

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE *Preludio*

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (Early American Hymn)

Edwin T. Childs (b. 1945) “Mercy” (Tune

from Louis M. Gottschalk, 1867)

Gordon Young (1919-1998) “Our God, Our Help in Ages

Past”

Anthony Giamanco (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*

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Meditación para la preparación para la adoración

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. (Isaiah 42:6-7 NRSV)

INTROIT *Introito*

“This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made” NUN DANKET ALL’ UND BRINGET EHR’

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Winnie Quinzi

(Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People: **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

Leader: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

People: **He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground. Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)Oración de adoración y la oración del Señor (al unísono)*

O God, you are worthy of all our praise and worship. Today we celebrate your love and our relationship with you through Jesus Christ. Thank you for expressing your love in so many ways. As we think of your love, we are reminded of your call to love and care for those around us. Help us to discover more truth and joy in you, for the more we give ourselves to you, the more we have left to give to others. In and through our worship today, guide and show us how to be more faithfully your servants responding to your gracious love...**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*

#795 “Healer of Our Every Ill” HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

- Choral Scholars to sing verses
- Congregation to sing refrain

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

God of majesty, you have given us your words of eternal life. Forgive us for taking too lightly this gift: for hearing your Word, but not obeying your will; for treating your Word as just one among many; for choosing that which pleases us and ignoring that which challenges us; for allowing the noise of our busy lives to distract us from your loving voice; for keeping silent instead of shouting aloud the truth of your rule and the wonder of your love. For these and all our sins against your will, forgive us, O God, we pray. From your boundless grace, grant us the power to live new lives, lived according to your will and purpose. May we be more responsive to your living Word in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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: Having confessed our sin before God, who loves us and who saves us, let us walk anew. God calls us with a holy calling, not because of our good works, but because of God's own gracious love through Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the Good News, all our sins are forgiven.

People: **By God's grace we are loved and saved. Through Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.**

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 and to 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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Seguridad*

#157 "I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE

- Choral Scholars to sing verses
- Congregation to sing refrain

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amon 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*

"In God Alone"

MON ÂME SE REPOSE

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oración Pastoral*

ANTHEM *Himno*

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WALK WITH ME

- To follow text see hymn #775 in Hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 118:1, 4-6, 14, 26-29

Luke 13:10-17

Psalm 118:1, 4-6, 14, 26-29 (New Revised Standard Version)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me? The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Luke 13:10-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Sermón* “Healed and Set Free on the Sabbath” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN #720 “Jesus Calls Us” GALILEE

GO IN GOD’S NAME
VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (verse 1) WALK WITH ME

*I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*POSTLUDE *Postludio* Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Winnie Quinzi Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh

Sound System – Rusty Smith Video – Brent Brewer



We will **not** have fellowship time today – need volunteers. Please consider volunteering

for this rewarding outreach ministry. If you can sign up for August 28th, that would be greatly appreciated! The sign up board is in the fellowship area in Jones Hall.

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:

Winnie Quinzi – E Rev. Norm Story – W Amon Taylor – S

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Please remember in your prayers: Kaaren Morehart; 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; "El Caldito" soup kitchen; 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

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



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

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 21, 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 22, 2022

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in the Jones Hall Parlor.
Call Mary Maley at 269-209-4357 if you have questions.

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

- Henrica Misquez (assistant bookkeeper) will be out of the office until 8/29/22
- 9:30 AM Staff meeting, office will be closed during meeting.
- 12:00 PM **DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin**

Thursday, August 25, 2022

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

Friday, August 26, 2022

Rusty Smith will be out of the office until 8/30/22

- 6:00 PM InBetweeners (see announcement)

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Sunday, August 28, 2022

- 9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library.
We will begin a short video series, “The Book of Ruth: A Journey of Faith.”
- 9:00 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
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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!

More bags are on the way!

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.



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 August Get-Together

On our regular fourth Friday, August 26th, we'll be getting together in Watkins Fellowship Hall for dinner at 6 o'clock. Dinner will be catered from Lorenzo's, at a cost of \$10/person. After dinner, Cathy Burr Matthews has agreed to give an illustrated talk about her career as the Las Cruces Landscape Architect. She plans, designs, and oversees construction of park improvements.

Please contact the Ames at 575-526-3247, jkames@q.com, or just catch us at church to let us know by Monday, August 22nd, that you plan to come.



8/21 – Lisa Raye Robinson

8/24 – Eric Burnham

8/26 – Dinah Jentgen

8/27 – Janet Loman, Harry Topley

8/28 – Henrica Misquez

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

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



Nominating Committee needs your help!

The Nominating Committee has been working very hard to find new Deacons and Elders for the coming years. For a variety of reasons, we need to replace several of each. We are seeking those members of our church to help serve in different capacities on the church’s committees that keep our church and community going. We are also looking for help for the various committees that the church has set up. If asked to serve, please say yes. If you’d like to help a committee, let one of us know by phone call, email or in person. We need your help! We need you!

Brent Brewer 206-819-7717

Karen Candusso 575-618-9474

Carl Connor 575-524-4706

Paul Deason 575-644-8427

Jim Parks 575-640-8180

Linda Ward 575-541-7470



**COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT
DINNER NIGHT MINISTRY**
at
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LAS CRUCES

We will be celebrating Fall Semester 2022
with an outdoor picnic in the back yard of Steve and Janet Loman
on
Friday, September 9, at 6:00PM
1622 West Union Avenue
88005

College and Young Adult Bible Study
begins on
Monday evening, September 12, @ 7:00PM
on Zoom

Please call Janet @ 575.202.4379 or
E-mail @ drjml@me.com

WE ARE HOPING TO SEE YOU!

FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you need a ride, please let us know.

--Flyers are at each door of the Sanctuary if you would like to pick one up.