

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Communion**  
**Sunday**  
**March 6, 2022 - 10:30 A.M**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“In the Hour of Trial”

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

“Come Unto Him” (From *Olivet to Calvary*)

John Henry Maunder (1858-1920)

Toccata on “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

\*\*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*

Yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. (Galatians 2:16 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“I Come with Joy”

COVE OF PEACE

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Paul Deason

(from John 6)

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**People: They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”**

Leader: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

**People: This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#634 “To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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

Loving God, you call us to prayer, and offer yourself to all who seek and call upon your name. Your promises are true and entirely reliable. Upon your grace and mercy we find strength and courage, joy and peace. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us today and deliver us from coldness of heart, a wandering mind, and wrongful desire. By the power of your living and active Word place within us a steadfast love and devotion, so that we may worship and serve you with our whole lives. Satisfy our longing with your Presence and through us bring glory to your name. We ask it through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

“Your Only Son”

LAMB OF GOD

Beth Thomas, Solo

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

Mighty God, we humble ourselves for faculties and resources misused, opportunities neglected, words and deeds ill-advised. We repent of our folly and inconsiderate ways, our broken resolutions, untrue service, backsliding steps and vain thoughts. Bury our sins in the ocean of Jesus’ grace and let not evil result from our corrupt hearts, unseemly behavior or provoking pettiness. If by unkindness I have wounded or hurt another, pour in the balm of heavenly consolation. If I have turned coldly from need, misery or grief, do not forsake me. If I have shunned those who have offended me, keep open the door of my heart. Fill me with an over-flowing ocean of compassion, the reign of love my motive and the law of love my rule.<sup>1</sup>

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

*Momento de confesión en silencio y reflexión*

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<sup>11</sup> from “The Valley of Vision, A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotion”, edited by Arthur Bennett, page 178.

## 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 who 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 gracious love through Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the Good News, all our sins are forgiven.

**People:** **By God's grace we are loved and saved. Through the redeeming blood of Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Leader:** What is the foundation upon which we can trust and live in hope?

**People:** **In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.<sup>2</sup>**

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

DUNLAP'S CREEK

## GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Judith Ames

*Momento de buenas noticias para los discípulos jóvenes*

- Children are asked to sit on the carpet squares in the front and masks are welcomed during the Young Disciples' Talk.

## CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

OLIVET

Choral Scholars

## PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Bicentennial

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<sup>2</sup> Lines 1-18, "The Brief Statement of Faith", adopted by PC(USA) in 1993.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Lectura de la escritura*

Romans 10:9-15

Romans 10:9-15 (New Revised Standard Version)

Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* "Our Journey Through Lent Begins" Rev. Norm Story

\*COMMUNION HYMN *Himno de Comunion*

#498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" BEACH SPRING

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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*

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Congregacional*

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” BEACH SPRING

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

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

*Liturgist – Paul Deason Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh*

*Sound System – Curtis Benaway Video – Rusty Smith*



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 Regmi family.

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:*

*Cecilia Mboh – E Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa – W Patricia Adu-Mensah - S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Judith Ames – E Kathy Story – W Blaine Goss – S*

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**Please remember in your prayers:** Janet and Steve Loman; Arnold McMillan; A.B. and Millie Conrad; Johanna Miller, Dorris Hamilton, Genevieve Ariege, and Norma Klein at the Heritage; Dave Schreuder; Mary Olberg; Carol Bott; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; Gospel Rescue Mission; Casa de Peregrinos food bank; Salvation Army; 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](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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**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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 3/07 – Dorris Hamilton
- 3/09 – Wayne Maley
- 3/10 – Ivanna Izaguirre
- 3/11 – Jessica Smith, Janice Sherman
- 3/12 – Carl Connor
- 3/13 – Natassja Galaz, Lynne Carver

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

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## 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, March 6, 2022 Communion**

- 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. A six Sunday seminar on the "purpose and unity of the Bible." (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)

### **Monday, March 7, 2022**

- 6:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas
- 7:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

### **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

- 9:30 AM Mary Martha Circle in Jones Hall Library (see announcement)
- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Concordia College Choir in the Sanctuary (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Committee meetings. Please check with your moderator. (Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Congregational Life & Outreach Support, Christian Education, Missions, and Music & Worship)

### **Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

- Rusty Smith volunteering at soup kitchen. He will be out of the office.
- 12:00 PM **DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin**
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)

### **Thursday, March 10, 2022**

### **Friday, March 11, 2022**

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

### **Saturday, March 12, 2022**

### **Sunday, March 13, 2022 Daylight savings time begins!**

- 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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**Mary Martha Circle** welcomes all ladies to our Tuesday, March 8, 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 19:28-22:38 led by Gracia Class. We look forward to having you join us.

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The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

What we hear during Lent is the power and possibility of the new life that is beyond the power of death which means we must die with Christ who was raised for us. To live for Christ, we must die with him. The church’s peculiar Lenten claim is that in dying we live, that all who are baptized into Christ are baptized into his death. To be raised with Christ means one must also die with Christ. In order to embrace the resurrection, we must experience the passion of Jesus. The way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death of the “old self.” In dying, we live.

Therefore, at the beginning of Lent, we are reminded that our possessions, our rulers, our empires, our projects, our families, and even our lives do not last forever. “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). It is the power of the resurrection on the horizon ahead that draws us into repentance toward the cross and tomb. Through the intervention of God’s gracious resurrection, lifelong changes in our values and behavior become possible. Faithfully adhering to the Lenten journey of “prayer, fasting, and almsgiving” leads to the destination of Easter.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Taken from the Presbyterian Church USA website.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/worship-resources-lent/>





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

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**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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**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, [pttptt45@gmail.com](mailto:pttptt45@gmail.com)

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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.

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### Salt & Light – “Hop Into Spring!”

Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

4:00 – 6:30 PM

Dinner is at 5:50 PM

- If you plan to join us for dinner, please RSVP with the church office at

575-526-5559 by Monday 3/07/2022 between 9am-2pm. \$4.00 suggested donation.

Karen Candusso, Salt & Light Director



**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](http://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 today March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

*Vicki Kuyper, Flute*

*Ann Berman, Oboe*

*John De La Paz, Clarinet*

*William Kuyper, Horn*

*Rusty Smith, Bassoon*

Free Admission

Donations support the First Presbyterian Church's Music Ministry

