

**First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico**
World Communion Sunday – Peacemaking Offering
October 2, 2022 – 10:30 AM
Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE “Christ, You Are the Fullness” (Korean Tune) Michael Ryan (b. 1952)
 Meditation on “Sólo Tú Eres Santo” George Lachenauer (b. 1933)
Toccata on the Yoruba (West Africa) Hymn “Kabiyesi O Hosana” Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)

**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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Deacons’ Hamburger Fry Gracia Class

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26-28 NRSV)

INTROIT “It Is a Great Thing to Serve the Lord”
 “All I Need Is Jesus”
 African Community

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Janet Loman

(Psalm 107, Luke 13, Revelation 19)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: 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.

Leader: Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

People: Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

#1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. *Santo, santo, santo! La inmensa muchedumbre
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,
ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,
ante ti que has sido, que eres y seras.*
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PLEASE BE SEATED

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison) (seated)

Most holy, loving, and wise God, all of creation declares your glory! It is our joy to sing our songs of praise to you. We thank you that on World Communion Sunday we are reminded of our relationships with all Christians around the world. As we each partake of the elements today, we are reminded of Christ's love poured out for everyone. Here, we are all equal and precious in your sight, as we will be when we will all gather at your Table in the Kingdom of God. Therefore, we lift our voices, singing our praise with those in every time, and in every place to the glory and honor of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

“Hashivenu”

ISRAELI

Beth Thomas, Solo
Amon Taylor, Recorder

Take us back to you, O Lord, and we shall return. Renew our days as in the past.

Alleluia. *Lamentations 5:21*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgiving God, as we worship you today, we are aware of our own shortcomings, our failings, our sins. We remember how we have failed to love you fully, or to show your love to others. We recall times when we have spoken out of hurt or anger, instead of out of patience and love. We see how we have treated others unfairly, and we long to make things right. Have mercy on us, O God. Release us from our sin and guilt to live life anew by the power and love of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Hear the truth. Neither this world nor our lives are so broken that God cannot restore to wholeness. Trust and believe that reconciliation is possible. God does show us the way home. In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

People: **We rejoice in the Good News that through Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven.**

Leader: What does Scripture teach us about the Good News?

People: **This is the Good News which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to the women at the tomb, to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord, our Savior, and our God. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Omemma (Jesus Is Good)”

African Community

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

- 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

“Give Us Light”

JYOTHI DHO

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” – Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona”

- To follow the text, see #538 in the hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

In celebration of the unity we share through Jesus Christ, in addition to English, the Scripture lesson will be read in Korean by Rev. Yu, in Twi by Patricia Adu-Menseh, and in French by Lucy Eyong.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dr. Janet Loman

1 Corinthians 11:17-29

1 Corinthians 11:17-29 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“In Remembrance of Me”

Rev. Norm Story

*COMMUNION HYMN #526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” LINSTAD

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER

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

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“We Will Walk with God”

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

After the benediction, you are welcome to come to the front for prayer with a pastor.

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

Liturgist – Dr. Janet Loman Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh

Sound System – Curtis Benaway Video – Rusty Smith



Please join Mary Martha Circle for Fellowship Time to honor Rev. Norm and Kathy Story in celebration of their 19th Anniversary at our church.

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:

Lucy Eyong – E Patricia Adu-Mensah – W Wanda Mattiace - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Kathy Story – E Kaaren Morehart – W Erin Taylor – S

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

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Today is World Communion Sunday.
We will be collecting the Peace & Global Witness offering.
An envelope is provided in the bulletin for those who wish to donate.

Please remember in your prayers: Chris and Helen Rogers and family; Don and Jean Rhodes; 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; 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.

No Salt & Light on Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Trunk or Treat will be held on Monday, October 31st. Mark your calendar.

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, October 2, 2022 World Communion 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 (see announcement)
- 12:00 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

Monday, October 3, 2022

Linda Ramirez will be out of the office all week

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Office Closed

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

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

- 9:30 AM Staff meeting, office will be closed during meeting.
No Salt & Light

Thursday, October 6, 2022

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

- 6:30 PM Jennie Curry Bible Study in the Library (see announcement)

Friday, October 7, 2022

Saturday, October 8, 2022

- 10:30 AM Bill and Vicki Kuyper will reconsecrate their wedding vows. All are welcome.

Sunday, October 9, 2022 Deacons' Hamburger Fry – all are invited

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Monday, October 10, 2022

Office Closed

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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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



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.

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 as 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	202-819-7717	Paul Deason	575-644-8427
Karen Candusso	575-618-9474	Jim Parks	575-640-8180
Carl Connor	575-524-4706	Linda Ward	575-541-7470



10/02 – Pat Felhauer

10/03 – Izak Armendariz

10/06 – Rachel Breck, Mary Jean Hall, Alice Distlehorst

10/07 – Alejandra Cisneros

10/09 – Jacque Parks

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



On behalf of all the Deacons, we would like to thank this congregation for its generous support of our missions. We are only able to carry out our mission by your donations.

Our only annual revenue making event is the **BURGER FRY**. This year it will be outside after the worship service, on **Sunday, October 9th**. We will return to the pre-COVID format and will be grilling some delicious hamburgers and hot dogs.

We dedicate this return to tradition to Eddie Armendariz, who loved and supported this event. Please consider making a donation to the Deacon's and *absolutely* plan on joining us for this fun event.

Mary Martha Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, October 11, in the Library at 9:45 AM for social time and then continue with the Bible study of Jeremiah, Chapter 7:1-29. We encourage all ladies of the church to join us to increase your knowledge about the book of Jeremiah. If you have questions please call Helen Moser, 575-647-3365 or Cheri McMillan, 575-526-2395.

FLUTE AND PIANO RECITAL

VICKI KUYPER AND MIKE RAFFERTY

Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 3PM (Free Admission)

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Featuring classical music by Fauré, Mozart, Brahms, Gluck, and Doppler.

Jennie Curry Bible Study will meet on Thursday, October 6, for our next study on *Faith Has Come*, a study of Galatians. We meet in the Library at 6:30 pm for refreshments, then do our study. All women are invited. If you have a question please contact Kathy Story 575-202-2667 or storyk@comcast.net.



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

Please join us once again for a cookout in the back yard of Steve and Janet Loman
on
Friday, October 14, at 6:00PM
1622 West Union Avenue
88005

College and Young Adult Bible Study
continues on
Monday evenings, at 7:00PM
on Zoom
If you need the link
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.