

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Palm Passion Sunday

April 10, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE *Preludio*

Trumpet Prelude

David Uber

Jacob Dalager, Larry Hill, Paul McLaughlin, Trumpets

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Arr. Jason Krug

Handbell Ensemble

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Leah Rasmussen-Mathe, Mezzo Soprano

Jeonai Batista, Piano

****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

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey...and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. (Zechariah 9:9-10 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd”
Choral Scholars
Paul Hallsted, Recorder

CHRISTIAN LOVE

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Jacque Parks

(from Psalm 118)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

People: **The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS *Procesión con las Palmas*

“Blessed Is He Who Comes”

Lloyd Larson

- Combined Choirs
- Congregation join on the verses

All glory, laud and honor to Thee Redeemer King.
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal son.
Who in the Lord’s name cometh, the King and blessed one.
To Thee before the passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To Thee, now high exalted our melody we raise!

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring.
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ride To Jerusalem”
Salt & Light Youth and Children’s Choir
Amon Taylor, Handbells
Roselyn Stolee, Piano

Michael Bedford

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison - seated)

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

Gathering for worship today, we are like the crowd that lined the streets witnessing your entry into Jerusalem. Some of us gather here full of enthusiasm. Some of us gather wearied by what life has thrown at us. Some of us have come out of curiosity. Some of us out of habit. Some of us gather with great expectation. Some of us with no particular hopes. It is here, O God, that you meet us and greet us and, if we will allow, it is here that you surprise us with your love and your grace. So open our eyes and hearts, and surprise us today with renewed joy, with the promise of hope, with a glimpse of your good plans for us. Through our worship we join in the cry “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”... **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**

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

“I Love You, Lord”
Choral Scholars

I LOVE YOU, LORD

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

O majestic God who came in humility and riding on a colt, we join the crowds of the ages shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives do not consistently reflect your greatness, and living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation and grace, yet sin is still close and real, daily drawing us away from you. Have mercy upon us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive the wrong of what we have done, what we have said, and who we have been. Hosanna in the highest! Lord save us, and help us live more faithful and useful lives in response to your gracious love.

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 does Scripture teach about the nature of our God?

People: **There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**¹

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Handbell Ensemble

Arr. Jason Krug

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 optional for those who have been vaccinated.

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Choral Scholars

ARGENTINE SANTO

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Filled with Excitement”
➤ For text #199 in the hymnal
Paul Hallsted, Drums

HOSANNA

¹ THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH, 1646

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Luke 18:31-43 Luke 19:28-40

Luke 18:31-43 (New Revised Standard Version)

Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Luke 19:28-40 (New Revised Standard Version)

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“Conspiring to Silence”

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#269 “Lead On, O King Eternal!”

LANCASHIRE

GO IN GOD’S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Congregacional*

#591 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

HALLE, HALLE

- Congregation to sing refrain
- Choral Scholars to sing verses

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

“Miren Que Flor”

Jose de Torres

Trumpets: Larry Hill, Paul McLaughlin, Jacob Dalager

Recorder & Percussion: Paul Hallsted

Liturgist – Jacque Parks

Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Rusty Smith

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 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

Diana Howard – W

Dennis Thomas - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Rev. Norm Story – E

Judith Ames – W

Jacque Parks – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Donalee Bartholomew; A.B. and Millie Conrad; Johanna Miller, Dorris Hamilton, Genevieve Ariege, and Norma Klein at the Heritage; Dave Schreuder; Mary Olberg; Jay M. Allen; Carol Bott; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; Salvation Army, helps with utilities; St. Luke's Health Care Clinic; "El Caldito" soup kitchen; Missionary Donna Evans, Minnesota.

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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4/12 – Kathlene Walker, Divine Mboh

4/14 – William Kuyper

4/15 – Patrice Gabriel

4/16 – Virginia Haynes, Graciano Montes

(If we missed your birthday, please call the office at 575-526-5559 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, April 10, 2022 Palm 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.
- 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, April 11, 2022 Holy Week

- 6:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas
- 6:30 PM Calligraphy Guild meeting in the Library and fellowship area in Jones Hall
- 7:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

- 9:30 AM Mary Martha Circle in Jones Hall Library. Please read Luke 22:54 - 24:54.
(see announcement)
- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Committee meetings in Jones Hall. (Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Congregational Life & Outreach Support, Christian Education, Missions, and Music & Worship)

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

- Rusty Smith will be out of the office; he will be at the Soup Kitchen.
- 12:00 PM **DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin**
- 4:00 PM Last Salt & Light for the semester (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 14, 2022

- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 15, 2022 Good Friday Bible Meditation

- 11:00 AM Pastor-led meditation in the Jones Hall Parlor
- The Good News Newsletter goes out on Saturdays. Please send submission to:
scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter 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.
- 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 Children meet in the Sanctuary to get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt



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

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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!



Mary Martha Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 9:30 am in the Library. All ladies are invited to attend as we continue our Bible study of Luke at 9:45 am with Gracia Class leading. Mary Martha Circle will be hosting the After-Worship Fellowship Time on Easter Sunday. We will be discussing plans for this activity at the meeting and plans for our May year-end luncheon. Please join us. If you have questions, please call Helen Moser, 575.647.3365 or Cheri McMillan, 575.526.2395. Please read Luke 22:54 - 24:54.

In-Betweeners for April our fourth Friday falls on the earliest possible date this month: the 22nd! Save the date, and details will be coming along later.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-10

9am – noon for ages K-12

Contact info saltandlight@fpc.lc

Covid19 precautions:

- **Seating in West and South sections of the Sanctuary are unrestricted. The East section is reserved to those wishing to wear masks and social-distance.**
- 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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Last Salt & Light for this semester

Children & Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

4:00 – 6:30 PM

Outdoor picnic (weather permitting)

Hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, and root beer floats

Meal time is at 5:45 – 6:30 pm

If your family would like to join us please call te office by Monday morning or email

Karen at saltandlight@fpc.lc

\$4.00 suggested donation per person

One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter Sunday

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. This special offering will be collected on Easter Sunday.

When God's people work together through One Great Hour of Sharing,
the possibilities are endless.



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

(not live-streaming, please join us in the Sanctuary)

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



Candy Donations for Easter Eggs

The Congregational Life and Outreach Support ministry team is still collecting candy donations and plastic egg donations for our Easter egg hunt. Please make sure that candy is individually wrapped and small sized so that it can fit in a plastic egg. Please drop the candy off at the entrance to the Sanctuary or at the church office no later than **Monday morning, April 11**



It's the Great Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 17th
For all kids in 5th grade or younger!

Following Worship on Easter morning, we're going to meet in the Sanctuary to get ready for the BIG EGG HUNT.

We'll have lots of eggs filled with lots of goodies for the children to find. Be sure your child brings a basket or bag to hold all the eggs they find. If you happen to forget a basket the Congregational Life & Outreach Support Ministry team will have a few extras to hand out.

Once everyone is in the Sanctuary, we will put the children into appropriate age groups and then send each group out to the hunting grounds.

