

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

August 7, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve



*All are
welcome at
My Table*

PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Cup of Blessing That We Share” (20th-century Communion Hymn)

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

James Edward Engel (1925-1989)

“King All-Glorious” (Based on an Ancient Greek Hymn)

Sir Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

King all-glorious, Lord of Hosts Almighty, Thou art revealed in victory ...

O'er the worlds of light ascended, King all-glorious, Lord of Hosts Almighty.

Alleluia, Amen.

**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 the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (Romans 14:17, 1 Peter 1:3 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

HOLY MANNA

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

REÚNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Dr. Janet Loman

(from Zephaniah 3)

Leader: Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

People: **The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.**

Leader: The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

People: **And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#402 “How Lovely, Lord”

MERLE'S TUNE

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

Spirit of the living and loving God, hear us today as we draw near. In this time of prayer, we praise you, and we thank you for being with us through another week. Draw us from our worldly, earth-bound concerns, that in your presence we may find refreshment from the burdens of our lives, encouragement to seek better ways of living, and guidance toward faith-driven decisions in the days ahead. Through our worship, bless us that we may hear your voice today, and with humility and gratitude respond with open hearts. Silence in us that which is unworthy or displeasing, or that which distracts us from seeking your will. Let our hearts be still, and our minds attentive to you, O Lord our God, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

#699 "Fill My Cup"

FILL MY CUP

- Congregation to sing refrain
- Choral Scholars to sing verses

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

O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as thou dost blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of thy Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto thee.¹

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!**

¹ prayer by John Calvin, 1542

Leader: Let us declare what we believe using the Apostles' Creed.

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#384 "Soon and Very Soon"

SOON AND VERY SOON

➤ Choir to sing verse 1

➤ Congregation to join on verses 2-4

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

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*

"Take, O Take Me as I Am"

TAKE ME AS I AM

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

"The Bread and the Wine Are Here"

LOVE FEAST

➤ To follow text see hymn #512 in the Hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Lectura de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Luke 12:29-37

Luke 12:29-37 (New Revised Standard Version)

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. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return

from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “He Will Come and Serve Them” Rev. Norm Story

*COMMUNION HYMN *Himno de Comunción*

#519 “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

JERNIGAN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 *Comunción de la gente*

GO IN GOD’S NAME

VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

JERNIGAN

After the choral 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 – Curtis Benaway

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 Burr family in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and of Margaret's birthday.

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 Cecilia Mboh – W Linda Seaton - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Lon Anderson – E Penelope Printz – W Kathy Story – S

***Those who are able, please stand**

Please turn off all cell phones

Please remember in your prayers: Harriet Taylor passed away, keep her family in your prayers; Charlotte Brockway; Joyce Hill; Rev. Jay Bishop; 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.

Covid19 precautions:

- **Seating in West and South sections of the Sanctuary are unrestricted. The East section is reserved for 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.

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



8/07 – Scott Burns, Margaret Burr, Prisca Heubo,
Gary Brockway

8/10 – Catherine Brewer, Marianne Maley, Dennis Thomas, Elanor West

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

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.

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, August 7, 2022 Communion Sunday

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library.
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
11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Hall
3:00 PM Concert in the Sanctuary (see announcement)

Monday, August 8, 2022

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor.
Call Mary Maley at 269-209-4357 if you have questions.
7:00 PM Ministry team meetings: Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Christian Education,
Congregational Life & Outreach Support, and Music & Worship in Jones Hall.

It is very important to attend your Ministry meetings.

Missions team please check with Brad Class on your meeting.

Wednesday, August 10, 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, August 11, 2022

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

Friday, August 12, 2022

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Sunday, August 14, 2022

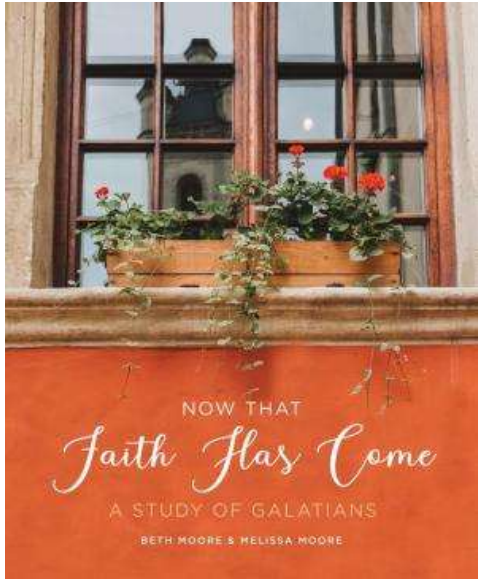
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Greetings! Our worship services are now available

- 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

Jennie Curry Bible Study



The Jennie Curry Bible Study invites all women who share a love of God and Scripture to join our Bible Study. We meet on the first Thursday of the month in Jones Hall at 6:30 PM. **We plan to begin our new study on 1 September.**

Now That Faith Has Come, A Study of Galatians won the 2022 ECPA (Evangelical Christian Publishers Association) Award. Bestselling authors Beth Moore and Melissa Moore present a 6-week deep dive into Paul's captivating letter to the Galatians, which is wildly interesting and astonishingly relevant to our world today.

Join us as we get to know the letter's original recipients, study its original context, and embrace its timeless relevance.

The historical background will expand our understanding of times and customs. We will rediscover what made the Gospel of Jesus Christ revolutionary to those who chose to believe. We'll explore how Jesus changed everything - now that faith has come.

The eternal words God entrusted to Paul for the churches of Galatia are as needed today as they were when the ink was still wet on the ancient pages.

Please call Kathy Story at 575.202.2667 or email storyk@comcast.net for more information and to place an order for your class workbook.

A Note Concerning the Children's Activity Bags

Activity bags are provided for the enjoyment and edification of children during the Sunday Worship service, and we welcome their use. The contents of the bags are checked and renewed each week in an attempt to reflect current worship or seasonal themes.

We have observed that several of the bags have been missing recently. If your child took one home by mistake, please return it as soon as convenient.

Please keep the bags in the Sanctuary. Leave them on a pew or hang them on one of the hooks near the doors after the service.

Thank you,

Esther Smolleck



Columbarium: To reserve a place or to obtain further information regarding the Columbarium come by the church office and pick up a *Columbarium Information Packet*. It describes the policies governing the Columbarium, a contract and a description of purchase options, it also includes answers to frequently asked questions.

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.

Church office hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

A very special thank you to all of you who donated to the Deacon fund for Backpacks and Socks and Undies. Because of your generous gifts we were able to give out 48 backpacks with supplies for children beginning the new school year. Three huge bags of new socks and undies were donated to Gospel Mission which were distributed to students along with clothes from their thrift store. This has been a mission for First Presbyterian Church for years with a Blessing for students and teachers on the Sunday before school starts which this year was the week of July 20th. Our deacons thank you for your support.

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. 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.

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



The New Horizons Symphony Orchestra String Ensemble will present a concert in the Sanctuary at 3pm today. There is no charge to attend this concert.