



Pentecost

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Pentecost – Communion Sunday

June 5, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir

ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Acts 2:4

PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Spiritus Domini”

Richard Lloyd (b. 1933, British)

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (Hymnal #514)

Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

“Come, Holy Ghost”

Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

**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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Vacation Bible School

Patrick Cummings

Backpacks and School Supplies, “Socks & Undies”

Rosalyn Stolle

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Meditación para la preparación para la adoracion

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ‘I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions...I will pour out my spirit.’ (Acts 2:1-2, Joel 2:28-29 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

#283 “Come, O Holy Spirit, Come”

WA EMIMIMO

Bryan Berard, Cantor

Congregation to join following the choir

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración* Dr. Janet Loman

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.

People: **From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust. Come Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.

People: **You clothed them with power to bearers of your Word. Come Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples.

People: **You gave gifts that the whole creation may become what you want it to be. Come Holy Spirit!**

Leader: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show you praise, for only in your Spirit can we claim that Jesus Christ is Lord.

People: **Come Holy Spirit!**¹

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

EBENEZER

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

Lord, send the gift of your Spirit to fill this place and myself and the world. Touch me with truth that burns like fire, with beauty that moves me like the wind; and set me free, Lord, free to try new ways of living; free to forgive myself and others; free to love and laugh and sing; free to lay aside my burden of security; free to join the battle for justice and peace; free to see and listen and wonder again at the gracious mystery of things and persons; free to be, to give, to receive, to rejoice as a child of your Spirit. Amen.²

PLEASE BE SEATED *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Choral Scholars

¹ From Book of Common Worship PC(USA), Litany for Pentecost

² Prayer by Rev. Ted Loder, retired pastor at First United Methodist Church of Germantown, PA.

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

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we are aware of how unworthy we are to be in your presence. We have ignored your word. We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we continue to exclude those who are different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this holy day, and receive the fullness of what you have prepared for us all in Jesus Christ.³

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. God calls us with a holy calling, not because of our good works, but 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. Our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.

Leader: Let us declare what we believe using A Brief Statement of Faith.

People: We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.⁴

³ By Rev. John Wurster of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX.

⁴ Lines 52-80, "The Brief Statement of Faith", adopted by PC(USA) in 1993.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#288 “Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

➤ Will be sung three times, Choral Scholars, Choir, and Congregation

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*

#281 “Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

➤ Congregation to join following the choir

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me”

William McGuire

Elisabeth Greene, Viola

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Lectura de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

John 14:1, 12, 15-18, 25-27

John 14:1, 12, 15-18, 25-27 (New Revised Standard Version)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“Who Will Take Care of Us?”

Rev. Norm Story

*COMMUNION HYMN *Himno de Comunion*

##498 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” BEACH SPRING

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 *Comunion de la gente*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

People: **Send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love, hold fast to your enduring hope, and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**⁵

GO IN GOD’S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

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

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Today 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 – Dr. Janet Loman

Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh

Sound System – Curtis Benaway

Video – Rusty Smith

⁵ From Bradley Ellingboe, MOPAM 2012 conference.



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 InBetweeners.

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 Dennis Thomas – W Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Erin Taylor – E Kathy Story – W Rosalyn Stollie – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Ada Castle; Henrica Misquez; Johanna Miller, Dorris Hamilton, Genevieve Ariege, and Norma Klein at the Heritage; Dave Schreuder; Jay M. Allen; Carol Bott; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; Gospel Rescue Mission ReStore; Casa de Peregrinos food bank; 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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6/05 – Mary Olberg, Jim Parks

6/06 – Amon Zane Taylor

6/07 – Gracia Class

6/09 – Dr. Don Niewold, Adwoa S. Amankwaa

6/11 – Austin Breck, Lynn Loya

(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 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.

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



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, June 5, 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

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, June 6, 2022 Vacation Bible School all week! See announcement

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School all week, children meet in Watkins Hall in the mornings

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

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor.

Call Mary Maley at 269-209-4357 if you have questions.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

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

Thursday, June 9, 2022

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

scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

Friday, June 10, 2022

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Sunday, June 12, 2022

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CCLI License No. 540727



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL starts on Monday
Don't miss out on all the fun. Invite your friends, cousins, and neighbor kids.



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



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.

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 Stollie 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 to 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. Stores are already selling backpacks, and the schools lists of supplies will be posted in the stores early June 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. If you have a child/children needing a new backpack and some school supplies please send the name(s) and grade level they are going into with contact information for the parents to the church office at linda@fpc.lc as soon as possible.

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!