

First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day and Graduate Recognition
May 8, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

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



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd - (from *Messiah*) G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

“God Bless the Mothers” Donald Lee Moore (1910-2000)

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” Daniel Burton (b. 1944)

**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

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Lon Anderson

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Meditación para la preparación para la adoracion

“Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. (Isaiah 40:10-11 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“O Be Joyful”

John Yarrington

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*
(Psalm 23)

Linda Ward

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

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

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

O Lord our God, the wonder and beauty of creation proclaims your glory and majesty. This day, may we let your presence truly touch our hearts and minds, granting us a fresh glimpse of your mystery, grace, and holiness. We celebrate this day your gifts of life, guidance, and love, often given through our mothers. We thank you for all of your special servants who touch and influence our lives by reflecting your own loving nurture that helps teach us about love, faithfulness, and hope. O God, Lord of all, we celebrate your love and our relationship with you through Jesus Christ. Thank you for expressing your love in so many ways. Help us to recognize your presence with us now, and in this time of worship and fellowship may we be drawn deeper in our walk with you as we pray the prayer you taught your disciples... **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*

"Lord, Have Mercy upon Us"

Arr. David Johnson

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

(Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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: If the Lord remembered our sin, who could stand? For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But the Lord has promised, "I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."¹ In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God.

People: The Lord's name be praised. In Jesus Christ all our sin is forgiven. Amen.

Leader: Now cleansed from sin, how would God call us to 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.²

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

MC AFEE

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

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*

"As a Child Rests"

AS A CHILD RESTS

Chancel Choir and Choral Scholars

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno*

"Psalm 23"

Joseph Gelineau

Beth Thomas, Solo

Meg Goehring, Vicki Kuyper, Mary Maley, and Rebekah West, Handbells

¹ Hebrews 8.12

² Micah 6:8

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Ezekiel 34:1-2, 4, 11-16, 22-23, 30 John 10:14-15, 22-30

Ezekiel 34:1-2, 4, 11-16, 22-23, 30 (New Revised Standard Version)

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord God: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God.

John 10:14-15, 22-30 (New Revised Standard Version)

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “Hope Amid Struggle and Tribulation” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#187 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

GO IN GOD’S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“My Shepherd Is the Lord”

Joseph Gelineau

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Linda Ward

Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Jonathan West

Video – Will Schroeder



Special Fellowship Time Today

Please join us in honoring both our graduates and mothers at Fellowship today immediately following the Worship service, sponsored by the CLOS Committee of Session.

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 Patricia Adu-Mensah – W Dennis Thomas - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Linda Ward – E Rev. Norm Story – W The Nolan family – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Sandy and George Abernathy; Rev. Jay Bishop; 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; Missionaries Doug and Sherry Barron, CRU headquarters in Orlando, Florida.

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:

5/09 – Mika Suggs, Nancy Johnson

5/12 – Farzin Abadizaman

5/13 – Jeanette Smith, Leslie Nganou

5/14 – Max Schroeder, Maria Cenicerros, Richard Mbatang

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-10

9am – noon for ages K-12

Contact info saltandlight@fpc.lc

Registration forms can be found at each door in the Sanctuary
or in the Church office



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.

Donations to support your church can be done in a variety of ways. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

- 1) Cash or check in the offering (purple boxes in the sanctuary)
- 2) Check sent by mail
- 3) Church website: fpc.lc and click on the "heart" icon or fpc.lc/giving or scan QR code
- 4) Smartphone App: Church Center
- 5) Text 84321



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 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 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 9, 2022

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

Rusty Smith will be out all week.

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

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

11:30 AM Mary Martha Circle at *Sunset Grill* (see announcement)

3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor.
Questions, call Mary Maley at 269-209-4357

7:00 PM Committee meetings. Please check with your moderator. (Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Congregational Life & Outreach Support, Christian Education, Missions, and Music & Worship)

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

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

5:00-6:30 PM FUZE youth group with Karen Candusso in Reeves Hall

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Friday, May 13, 2022

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

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Sunday, May 15, 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 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall

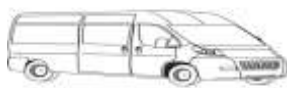
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Drivers Needed!

With the lifting of COVID restrictions, First Presbyterian once again needs bus 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.



After worship today, please join us in congratulating our graduates and their families. We will celebrate our graduates and our moms with cake in the fellowship area. Come celebrate with us!

If we missed anyone, please let Linda at the church office know. Thanks, on behalf of the Congregational Life and Outreach Support Committee.

College graduates:

Valencia Owens	Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Bachelor of Science in Sociology	ENMU
Julie Smith	Bachelor of Arts in Psychology	NMSU
Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa	Master of Science in Civil Engineering	NMSU (Summer 2021)
Farzin Abadizaman	Master of Science in Statistics	NMSU
Carola Emminger	PhD in Physics	NMSU
Diana Gutierrez	Bachelor of Music Education	NMSU
Audra Jones	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	Kansas State University
Michael Myers	University of Minnesota	
Matt Steritz	Burrell College, attending UNM for his Residency	

High School graduates:

William Schroeder	Las Cruces High School
Clayton Jones	
Inez Yasmine Medina	Pecos Cyber Academy

Other graduates:

Kerilynn Matos
Brea Benson