

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve
Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” Lani Smith (1934-2015)

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

“La Rejouissance”

G.F. Handel

Brass Quartet

Jacob Dalager, Trumpet

Paul McLaughlin, Trumpet

Kim Beasley, Horn

Scott McLaughlin, Trombone

**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

EASTER SALUTATION *Saludo de Pascua*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bienvenida, Saludos & Anuncios

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Meditación para la preparación para la adoración

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head. He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save, He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!" (by Samuel Medley, 1738-1799)

INTROIT *Introito*

"Let the King Come In!"

Lloyd Larson

Mary Maley and Meg Goehring, Handbells

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Jerry Moser

(from 1 Corinthians 15)

Leader: Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message.

People: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

People: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Arr. Bruce Greer

1. Crown Him with many crowns, the lamb upon his throne.
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee.
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2. Chancel Choir

3. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave.
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high.
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him the Lord of heaven, one with the Father known.
One with the spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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

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

O Lord our God, we rejoice in knowing the empty cross bears witness that the sacrifice for our redemption is made, once and forever. The tomb stands empty, too, for you are not to be found among the dead. Victory over death is won. We are your own Easter people, believers in the empty cross, in the empty tomb, in your sovereign grace, mercy, and love. We thank you, Lord, for the miracle of this day, for it gives sure and eternal hope to your people. May our lives shine out into the world with joy in the certainty that you are our God, and we are your beloved, redeemed people...**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*

#240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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

God of power and might, we stand before the empty tomb with awe, pondering a love that is stronger even than death. We come before you asking forgiveness for those times when we have failed to believe and follow you. Your love is constant and sure, yet we confess that we have failed in our confidence and trust in you, O Loving God. On this day of new beginnings and hope, we pray that by your Spirit, we can make a fresh start. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is raised from the dead, that we may be cleansed and released from the power of sin, O Holy God. Open our eyes and lives to the truth of the resurrection, that we will live in true freedom and blessed abundance eternally, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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: Thanks be to God; all our sins are forgiven and gone. Amen.

Leader: Now cleansed from sin, how would God have us live?

People: The Lord has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#238 "Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

➤ Congregation sings on verses 1 & 3

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Strife Is O'er"

Arr. Jason Krug

Handbell Ensemble

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

"Be Not Afraid"

BE NOT AFRAID

Choral Scholars

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Joy in the Morning”
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Lectura de la escritura*

Janet Loman

John 20:1-18

John 20:1-18 (New Revised Standard Version)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“New and Wonderful Possibilities”

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#245 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

LLANFAIR

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Congregacional*

“Because You Live, O Christ”

VRUECTEN

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

Liturgist – Jerry Moser Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh

Sound System – Max Schroeder Video – Dina Schroeder



AFTER-WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP TIME

Mary Martha Circle invites you to join us outdoors on the courtyard patio after Worship today to gather with friends, meet new ones, watch the Egg Hunt, and enjoy a snack.



Today after Worship is the Great Easter Egg Hunt

For all kids in 5th grade or younger!

Following Worship this morning, all children 5th grade or younger with their parents will be meeting 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. 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.

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 Diana Howard – W Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Jerry Moser – E Rev. Norm Story – W Erin Taylor – 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; Gospel Rescue Mission; “El Caldito” soup kitchen; Community of Hope; 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.

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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4/19 – Doris Morgan
4/20 – Jean Rhodes
4/21 – MariEsther Burnham
4/23 – Antonio Cruz

(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 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

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

Monday, April 18, 2022

Church Office is closed

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

12:00 PM **DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin**
7:00 PM Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6:30 PM Deacons meeting in the Jones Hall Library

Friday, April 22, 2022

6:00 PM In-Betweeners in Watkins Fellowship Hall (see announcement)
The Good News Newsletter goes out on Saturdays. Please send submission to:
scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Sunday, April 24, 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. Last class for this series 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



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!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-10

9am – noon for ages K-12

Contact info saltandlight@fpc.lc



First Presbyterian Church will once again be hosting students from Las Cruces High School for Advanced Placement Testing in Watkins Hall, from May 2 through May 13. FPC will be providing lunch for the morning and afternoon participants (only one meal) most of those days. We will need volunteers to help with placing tables and chairs outside early in the morning, and bringing them back in later in the day. We also will need help serving the students during the lunch time; and help with cleanup. For more information and to offer your help, please contact Linda Ward at: lrwardps@gmail.com or call her at (619) 417-6912 (mobile).

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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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One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter Sunday

Since 1949, Presbyterian 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.

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In-Betweeners Friday, April 22nd

Our fourth Friday falls on the earliest possible date this month: the 22nd! We plan to have a catered dinner together (cost: \$10/person) at 6:00 PM in Watkins Fellowship Hall. As always, anyone is welcome to bring your own meal and join us. Dinner will be followed by an excellent video from the NATURE series, *Big Bend, the Wild Frontier of Texas*. Please contact the Ames, jkames@q.com or 575-526-3247, by Monday, April 18th, to let us know you'll come.