

# First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

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

July 10, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*



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## PRELUDE *Preludio*

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Murray Bradshaw (b. 1930)

“Make Me a Blessing”

George S. Schuler (1882-1973)

Festival Fanfare and Prelude on “God of Our Fathers”

J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

**\*\*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 *Minuto para la mission*

Amon Taylor

## MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Meditación para la preparación para la adoración*

Then the king will say, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me, ... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:34-36, 40 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“Glory to God”

Gloria

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*  
(from Psalm 33)

Vicki Kuyper

**Leader:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**People:** **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

People: **Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

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

Lord of All, your love and your faithfulness are unending, and sustain us in ways beyond our understanding. You care for us and hear our prayers, even when we are selfish, foolish, or muddle our words. You make things come out right even when we have given up in despair. How awesome and wise are your ways, O Lord! We thank you. Allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with understanding what you say to us. Awaken in us a longing to do what is right. O may our focus be upon you, that we may find faith and life, healing and hope. **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*

#62 "Love the Lord Your God"

GREAT COMMANDMENT

- Choir to sing the first time
- Congregation to join the second time

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

Lord, you are the Creator of all things, and we are part of your creation. You call us to live in faithfulness with you and in loving harmony with others. We are too easily distracted by our wants and desires because our perspective is too small and focused on ourselves. By your grace and power, cleanse us of our selfishness, and enlarge our lives. May we be more faithful, more caring, more just, and more merciful. Teach us to treasure your truth, that hereafter, we might not willfully sin against you. Help us, Lord, by your power and Spirit to live more faithful lives that reflect your truth and grace. O Lord, grant that in the silence we may hear 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: God is gracious and loving. Hear the Good News of the gospel: that nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus. In Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God; all our sins are forgiven and gone. Amen.**

Leader: Now cleansed from sin, how would God have us live?

**People: The Lord has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

CHEREPONI

- Congregation to sing refrain
- Choral Scholars to sing verses

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*

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

MORECAMBE

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Deuteronomy 10:12-19, 11:1      Luke 10:25-37

Deuteronomy 10:12-19, 11:1 (New Revised Standard Version)

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you

were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall love the Lord your God, therefore, and keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances, and his commandments always.

Luke 10:25-37 (New Revised Standard Version)

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

"The One Who Showed Mercy"

Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#720 "Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

AR HYDY NOS

\*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist – Vicki Kuyper*

*Deacon Captain – Gracia Class*

*Sound System – Max Schroeder*

*Video – Jonathan West*

Unfortunately, the fellowship time after church is cancelled today due to a lack of volunteers. Please consider volunteering to host this meaningful opportunity for us to reconnect with each other after church each Sunday. You can sign up for a Sunday on the poster board in the fellowship area. Thank you, 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:*

*Patricia Adu-Mensah – E Rosalyn Stolee – W Diana Howard - S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Rev. Norm Story – E Vicki Kuyper – W Judith Ames – S*

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**Please remember in your prayers:** Nancy Cowan; 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; La Casa domestic shelter; Gospel Rescue Mission; 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](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:**

7/10 – Lorry Hoksch

7/14 – Ed Mathis

7/15 – Marill Crouse, Amy Pleasant

7/16 – Steve Harbaugh

(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.



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 10, 2022**

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. We are viewing and discussing 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, July 11, 2022**

**Tuesday, July 12, 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.  
Missions team please check with Brad Class on your meeting.

**It is very important to attend your Ministry team meetings.**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

8:00-1:00 PM “El Caldito” soup kitchen (see announcement)

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

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

**Thursday, July 14, 2022**

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

**Friday, July 15, 2022**

**Saturday, July 16, 2022**

**Sunday, July 17, 2022 Blessing of the Backpacks (see announcement)**

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

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10:30 AM Worship Service

11:45 AM Ice Cream Social during fellowship time

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



**Blessing of the Backpacks** will be on Sunday, July 17, 2022. All students are invited to receive a blessing for the new school year. An Ice Cream Social will follow 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.

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**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.

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**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.

### **El Caldito Soup Kitchen**

For more than 20 years, the First Presbyterian Church has supported the soup kitchen known as “El Caldito” by providing volunteers to prepare and serve food.

The mission of El Caldito is to provide a healthy meal in a safe and clean environment for any hungry person.

A hot nutritious meal is served daily, Sunday through Friday, to everyone who comes to their dining room for lunch. A take-out sack lunch is offered on Saturdays.

There is no charge to guests and the only qualification to receive food is hunger. All food preparation is done by volunteers, using donated foodstuffs from various sources in the community.

Volunteer information and requirements:

Our church prepares and serves on the second Wednesday of each month from about 8:00AM to 1:00PM. A minimum of 8 volunteers are needed to complete a “crew”. The day’s crew leader will assign duties.

New volunteers are given an on-site orientation to kitchen procedures by experienced workers. There is no formal training program. Volunteers are expected to “sign in and out” to indicate the number of hours worked each day.

Ages under 15: Must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Attire: Kitchen volunteers wear clean clothes and closed-toe shoes. Shoulders and midriff are covered and pants or jeans are worn around the waist. Longer shorts are acceptable.

Hair is covered, using a hairnet, baseball cap, bandana, or other head covering, and long hair is tied back. Hairnet is provided.

An apron is worn in the kitchen, and disposable gloves are worn when handling food. Gloves are changed between tasks. Apron and disposable gloves are provided.

If you haven’t volunteered for a while or would like to volunteer, please let Rusty Smith (575-642-5069) know of your interest.