

# First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

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

Bible Presentation Sunday

September 18, 2022 - 10:30 A.M

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*



## PRELUDE

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” Austin C. Lovelace (1918-2010)

“I Know the Bible Is True” B. B. McKinney (1886-1952)

“Holy Bible, Book Divine” William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

“Jesus, Still Lead On” (17<sup>th</sup> Century Hymn Tune) Franklin D. Ashdown (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

## MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. 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. (Psalm 33:3-5 NRSV)

## INTROIT

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jacque Parks

(Psalm 119)

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the

LORD. Blessed are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

**People: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.**

Leader: Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**People:** Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise. I revere your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes. My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

Most holy God of love, we draw near to you with hope and encouragement because of who you are. You have shown us your love, wisdom, power, and goodness in all your works, and have revealed your truth in the words of Holy Scripture. We thank you for our Bible; its words enlighten our darkness, and enable our spirits to soar, embracing the depths of your love. You have caused the inspired words of Scripture to be preserved, translated, published, and multiplied so that all may find your truth within. We pray that, through our worship, we will be open to your Word and Spirit. May we be equipped to lead more faithful and useful lives according to your will and purpose...**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

CALL TO CONFESSION #427 “Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart” LOE DE ÍSÁ

Congregation to sing refrain  
Choral Scholars to sing verses

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord Jesus, I sin. Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach a point of perfection. Crush my envious spirit, command my tongue, trample down my pride and self-righteousness. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for your glory and not to please myself. Deliver me from attachment to things and desires unclean and unworthy of a beloved child of God. According to your grace, help me search the shadows of my soul, that I may cast myself on your steadfast loving mercy. Lord, help me, for your presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong, and happy. Abide in me, gracious God.<sup>[1]</sup>

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

**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:** **Believing and trusting the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.**

**Leader:** What is our only comfort, in life and in death?

**People:** **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful**

**Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. (The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563)**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#188 “Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children are asked to sit on the carpet squares in the front, and masks are optional for those who have been vaccinated.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD AND SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS

Lillian Brewer – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Eziuche Chilaka – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Josefina Inocencio – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Nico Arevalo – 6<sup>th</sup>

Jacob Clemens – 6<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Higginbotham – 6<sup>th</sup>

Caleb Taylor – 6<sup>th</sup>

McKayla Ynosensio – 6<sup>th</sup>

CALL TO PRAYER

“Kum ba Yah”

KUM BA YAH

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

To follow text see hymn #692 in the Hymnal

### **PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

2 Timothy 3:17-4:5

Luke 6:45-49

2 Timothy 3:10, 14-4:5 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness. <sup>{14}</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>{15}</sup> and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>{16}</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>{17}</sup> so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. <sup>{4:1}</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>{2}</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or

unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>{3}</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>{4}</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>{5}</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 6:45-49 (New Revised Standard Version)

The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. <sup>46</sup> “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? <sup>47</sup> I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. <sup>48</sup> That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. <sup>49</sup> But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “What’s Inside Can Make a Huge Difference” Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN #69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” HERE I AM

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Jesus Loves Me!” JESUS LOVES ME

\*POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist – Jacque Parks      Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh*  
*Sound System – Rusty Smith      Video – Brent Brewer*



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 Bromwell family.

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:*

*Diana Howard – E      Patricia Adu-Mensah – W      Cecilia Mboh - S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

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**Please remember in your prayers:** Gerald Carson on the passing of his wife Carol; Clyde and Juanita Treat; 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; 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](mailto:linda@fpc.lc)*

**Our Vision:** A place where Christian love is modeled

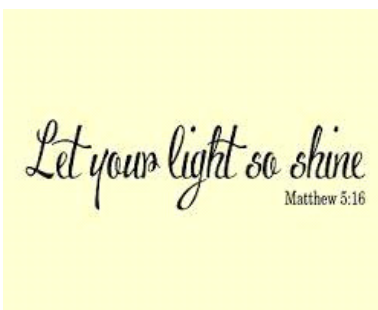
**Our Mission:** To be a place where Christian love is modeled through:

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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### **Salt & Light – “First People, First Problem”**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

4:00-6:30 PM    Grades K-12<sup>th</sup>

5:50 PM - Salt & Light Dinner,

\$5.00 suggested donation, but any amount is appreciated

Please call the church office with a reservation by Monday at 526-5559

between 9am-2pm to let us know that you will be joining us for dinner.

We are also accepting donations if you would like to sponsor a child. Contact information: Karen Candusso [saltandlight@fpc.lc](mailto:saltandlight@fpc.lc) or 575-618-9474

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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.

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**Deacon's Hamburger Fry Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Mark your calendar!**

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

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, September 18, 2022 Bible Sunday**

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. The class is viewing and discussing a video Bible study series on the Book of Ruth.

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School, "A Mere Christian: the Life and Writings of C.S. Lewis" in Branigan Hall with Larry Hicks.

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, September 19, 2022**

6:00 PM Handbells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

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#### **Tuesday, September 20, 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 Jones Hall Library.

#### **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

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

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

4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)

#### **Thursday, September 22, 2022**

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

[scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net)

**Friday, September 23, 2022**

6:00 PM In-Betweeners in Watkins Hall. (see announcement)

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

9:00-10:15 AM Adult Sunday School led by Catie Brewer in the Jones Hall Library. The class is viewing and discussing a video Bible study series on the Book of Ruth.

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On Saturday, October 8, at 10:30 AM, there will be a service in the sanctuary for Bill and Vicki Kuyper to reconsecrate their wedding vows. All are welcome.



9/19 – Mel Parish

9/20 – Sharon Rooney

9 21 – Olivier Heubo,  
Aileen C. Sanchez

9/23 – Rosa Taylor

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



**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



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### In-Betweeners

On Friday evening, September 23rd we'll be getting together in Watkins Fellowship Hall for a planned potluck dinner at 6:00 PM. After dinner, Jerry and Helen Moser have agreed to present a program on their adventures in Morocco.

Please let us know by Monday, September 19th, that you plan to come and what category of dish you'd like to bring. We'll need main dishes, salads, side dishes, and desserts. If you don't cook, please just let us know that, and we'll tell you what you can bring that can be purchased. It's always fine to bring your own dinner, if that's what is best for you, but let us know you're coming for planning purposes.

Contact: the Ames at 575-526-3247, or [jkames@q.com](mailto:jkames@q.com)

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**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](http://fpc.lc) and click on the "heart" icon or [fpc.lc/giving](http://fpc.lc/giving) or scan QR code

Smartphone App: Church Center

Text 84321





## **INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in Watkins Hall following Worship

Please join us with a dish to share in  
fellowship with families from around the world.

Please drop off your dish prior to worship (10:15 AM)

Please contact Rosalyn Stolle and let her know that you will be bringing a dish at [stoleerosalyn4@gmail.com](mailto:stoleerosalyn4@gmail.com)  
or 575-915-5743