

First Presbyterian Church

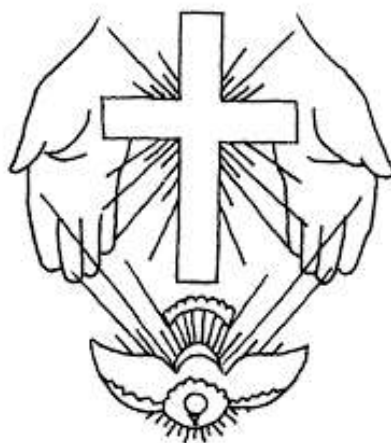
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Trinity Sunday – New Members

June 12, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

Entramos para adorar – Salimos para servir



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

“Lord, Let Thy Spirit” (Danish Hymn)

John Duro (1911-1992)

“All Glory Be to God on High” (16th Century Hymn Tune)

George Lachenauer (b. 1933)

**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

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:8-10 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“God Is Here Today”

DIOS ESTÁ AQUI

Beth Thomas, Solo

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración* Ada Castle

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: **Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere. May we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ, that we may share God's love and life.

People: **The living Christ is with us. Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

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

Gracious God, you who surprise us with new experiences of love and blessings, we come with grateful reverence to praise and adore you. Help us to be open to your appearance among us and within us. Pour out, we pray, your Spirit upon us. As we your people gather; make us attentive to your Word and ready to do your bidding. O holy eternal Trinity, we praise you for ever and ever. We ask in the name of Christ Jesus, he who lives and reigns with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forevermore, and who taught his disciples to pray, **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*

#416 "O Come unto the Lord"

KOREA

- Congregation to sing refrain
- Choral Scholars to sing verses

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

God of light and love, we humble ourselves and ask forgiveness for the wrongs we have done and harm we have caused. Sometimes we live in darkness rather than seeing the light of your love for us and for all your children. We have often failed to live out your compassion and light to others. Spiritually, our eyes have been closed, and that blindness has caused hurt and harm. In our moments of doubt, give us strength and courage to believe. May we be open to new possibilities, a new vision of new understanding and boldness in a life of faithfulness, integrity, and truth.

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: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus. Through Christ, we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God, knowing that all our sin has been forgiven.

People: **And this hope does not disappoint us, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Thanks be to God!**

Leader: What do you mean when you say, "we are forgiven"?

People: **Because of Jesus Christ, God no longer holds my sins against me. Christ alone is my righteousness and my life. Grace alone is the basis on which God has forgiven me in him. Faith alone is the means by which I receive Christ into my heart, and with him the forgiveness that makes me whole.¹**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

CELEBRATION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Celebración y bienvenida de nuevos miembros

Amon Taylor
Gary and Charlotte Brockway

(Elders currently serving on Session will greet our new church family members while the congregation sings hymn # 306, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", vs. 1-2)

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verses 1-2)

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
Christian love. The fellowship of
kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our
ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

¹ Question #62, The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version, Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Judith Ames

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*

“I Love You, Lord”

I LOVE YOU, LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

- To follow text, see #20 in the Hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

2 Corinthians 1:3-10

Romans 5:1-10

2 Corinthians 1:3-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again.

Romans 5:1-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “We Choose How We’ll Respond” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#246 “Christ Is Alive”

TRURO

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Now Go in Joy”

JUNKANOO

*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 – Ada Castle Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Rusty Smith Video – Brent Brewer



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 Congregational Life Ministry team.

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:

Divine Mboh – E Patricia Adu-Mensah – W Dennis Thomas - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Judith Ames – E Rev. Norm Story – W Ada Castle – S

***Those who are able, please stand**

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Please remember in your prayers: Rev. Pyong San Yu, Korean Minister; Henrica Misquez; Johanna Miller, Dorris Hamilton, Genevieve Ariege, and Norma Klein at the Heritage; 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 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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6/16 – Joyce Curry

6/17 – Valeria Montes, Jonathan West

(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.
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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



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 sign-up board in the fellowship area for more information, or contact Rosalyn Stolle 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!

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

Sunday, June 12, 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, June 13, 2022

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

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

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

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

6-8:00PM Watkins Hall in use

7:00 PM Ministry team meetings: Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Christian Education, Congregational Life & Outreach Support, and Music & Worship in Jones Hall.

It is very important to attend your Ministry meetings.

Missions team please check with Brad Class on your meeting.

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Thursday, June 16, 2022

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

scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

6:30 PM Deacons meeting in Jones Hall Library

Friday, June 17, 2022

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Sunday, June 19, 2022 Father’s Day

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