

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

7th Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir



PRELUDE *Preludio* “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” John Barr (b. 1938)

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine” (Tune by Louis M. Gottschalk, 1829-1869)

Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (See Hymnal, #8)

Don Freudenburg (b. 1939)

**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

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. (Ephesians 2:13-14, 21-22 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

DARWALL’S 148TH

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*
(from Psalm 103)

Linda Ward

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, do not forget all his benefits and who forgives all
your iniquity, and who heals all your diseases.

People: **The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on
those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children. Bless
the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O
my soul.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

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

O Lord, what a beautiful and bright morning you have given us! What a treat to
come and worship, to praise and glorify your name! In wonder, we thank you for
the abundance of blessings and gifts in our lives. Were we to make a list of all
the ways we are blessed, we would never be able to finish the task. Thank you,
and may we be ever more mindful of your benefits, endless blessings, and
steadfast loving kindness. In our worship, may we be as exuberant and eager as
our children. Help us set aside the concerns of this world and come into your
presence with childlike joy and anticipation. **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*

#423 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

SARADAY

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

Our God of mercy and gracious goodness, you have asked us to serve you in
sincerity and faithfulness. We confess that sometimes we go through the motions
without really meaning what we have said and done. You have asked us to serve
you, but so often we worship lesser and false gods instead. You are a holy God
who loves us, and so you sent Jesus to forgive our sins. Forgive us for neglecting
you and following foolish and worldly distractions. Forgive us for not being
ready and willing when you have called us. Help us awaken to your mercy and
pardon, to your call and challenge to our complacency, and hereafter may we
walk in sincerity and faithfulness with you, as guided by your Holy 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: 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: What is the foundation upon which we can trust and live in hope?

People: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.¹

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#300 "We Are One in the Spirit" THEY'LL KNOW WE ASRE CHRISTIANS

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*

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

MORECAMBE

Choral Scholars

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

"God's Mercy"

Zollene Reissner

¹ Lines 1-18, "The Brief Statement of Faith", adopted by PC(USA) in 1993.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Acts 16:25-34

John 17:20-26

Acts 16:25-34 (New Revised Standard Version)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17:20-26 (New Revised Standard Version)

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

"We Do Need Each Other"

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#815 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

FESTAL SONG

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” GOD BE WITH YOU

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

Next Sunday, June 5th, our Communion service will be a hybrid. We will serve and pass trays on the west and south sides, plus the choir and the childcare workers. The East will continue with masks and distancing, and will continue to use the pre-packaged Communion kits. There will also be kits available at West and South doors for those wishing to continue with the kits.

Liturgist – Linda Ward Deacon Captain – Wanda Mattiace

Sound System – Rusty Smith Video – Vicki Kuyper



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 Rosalyn Stolle.

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 Patricia Adu-Mensah – W Dennis Thomas - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Linda Ward – E Rev. Norm Story – W Chibuzo Chilaka – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Ada Castle; Henrica Misquez; Sandy Abernathy and family on the passing of her husband George; 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; St. Luke's Health Care Clinic; 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.
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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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5/29 – Evan Schroeder

5/30 – Rosemary Maddox, Patricia Adu-Mensah

6/01 – A.B. Conrad

6/03 – Thomas Burnham

6/05 – Mary Olberg, Jim Parks

(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, May 29, 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
9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall
9:00 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall
9:15 AM Choir rehearsal with Beth Thomas in the Sanctuary
10:30 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

Monday, May 30, 2022

Church office closed for the Holiday

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

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor.
Call Mary Maley at 269-209-4357 if you have questions.

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

- 5:00-7:00 PM FUZE youth group with Karen Candusso in Reeves Hall

Thursday, June 2, 2022

The Good News Newsletter goes out on Saturdays. Please send submissions to:

scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

- 6:30 PM Jennie Curry Bible Study in Jones Hall Library (see announcement)

Friday, June 3, 2022

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Sunday, June 5, 2022 Communion Sunday

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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



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



Covid19 precautions:

- **Seating in West and South sections of the Sanctuary are unrestricted. The East section n 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.

With 1/3 of the year elapsed, here's the giving update for our church. Thank you for your donations. Tithes and offerings cover our budgeted expenses including those ever-increasing utilities. Designated gifts pay for specific programs such as Deacons, Choral Scholars, and Salt & Light. Your generosity is appreciated so that our programs continue.

April 2022 Year to Date

	Actuals	Budgeted	Designated
Income	\$117,964.00	\$133,219.85	\$ 9,464.16
Expense	\$129,826.28	\$133,185.83	\$12,905.06
Difference	(\$11,852.28)	\$ 34.01	(\$3,440.90)

Jennie Curry Bible Study will meet on Thursday, June 2rd, 2022 at 6:30pm, in the Jones's 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

Fellowship After Worship

Let's get together! After the Worship service each **Sunday**, we gather in Jones Hall across from the church office. There are snacks and cold beverages, but most importantly, there are friends new and old to meet and greet. Please come!

If you'd like to host a Fellowship Time some **Sunday**, that would be much appreciated. Hosting fellowship time is easy and the Congregational Life Committee is happy to train you (takes about 5 minutes). The snacks are provided or you can bring your own. See the signup board in the fellowship area for more information, or contact Rosalyn Stollee or Lon Anderson.

Deacons' Summer Projects -- How You Can Help

Does it surprise you that the school year ended in May and the new one will begin on July 20th? Because of the earlier starting date, annual back-to-school efforts are beginning earlier, too.

Socks n' Undies

Each summer, we collect NEW socks and underwear to be distributed through the Gospel Rescue Mission Clothing Room. There, children who might not otherwise have adequate clothes for returning to school are helped with what's needed free of charge. It's great to volunteer there and help kids choose from the racks of gently-used clothing!

All children's and teen sizes of NEW socks and undergarments are needed. You may enjoy shopping to select them yourself, or may instead want contribute a monetary donation to the Deacons' Fund, with notation to Socks n' Undies.

Backpacks and School Supplies

There are also families who greatly appreciate help with the supplies required for their children's education. A little later in the summer, backpacks are always displayed in the stores, and the schools post lists of supplies needed for each grade. You may want to shop and choose a backpack, pick up the school supplies yourself, or contribute a monetary donation to the Deacon's Fund, with notation to Backpacks & Supplies.

Our congregation has been so generous in the past that the Deacons have been able to assist many kids who can really use that help. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting Deacons' projects!



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.