

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“With Grief My Heart Is Laden”

Stanley E. Saxton (1904-2002)

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” (Early American Hymn Tune ca. 1830)

Anthony Giamanco (b. 1958)

“How Lovely Are the Feet of Them” (From *Messiah*)

Georg F. Handel (1685-1759)

****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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Annual Luncheon
Vacation Bible School

Lon Anderson
Patrick Cummings

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Meditación para la preparación para la adoración

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:4, 5, 7 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

HOLY GROUND

Beth Thomas, Solo

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Lon Anderson

(from Philippians 2)

Leader: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

People: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

Leader: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

People: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#846 “Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

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

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

Gracious Lord, we come this day as your own beloved people. Your children in need hope that today we will hear a word of hope and joy, that you will touch us with your healing comfort, and give us the courage and strength we need. Eternal Father, send your Spirit to speak your Word, your Wisdom, and your Truth to us. You know, O Merciful Savior, the burdens we bear, the troubles we fear, the mistakes and crises of our lives that make us anxious and doubtful. You know the secrets, our needs and hurts that brought us here, and even those we dare not mention to anyone else. By your love and grace, speak to us and let your compassion so fill our lives so that we walk and live in your power to make all things new. As Jesus taught his disciples to pray, **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*

“Call to Lent”

Jerome Williams

Choral Scholars

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

God of love and tenderness, You call us from the chaos of our lives, just as we are. Embrace each of us now as we confess our sins. Forgive us for the opportunities we miss, for squandering our gifts, for wasting our time, and for simply being too busy and preoccupied to keep our focus on the things that really matter. Where we have fallen short of doing your will, forgive us. Where we have neglected those in need, forgive us. Where we have been selfish and hurt other people, forgive us. By your mercy and grace, lead us to live in ways that more faithfully reflect your steadfast loving kindness.

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: God is gracious and loving. Hear the Good News of the gospel; that nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus. In Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven.

People: **Believing and trusting the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.**

Leader: What is our only comfort, in life and in death?

People: **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**
(The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

“The Old Rugged Cross”

THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: *So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

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*

“Jesus, Remember Me”

REMEMBER ME

Choral Scholars

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“My Life Flows On” HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Janet Loman

Philippians 3:13-4:1

2 Corinthians 5:1-7

Philippians 3:13-4:1 (New Revised Standard Version)

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 Corinthians 5:1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “Striving Forward, Press On and Hold Fast” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" GOD BE WITH YOU

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

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

Liturgist – Lon Anderson Deacon Captain –

Sound System – Jonathan West Video – Will Schroeder



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 Buildings and Grounds 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 Divine Mboh – W Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Rev. Norm Story – E Lon Anderson – W Judith Ames – S

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

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Please remember in your prayers: Cheri and 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; Missionary Cesar Caruchin, Presbyterian Minister, Columbia, south America.

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.

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!

- 3/13 – Natassja Galaz, Lynne Carver
- 3/14 – Joanne Kersting, Giselle Sanchez
- 3/18 – Rev. Marcus Burr

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

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In-Betweeners for March

On our regular fourth Friday, March 25th, we plan to get together in Watkins Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM for a planned potluck dinner. Following that, we’ll hear a talk by local author Carlos Melendez. He will speak on his book “I Know Where the Bodies are Buried...Tales of the Founding Family of Las Cruces,” which is about his own family. Please contact Lyn and Judith Ames, 575-526-3247 or jkames@g.com, to let us know you’ll be coming.

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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.

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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*God gave Noah a rainbow as a symbol of His promise
to never flood the earth.*

Salt & Light – “God Keeps His Promises!”

Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 16, 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 3/14/2022 between 9am-2pm. \$4.00 suggested donation.

Karen Candusso, Salt & Light Director

Join Us!

Annual Gathering and Luncheon on Sunday, March 20, 2022, following our Worship Service. All are invited. It will be a time to celebrate what has happened over this past year and share some exciting ideas for 2022 for First Presbyterian Church.

Donations will be accepted for the Youth and Children’s Ministry

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, March 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.
- 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."
- 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, March 14, 2022

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

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Session meeting in the Jones Hall Library

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

- 12:00 PM **DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin**
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)

Thursday, March 17, 2022

- 6:30 PM Deacons meeting in the Jones Hall Library

Friday, March 18, 2022

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

Saturday, March 19, 2022

Sunday, March 20, 2022 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

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

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