

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

4th Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE *Preludio*

Jeoni Batista

**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

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." (Luke 18:11-14 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

WEST MAIN

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Marsha Topley

(from Psalm 139)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

People: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYDY NOS

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

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

We praise you, O God, and rejoice in the covenant whereby you have written your word on our hearts. We have come here because we wish to see Jesus. Eternal One, by faith we believe that you brought us here today. By faith we believe that you sent Jesus because you love us and that you desire to bless all of your creation. We believe that you know everything about us, and that through our worship, you will speak truth and grace to us. Let us hear your grace and feel your mercy as we come before you in worship. May we bend and bow to your will and purpose for us. May our worship be truthful and pleasing to you. **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*

#416 "O Come unto the Lord"

KOREA

- Choral Scholars will sing verses
- Congregation will join on the refrain

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

God of justice, through your servants and prophets you have made known your desire for peace and harmony to include the whole human family. Through Jesus, you have shared your vision of a caring community where every person is honored and valued. We confess that we often blur that vision by our attitude toward others. Sometimes we devalue the talents and work of other people, neglecting to see them as an intentional part of your precious creation and purpose. Have mercy on us, O gracious Savior. Help us to live more faithfully as your stewards by treating others and all of your creation with more care.

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: Friends, hear the Good News. Jesus died and rose again, overthrowing the powers of sin and death, and he did it for the sake of the world. We are enslaved no longer by the powers of darkness. We are set free to follow Jesus. Friends, believe the Good News, 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 do you mean when you speak of "the forgiveness of sins"?

People: Because of Jesus Christ, God no longer holds my sins against me. Christ alone is my righteousness and my life. Grace alone is the basis on which God has forgiven me in him. Faith alone is the means by which I receive Christ into my heart, and with him the forgiveness that makes me whole.¹

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
Handbell Ensemble

Arr. Jaso Krug

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chibuzo Chilaka

Momento de buenas noticias para los discípulos jóvenes

- Children are asked to sit on the carpet squares in the front, and masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated.

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
Choral Scholars

¹ Question #62, The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version, Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“I Surrender All”

Arr. Steve Potts

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Janet Loman

Jonah 3:5, 10-4:4

Luke 15:1-3, 25-32

Jonah 3:5, 10-4:4 (New Revised Standard Version)

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

Luke 15:1-3, 25-32 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“Was Lost and Has Been Found”

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final* #774 “There Is Now a New Creation” STUTTGART

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Congregacional*

#227 “Jesus, Remember Me”

REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Jeoni Batista

Liturgist – Marsha Topley

Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

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 the Inocencio 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:

Diana Howard – E Linda Ward – W Patricia Adu-Mensah - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Chibozo Chilaka – E Rev. Norm Story – W Marsha Topley – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Don and Jean Rhodes; 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!

- 3/29 – Jeanine Krenzer, Virginia Kraner
- 3/30 – Paul Deason
- 4/01 – Donna Curtiss
- 4/02 – Cindy Tafoya

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

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Buildings & Grounds spring work day is Saturday, April 9th from 8am-12:00pm.
Mark your calendars. Contact Moderator Brent Brewer at brent.brewer@gmail.com

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 27, 2022

- 9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. We are viewing and discussing "Discovering Deuteronomy" by Robert Godfrey.
- 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
- 12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

Monday, March 28, 2022

- Linda Ramirez will be out of the office
- 6:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas
- 7:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

- Linda Ramirez will be out of the office
- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor (see announcement)

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

- 12:00 PM **DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin**
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Friday, April 1, 2022

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

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Sunday, April 3, 2022 Communion Sunday

- 9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. We are viewing and discussing "Discovering Deuteronomy" by Robert Godfrey.
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After Worship Fellowship: The sign-up board is in Jones Hall Fellowship area.

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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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"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Salt & Light – "Got Fruit?"

Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 30, 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 3/28/2022 between 9am-1pm. \$4.00 suggested donation.

Karen Candusso, Salt & Light Director



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-10

9am – noon for ages K-12

Contact info saltandlight@fpc.lc



Easter Necessities...

Congregational Life & Outreach Support Ministry team requests your help as we prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt for our children of FPC. We are collecting donations of candy, small toys/trinkets, fruit snacks, granola bars, any non-melting

individually wrapped snacks/goodies and large plastic eggs. Donations can be left at the entrances of the Sanctuary or at the church

office, from now through 4/10. Please contact Samantha for any questions at 575-373-5606 or Samantha.co09@gmail.com.

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!



COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT UPDATE

Spring is in the air, and we plan to celebrate

with

Dinner Night at the Lomans!

Good Friday, April 15, 2022 - 6:00 PM

1622 West Union Avenue

Las Cruces, NM 88005

Questions? Please contact Janet: 575.202.4379

drjml@me.com

Everyone is welcome, and welcome to bring a friend or friends;

just let us know!



First Presbyterian Church, Las Cruces
Experience the Joy and Power of Easter

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 am

Palm processional with children and youth

Trumpets

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm

Celebration of the Last Supper

Chancel Choir, Choral Scholars and guest instrumentalists

Good Friday Bible Meditation

Friday, April 15 at 11:00 am

A pastor-led meditation

Easter

Sunday, April 17, at 10:30 am

Celebrate Christ's Resurrection

Brass Quintet

11:45 am, Children's Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers-5th grade

