

# First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

July 3, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*



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## PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

“The Fourth Of July: Grand Military Sonata”

James Hewitt (1770-1827)

\*\*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 God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. (1 Corinthians 1:25, 27-29 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**  
**REÚNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

*Dr. Janet Loman*

Leader: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease, fresh as the morning and sure as the sunshine. O the depth of wealth, wisdom, and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are God's judgments, how untraceable are God's ways! The source, guide, and goal of all that is, to God be glory forever!  
(Lam 3:22-23, Rom 11:33,36)

People: **You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and we were created. Alleluia! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory. (Revelation 4:11, 19:6-7)**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

#337 “My Country, ’Tis of Thee”

AMERICA

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

Great God, in public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer, filled with the spirit of grace and gratitude that calls and equips me to live in faithfulness and joy. Help us, defend us, until from this life we pass to the realm of unceasing praise in your presence. Urged by our need, invited by your promises, called by your Spirit, we enter your presence in worship, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory, but encouraged by your great love.<sup>1</sup> Help us, we pray, to follow you as you lead us into the life and place you have created for us. Through our worship, fellowship, and service, restore and renew our troubled spirits with the assurance of your love and mercy. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**PLEASE BE SEATED** *Tomen asiento por favor*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *Llamada a la confesión*

#551 “Lord, Have Mercy”

LAND OF REST

- Choir to sing through once
- Congregation to join second time

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

Forgiving God, as we worship you today, we are aware of our own shortcomings, our failings, and our sins. We remember how we have failed to love you fully, or to show your love to others. We recall times when we have spoken out of hurt or anger, instead of expressing grace, patience, and love. We see that we have treated others unfairly, and we long to make things right. Have mercy on us, O God. Release us from our sin and guilt by the power and love of Jesus the Christ. Help us Lord, by your power and Spirit to live more faithful lives that reflect your truth and grace. O Lord, grant that we may hear you in the silence as we listen for your voice.

**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:** Hear the truth. Neither this world nor our lives are ever so broken that God cannot restore to wholeness. Trust and believe that reconciliation is possible. God loves us and shows us the way home. In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

**People:** **We rejoice in the Good News that through Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven and gone. By God’s grace and the Holy Spirit we are empowered to live out this Good News.**

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

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<sup>1</sup> from *The Valley of Vision, Puritan Prayers and Devotions*, edited by Arthur Bennett, 2015.

**People:** Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#443 “There Is a Redeemer”

GREEN

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*

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

WOODWORTH

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Sy and Jill Miller

### **PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-16

2 Kings 5:1-5, 9-16 (New Revised Standard Version)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much

more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!” He urged him to accept, but he refused.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

“Hope, Healing and Humility”

Rev. Norm Story

\*COMMUNION HYMN *Himno de Comunion*

#538 “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

➤ Refrain sung twice each time

➤ English followed by African

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *Invitación a la mesa*

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.

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*

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Congregacional*

#538 “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

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

\*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist – Dr. Janet Loman*

*Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh*

*Sound System – Max Schroeder Video – Rusty Smith*



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 Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa – W Rosalyn Stolee - S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Kathy Story – E Bill Kuyper – W Erin Taylor – 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; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; "El Caldito" soup kitchen; Casa de Peregrinos food bank; Missionary Donna Evans, Minnesota.

**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](mailto: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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

- 7/03 – Samantha Armendariz, Jack Loman, Bryson Ludwig  
7/04 – Melissa Sherman  
7/05 – Bobby Rankin  
7/06 – Karen Candusso, Marshal Regmi  
7/07 – Cecilia Mboh  
7/08 – Ken Osborne  
7/10 – Lorry Hoksch

(If we missed your birthday, please call the office at 575-526-5559 or email Linda at [linda@fpc.lc](mailto:linda@fpc.lc))

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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](http://www.fpc.lc) or  
by e-mail: [linda@fpc.lc](mailto:linda@fpc.lc) Rev. Norm Story e-mail: [revstory@fpc.lc](mailto:revstory@fpc.lc)  
Facebook: Look up First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces

### Sunday, July 3, 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

10:30 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

### Monday, July 4, 2022 Office closed for Holiday

### Tuesday, July 5, 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, July 6, 2022

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

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

### Thursday, July 7, 2022

**Linda Ramirez will be out of the office**

6:30 PM Jennie Curry meeting in the Jones Hall Library

The Good News Newsletter goes out on Saturdays. Please send submissions to:  
[scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net)

### Friday, July 8, 2022

### Saturday, July 9, 2022

### Sunday, July 10, 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

**CCLI License No. 540727**

**Blessing of the Backpacks** will be on Sunday, July 17, 2022 with and Ice Cream Social following the 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](http://fpc.lc) and click on the “heart” icon or [fpc.lc/giving](http://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](mailto: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 sign up 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.