

First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
6th Sunday after Pentecost – Blessing of the Backpacks
July 17, 2022 - 10:30 A.M
Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

“For All the Faithful Women” (Original Tune for 1975 Text) Emily Maxson Porter (b. 1942)

**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

And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. (Luke 12:29-31 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LAND OF REST

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

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

Dinah Jentgen

(from Psalms 78 and 86)

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old.

People: **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

People: **I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

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

Most loving and compassionate God, Spirit of truth and love, Jesus Christ our salvation and hope, we come before you in adoration and joyful gratitude for the abundant blessings of our lives. Grant this day, by the power of your Spirit that we will hunger for truth and righteousness. Illumine our hearts and minds and souls that we may better follow in the footsteps of Jesus and more worthily reflect and magnify your holy name. O Lord, may we in and through our worship move toward being more faithful, useful, and forgiving. **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*

#437 “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!” WAYFARING STRANGER
Chancel Choir

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

Creator God, how rich and beautiful is this world you have made! We confess that we often forget to give you thanks, acting as though what we have is of our own work and achievement. We consume the fruits of creation, forgetting that you call us to bear fruit ourselves. We often do not share with others the way you intended. We treat your generosity and blessings as our right and hold them possessively to ourselves. Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust in you so deeply that we will stop worrying and share more freely with others, knowing that your grace and abundance will never run out.

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*

(from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

Leader: Hear the Good News: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, that our sins are forgiven.

People: **“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us a ministry of reconciliation.” Let us live new lives of Christian unity, faith, obedience, joy, and peace!**

Leader: How does the Holy Spirit help us live faithful lives?

People: **In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks. Help us live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen^[1]**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#324 “For All the Faithful Women”

NYLAND

- Choir to sing verses 1 and 2
- Congregation to join on verses 3 and 4

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Norm Story

Momento de buenas noticias para los discípulos jóvenes

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS *Bendición de las mochilas*

- 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*

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

REST

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

“Woman in the Night”

NEW DISCIPLES

- To follow text, see #161 in the Hymnal

^[1] from the Brief Statement of Faith, adopted by the PC(USA) General Assembly in 1993.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD
PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11 Luke 10:38-42

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11 (New Revised Standard Version)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Luke 10:38-42 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón*

"Life is So Much More Than That"

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#450 "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

GO IN GOD'S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LAND OF REST

*POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Dinah Jentgen Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh

Sound System – Max Schroeder Video – Dina Schroeder



The Congregational Life and Outreach Support Ministry team and the Deacons of First Presbyterian Church invite you to join them for an Ice Cream Social following Worship this morning in the Jones Hall Fellowship area or the courtyard, depending on the weather.

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:

Lon Anderson – E Patricia Adu-Mensah – W Adwoa Serwaa Amankwaa - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Dinah Jentgen – E Rev. Norm Story – W Lyn Ames – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Ed and Donna Mathis; Rev. Jay Bishop; Ron Binder from the Deming Church; 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 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.



7/18 – Alex Burr, Steve Loman, Winnie Quinzi, James Roegge

7/19 – Lillian Brewer

7/22 – Vanessa Medina (FPC Bookkeeper, lives in Alb.)

7/23 – Linda Ward

7/24 – Jim Ward

(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.

Take our church shopping with you!

We have First Presbyterian tote bags, for your shopping forays in Las Cruces. If you wish, you can make a donation to offset our cost, but if you can't afford a donation, please take a tote anyway. The main idea is to use it frequently and share the Good News!

How do you get one? Just go to the fellowship area in Jones Hall and pick one up it's – self – serve.

Thanks,

On behalf of the Congregational Life & Outreach Support team.

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, 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.

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

11:45 AM Ice Cream Social during Fellowship Time

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

Monday, July 18, 2022

Tuesday, July 19, 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 Jones Hall Library

It is very important to attend your Session meeting.

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

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

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

Thursday, July 21, 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, July 22, 2022

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

Saturday, July 23, 2022

Sunday, July 24, 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.

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CCLI License No. 540727

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

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.

IN-BETWEENERS THIS COMING FRIDAY!

On Friday evening, July 22nd, we'll be getting together at 6:00 pm in Watkins Fellowship Hall. Dinner this time will be a planned potluck. Please bring a main dish, vegetable, salad, bread, or dessert.

After dinner, Greg Rowe, who formerly toured with "Up with People," has agreed to present a program of Christian music for us.

Please let us know that you plan to come by Monday, July 18th. Contact: the Ames, 575-526-3247, or jkames@gmail.com.

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. Volunteers are urgently needed! Please prayerfully consider how often you can help, then contact Rusty Smith (575-642-5069). Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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.

The bright yellow piece of paper you were given has the names of two people who are returning to school. You are asked to pray for each of them every day for the next month as they adjust and settle in for this next year of school. I found it helpful to put my slip of paper on my bathroom mirror so that I was reminded to pray for them each morning. If you recognize the names of those on your slip of paper, it will be an encouragement to let them know that you are praying for them.