

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE *Preludio*

Variations on “Purer in Heart” (American Hymn of 1877) George Amberson Brandon (1924-2000)

“Rock of Ages”

Allan Mahnke (b. 1944)

“Here I Am, Lord”

John Carter (b. 1930)

**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

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:10-12 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

FESTAL SONG

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

REÚNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Catie Brewer

(1 Chronicles 16)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works.

People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Israel, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

***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*

#434 “Restore in Us, O God”

BAYLOR

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

Eternal and Faithful God, we delight in your ways! Your laws are just; your ways lead us along streams of living water so that we may drink of your goodness and prosper, bearing good fruit by your Word among your people. Your Word is a beacon of Truth, yet why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us and we can then respond, “One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” Saving Lord, open our eyes to our faults so that we may turn to you and be healed by your restoring power. God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We look at outward appearances and fail to see what pleases you. We look with judgment on others and fail to see our own sin. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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's promises are true! Our salvation comes not from any works of righteousness that we have done, but from the mercy of God through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

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

People: Then God spoke these words: I am the LORD your God, you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. (Exodus 20)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#450 "Be Thou My vision"

SLANE

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*

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

"I've Got Peace like a River"

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

To follow text, see Hymn #623 in the hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

Galatians 5:1, 13-16, 22-26 2 Peter 1:2-9

Galatians 5:1, 13-16, 22-26 (New Revised Standard Version)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

2 Peter 1:2-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature. For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For anyone who lacks these things is nearsighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**SERMON *Sermón* “Faithfulness Means Growth and Change” Rev. Norm Story*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Catie Brewer Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Max Schroeder Video – Dina Schroeder



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 Christian Education 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 Patricia Adu-Mensah – W Diana Howard - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Chibuzo Chilaka – E Catie Brewer – W Rev. Norm Story – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Dennis Thomas; Susan Waters; Ralph and Ann Miller; Nancy Cowan; 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 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

6/26 – Pharell Pangoup

6/27 – Rosalyn Stolee

6/30 – Melanie Grant

7/03 – Samantha Armendariz, Jack Loman, Bryson Ludwig

(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.

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 26, 2022

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. This week we started the “Lord’s Prayer” video series by Albert Mohler, which will run through July.

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 27, 2022

Tuesday, June 28, 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

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

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

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

Thursday, June 30, 2022

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

scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

Friday, July 1, 2022

Saturday, July 2, 2022

Sunday, July 3, 2022

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Monday, July 4, 2022 Office closed for Holiday

CCLI License No. 540727

Blessing of the Backpacks will be on Sunday, July 17, 2022 with and Ice Cream Social following worship service.

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.



Hosting 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.



Food Baskets: Please bring a nonperishable food item every Sunday for Casa de Peregrinos, the emergency food bank. Baskets are located at each of the entrances to the Sanctuary.