verses 2 and 3

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chibuzo Chilaka

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*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

Choral Scholars

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

GENEVA

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Catherine Brewer

Exodus 34:29-35

Luke 9:28-36

Exodus 34:29-35 (New Revised Standard Version)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Luke 9:28-36 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“Reassuring or Frightening Depends on the Relationship” Dr. Catherine Brewer

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#192 “Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining” SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

GO IN GOD’S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Congregacional*

#377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON
➤ Refrain only

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

*Liturgist – Linda Ward Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh
Sound System – Rusty Smith Video – Brent Brewer*



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 Christian Education 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:

Chibuzo Chilaka – E Dr. Catherine Brewer – W Linda Ward – S

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

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Please remember in your prayers: Bill Kuyper; Arnold McMillan; A.B. and Millie Conrad; Johanna Miller, Dorris Hamilton, Genevieve Ariege, and Norma Klein at the Heritage; Josie Fietze; Dave Schreuder; Mary Olberg; Carol Bott; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; St. Luke's Health Care Clinic; Community of Hope; Casa de Peregrinos food bank; 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.

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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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 27, 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.
- 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

Monday, February 28, 2022

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

- 12:00 PM **DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin**
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)
- 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary, all are invited

Thursday, March 3, 2022

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

Friday, March 4, 2022

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

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Sunday, March 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.
- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School led by Larry Hicks in Branigan Hall (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
- 11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship
- 12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story
- 3:00 PM A Wind Quintet Concert in the Sanctuary. All are invited (see announcement)

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

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.

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Adult Sunday School: I will be leading a six Sunday seminar (beginning March 6) on the “purpose and unity of the Bible.” This goes back to a question I was asked many years ago while a chaplain out in the Adriatic Sea aboard the USS KEARSARGE: “Chaplain, can you teach me the whole Bible?” Of course, that would have taken a few years! but I had time for an overview. An overview is what I will do during these six Sundays.

If you are interested, please let me know, so I can prepare the number of handouts needed? We’ll meet at 9:00 AM in Branigan Hall.

Larry Hicks, ptptt45@gmail.com

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Salt & Light – “Take Up the Cross and Follow Me”

Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

4:00PM - Kinder – Middle School

5:15 PM - Salt & Light Dinner, \$4.00 suggested donation

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

- If you plan to join us for dinner, please RSVP with the church office at 575-526-5559 by Monday 2/28/2022 between 9am-2pm.

Karen Candusso, Salt & Light Director

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Wednesday, March 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. All are



invited.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2/27 – Suzie Borchert

2/28 – Diana Davidson

3/02 – Johnnie Aldrich

3/03 – Millie Conrad, Robert Distlehorst

3/04 – Elizabeth Loman

3/05 – Ada J. Castle

(If we missed your birthday, please call the office at 575-526-5559 or email Linda at linda@fpc.lc)

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!



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.



Concordia College Choir will be performing a concert in our sanctuary on Tuesday, March 8. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at ConcordiaTickets.com or at the door. In 2017, the Concordia Choir performed here to a packed house! They are one of the premier choirs in the United States. They will be performing many hymn tunes and arrangements.

Prior to the concert we will be feeding the cast and crew of 77 folks. If you would like to donate to help offset the costs of the dinner, it would be greatly appreciated.



A Wind Quintet comes to First Presbyterian Church

Join us on March 6th at 3:00 pm

Vicki Kuyper, Flute

Ann Berman, Oboe

John Pleasant, Clarinet

William Kuyper, Horn

Rusty Smith, Bassoon

Free Admission

Donations support the First Presbyterian Church's Music Ministry