

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Vinea Mea Electa” (My Chosen Vine)

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

“The Throne of Grace”

Charles Edward Overholt (1889-1974)

**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

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. (John 15:1, 5, 8-9 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

MOON

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Mary Maley

(from Romans 12)

Leader: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

People: **Let us not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that we may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Leader: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

People: **Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with**

mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*
#756 "O God of Every Nation"

LLANGLOFFAN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Oración de adoración y la oración del Señor (al unísono)

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 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*

"Creator of the Stars of Night" CONDITOR ALME SIDERLUM
Chancel Choir

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

O Lord, though we tell you that we desire to hear you speak to us, so often we do not listen! We fill our ears with constant talk and mindless sounds. We fill our eyes with messages and media. We fill our thoughts with worries and concerns that should be left to you. Seldom are we truly receptive to that still, small voice of your presence within us. Dear Father, speak again to each of us! Teach us to have listening ears, attentive minds, and receptive hearts.

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: We read in First John, "and this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This is God's promise, that through Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven.

People: **"If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

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*

#661 “Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”

SPARROW

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*

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno* “God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

- To follow text see Hymn #5 in the Hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Isaiah 5:1-7 Mark 11:27-28, 12:1-9, 12

Isaiah 5:1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Mark 11:27-28, 12:1-9, 12 (New Revised Standard Version)

Again they came to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him and said, “By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?”

Then he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the

vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “The Vineyard Entrusted to Me” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” ALLELUIA NO. 1

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 – Mary Maley Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Jonathan West Video – Will 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 Buildings & Grounds Ministry team.

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| 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 Mensah – W Divine Mboh – S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Erin Taylor – E Mary Maley – W Rev. Norm Story – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Charlotte Brockway; Joyce Hill; Rev. Jay Bishop; Johanna Miller, Dorris Hamilton, Genevieve Ariege, and Norma Klein at the Heritage; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; St. Luke's Health Care Clinic; Missionary Donna Evans, Wycliffe Bible Translators, 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

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.

- Cash or check in the offering (purple boxes in the Sanctuary)
- Check sent by mail
- Church website: fpc.lc and click on the "heart" icon or fpc.lc/giving or scan QR code
- Smartphone App: Church Center
- Text 84321





8/19 – John Grant, Carol Carson

8/20 – Ralph Miller

8/21 – Lisa Raye Robinson

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

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, August 14, 2022

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

11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Hall

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

Monday, August 15, 2022

Tuesday, August 16, 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 Session meeting in the Jones Hall Library

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

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

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

Thursday, August 18, 2022

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

scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

6:30 PM Deacons meeting in the Jones Hall Library

Friday, August 19, 2022

Saturday, August 20, 2022

9 am-12 pm Blessing of the Motorcycles (see announcement)

Sunday, August 21, 2022

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library.

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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 signup board in the fellowship area for more information, or contact Rosalyn Stolee or Lon Anderson.

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.

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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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.

IN-BETWEENERS COMING UP!

On Friday evening, August 26th, we'll be getting together at 6:00 PM in Watkins Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be catered this time. Watch for more details!

Blessing of the Motorcycles: On Saturday, August 20, our church's parking lot will be the scene of a motorcycle blessing. The event is sponsored by the Christian Motorcycle Association and will be from 9 am to 12 pm. If you know anyone who rides, invite them!

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