

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

3rd Sunday of Easter - Communion

May 1, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Where He Leads Me I Will Follow” Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

“Take Up Your Cross” (Early American Tune) Lani Smith (1934-2015)

“Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia!” Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

**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

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

(Matthew 4:18-20 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*
(Psalm 107)

Dr. Janet Loman

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

People: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

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

O God, you are worthy of all our praise and worship. Today we celebrate your love and our relationship with you through Jesus Christ. Thank you for expressing your love in so many ways. As we think of your love, we are reminded of your call to love and care for those around us. Help us to discover that the more we give ourselves to you, the more filled with truth and joy to give to others. In and through our worship today, guide and show us how to be more faithfully your servants, responding to your gracious love. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

#555 “O Lamb of God”

LAND OF REST

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

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbors. You are rich in mercy toward us, but sometimes we are stingy in offering grace and mercy to others. You love all the peoples of the world, but we limit our love to those we know, approve of, and like. You have called us to trust in your power and grace, but too often we have placed our trust in wealth, possessions, technology, reputation, or our own abilities. You are light, but we have preferred to remain in darkness, so that our words, deeds, and selfish attitudes are less exposed. Take away our sins and renew us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Having confessed our sin before God, who loves us and who saves us, let us walk anew, 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 blood of Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.

Leader: Now cleansed from our sin, how should we live in faithful response?

People: Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#519 “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

JERNIGAN

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.

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

BREAK NOW THE BREAD

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

“In Remembrance of Me”

Buryl Red

Vicki Kuyper, Flute

➤ To follow text, see #521 in the Hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Lectura de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

John 21:1-6, 9-17

John 21:1-6, 9-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A

second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“It’s All About Grace”

Rev. Norm Story

*COMMUNION HYMN *Himno de Comunción*

#507 “Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE

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 *Comunción de la gente*

GO IN GOD’S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

#227 “Jesus, Remember Me”

REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Dr. Janet Loman 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 Deacons.

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 Rosalyn Stolle – W Dennis Thomas - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Bill Kuyper – E Kathy Story – W Erin Taylor – S

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Please remember in your prayers: John and Joyce Curry on the loss of their daughter; 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; Casa de Peregrinos; 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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5/03 – David Curtiss

5/07 – Dale Cook, Abigail Regmi

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



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.

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, May 1, 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.

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, May 2, 2022

Las Cruces High School AP testing in Reeves Hall this week and next week
(please no one in or out of that building while they are testing)

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor (see announcement)

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

12:00 PM **DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin**

5:30-7:00 PM FUZE youth group with Karen Candusso

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Friday, May 6, 2022

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

Saturday, May 7, 2022

10:00 AM Deacons' Retreat: brunch at the Mattiace's home.

Sunday, May 8, 2022 Mother's Day & Graduate Recognition Sunday

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. We are
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➤ Rusty Smith will be out of the office the week of May 9.

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



Let's Honor Our Graduates!

Do you have a graduate or know of a student who is graduating from either high school or college this spring? The Congregational Life and Outreach Support team is recognizing graduates on **May 8**. Please send names to the church office, along with the school they are graduating from.

Thanks, on behalf of the Congregational Life and Outreach Support committee, Lon Anderson



Jennie Curry Bible Study will meet on Thursday May 5th, 2022 at 6:30pm, in the Jones Hall Library. We will continue our study on "Living Beyond Yourself" exploring the fruit of the Spirit, by Beth Moore. All women are invited to join us. Question, call or email Kathy Story 575-202-2667 or storyk@comcast.net



Mary Martha Circle

On Tuesday, May 10, at 11:30 we will have our luncheon at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Rd. We will meet in the Solarium Room with a beautiful view of the golf course. We decided to give diapers and baby wipes to Jardin de los Ninos. For diapers there is a greater need for toddler sizes. Please bring them to our luncheon and one of our circle members will deliver them to the Community of Hope. We look forward to seeing you and guests are welcomed.

If you are planning to come, would you please call Cheri McMillan, at 575-526-2395 or Helen Moser, at 575-647-3365.



Drivers Needed!

With the lifting of COVID restrictions, First Presbyterian once again needs van drivers to pick-up and drop-off parishioners for Sunday services. Please contact Wanda Mattiace, Deacon Moderator at wmm2812@gmail.com if you are willing and able to help. Requirement: An ordinary, valid New Mexico driver's license.

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!

