

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Baptism and Father's Day

June 19, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Baptized In Water”

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

“The Little Family of Bethany” (19th-Century American Christian Folk Ballad)

Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

“Open the Gates of the Temple” (On A Text by Fanny J. Crosby, with a theme from Handel's *Messiah*)

Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)

**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

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“You Belong to Christ”

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

REÚNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*
(Psalm 104)

Rosalyn Stolee

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits — who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.**

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

People: **For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.**

Leader: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

People: **Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

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

God of heaven and earth, you who are revealed most perfectly in Christ Jesus our Lord, we thank you this day for calling us to be your people and for watching over us and guiding us in the way we should go. We come before you now, O God, aware of our need for you. We come before you to worship you and to seek your will for our lives. Bless us in this holy time. May we find words and thoughts of hope; may our feelings, as well as our minds, be engaged in your message and in your living presence. Help us to find the living Christ not only in Scripture, but in song and in praise, in prayer, and in one another. And with what we find, may we reach out to others in his most holy name, **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*

#551 “Lord, Have Mercy”

LAND OF REST

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

Gracious and generous God, we confess that we live lives that are far less wonderful than you intend and desire for us. We have been blessed with far more than we need to live well, yet too often, fear of scarcity makes us hesitant and stingy in sharing our abundance with those in need or with the mission of your Church. You first loved us, and call us to respond, letting nothing get in the way of a deep and meaningful walk with you. But sometimes we let things that do not truly matter distract us. Help us, Lord, to use our lives and resources well, according to your will and purpose, and may we live useful lives, growing more and more like Jesus day by day. In your great compassion, forgive our sins, renew us, help us to live more faithfully, and serve as led 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

(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NRSV)

Leader: May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls us is faithful, and he will do this. Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God, for all our sin is forgiven and gone. May that grace move us closer to Christ and His intended purpose for our lives.**

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

People: **Jesus said, 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amon 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Sacramento de Bautismo*

Zayvion Messiah Martinez
(son of Brian Martinez and Audrey Pando)

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

CHILDREN PRAYING

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

"We Are One in Christ Jesus"
To follow text see #322 in the Hymnal

SOMOS UNO

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16

Galatians 3:23-29

Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16 (New Revised Standard Version)

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Galatians 3:23-29 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

"Grace, Blessing and Faithfulness"

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#838 "Standing on the Promises"

PROMISES

GO IN GOD'S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

SHALOM, CHAVERIM

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Rosalyn Stolee Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh

Sound System – Curtis Benaway Video – Jonathan West



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 & Outreach Support 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:

Wanda Mattiace – E Diana Howard – W Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa- S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Rev. Norm Story – E Amon Taylor – W Rosalyn Stolee – 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; Missionary Cesar Caruchin a 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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BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

6/2 – Charlotte Brockway

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

6/22 – Alonzo Brewer

6/23 – Josephine Frieze, Ryan Fellman

6/24 – Jasey Loman

6/25 – Norma Klein

6/26 – Pharell Pangoup

(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.

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, June 19, 2022 Father's Day

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 20, 2022

Custodian/Maint., Rusty Smith will be out. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

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

Tuesday, June 21, 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 Session meeting in Watkins Hall

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

9:30 AM Staff meeting, office will be closed during meeting.

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

Thursday, June 23, 2022

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

Friday, June 24, 2022

6:00 PM InBetweeners in Watkins Hall (see announcement)

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Sunday, June 26, 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.

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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 Stolee 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. ***Please bring your donations by the 26th of June.*** 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. 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. ***Please bring your donations by the 26th of June.*** 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!

IN- BETWEENERS Coming Up on JUNE 24th

On Friday evening at 6:00 PM, we'll be getting together in Watkins Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be catered this time; we plan to have pizza and salad (cost, \$10/person.) After dinner, David Thomas, local historian and author, has agreed to return to present his latest book, [The Frank W. Angel Report](#). It details origins of the 1878 Lincoln County War in eastern New Mexico.

Please let us know by Monday, June 20th, that you'll be coming by contacting the Ames at 575-526-3247, or jkames@q.com