

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico
18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2022 - 10:30 A.M
Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

“The Great Physician” Albin C. Whitworth (b. 1938)
Contemplation on “Out of My Bondage” John Sciveyner (b. 1927)
“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” Gordon Young (1919-1998)

**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

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:6-7, 4:2 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

“O Be Joyful”

John Yarrington

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Deason

(Psalm 100)

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

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

Gracious God, you who supply your people with every blessing in abundance, we lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving this day. Help us, we pray, to thank you for the gifts we seldom notice, to praise you for the bounty we often take for granted, and to glorify your name, for you have watched over us and blessed us beyond abundance. For all that you have done, for all that you are, and for all that you will ever do, we lift up our voices in praise to you. Hear our prayer and our song, and help us to live with eternally grateful hearts... **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 #423 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" SARADY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Giving God, you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts and talents. But so often we fail to use them, saving them up for a better time or refusing to believe that you really gave them for us to use. We squander the gifts you give us, or even fearfully hide them away. We are often careless with your creation, even though you made us stewards, entrusted to keep and care for it. We are even careless with each other, failing to appreciate your uniqueness present in each one of your children. Forgive us, Loving God, and restore to us the new life and creation you promise.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. And Christ rose for us and takes away all our sin. I therefore declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven.

People: **In Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven, thanks be to God, amen.**

Leader: Let us declare what we believe using the Theological Declaration of Barmen.

People: **Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death... Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. We reject as false doctrine that there are areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ. The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ**

acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.¹

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#654 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” IN THE LORD I’LL BE EVER THANKFUL

- Choir to sing first time
- Congregation to join second time

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

- 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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal” YE BANKS AND BRAES

- To follow text, see Hymn #797 in the Hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 103:1-14

Luke 17:11-19

Psalm 103:1-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. ⁶ The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

¹ From “The Theological Statement of Barmen of 1933”, written by a group of church leaders in Germany to help Christians withstand the challenges of the Nazi party and of the so-called “German Christians,” a popular movement that saw no conflict between Christianity and the ideals of Hitler’s National Socialism.

Luke 17:11-19 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

SERMON “Gratitude, a Sign of Grace Received” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN
#643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

GO IN GOD’S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”
SICILIAN MARINERS

*POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Paul Deason Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Jonathan West Video – Will Schroeder



Join us for our **Annual Deacons’ Hamburger Fry** following Worship today in the courtyard. Please see announcement.

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 Adu-Mensah – W Lucy Eyong - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Paul Deason – E Rev. Norm Story – W Lon Anderson – S

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Please turn off all cell phones

Please remember in your prayers: Chris and Helen Rogers and family; 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; La Casa, domestic shelter; Missionary Cesar Caruchin, Presbyterian Minister, Columbia, South America.

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.

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

Covid19 precautions:

- **Seating in West and South sections of the Sanctuary is 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.



10/09 – Jacque Parks
10/10 – Donna Mathis
10/11 – Kyle Breck
10/13 – Blaine Goss, Michaela E. Owusu Sekyere
10/15 – Jorge Inocencio (youth member)

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



Salt & Light – “A Good Shepherd”
Wednesday, October 12, 2022

4:00-6:30 PM Grades K-12th

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 or 575-618-9474

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



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 9, 2022 Deacons Hamburger Fry – all are invited

- 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 Deacons Hamburger Fry (see announcement)

Monday, October 10, 2022

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

- 9:30 AM Mary Martha Circle (see announcement)
- 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: Admin, B&G, Christian Education, Cong. Life & Outreach Support, Missions, Music & Worship.

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

- 8:00-1:00PM 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**
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)

Thursday, October 13, 2022

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

Friday, October 14, 2022

- 6:00 PM College and Young Adult dinner night ministry (see announcement)

Saturday, October 15, 2022

- 3:00 PM Flute and piano recital (see announcement)

Sunday, October 16, 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.
- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School, “A Mere Christian: the Life and Writings of C.S. Lewis” in Branigan Hall with Larry Hicks.
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- 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

**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.



**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.



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.



Today is the day!
please join us in the courtyard following Worship
for the Deacons' Annual Hamburger Fry

This is a fundraiser for the deacons. The purpose of the Board of Deacons is to help out with the work of the church, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick or friendless, and to any who may be in distress. The Deacons' source of income comes from half of the 'loose' offering collected on Communion Sundays; any offering designated "Communion"; individual gifts; and the Annual Hamburger Fry.

Join your deacons for fun games and a silent auction of donated hand made goods donated by Roni Hardin.

This burger fry is in honor of Mr. Eddie Armendariz.

Your attendance and generous donations will be greatly appreciated.

Dessert will be served by the Parks and Mathis families in celebration of Jacque's and Donna's birthdays.



Trunk or Treat Is Coming! Monday, October 31 (6 to 8 pm)

What is It? Trunk or Treat is an important congregational outreach to our community, sponsored by the Congregational Life and Outreach ministry team. It is a great chance to serve our neighborhood. The essence of Trunk or Treat is serving kids candy from the trunks of our cars in a safe, fun environment. But there is much more, including music, food, crafts, and games.

We need your help! **This event is totally dependent on our congregation to be successful.**

Further information: Contact Lon Anderson, lonandenise@q.com Or, call the church office at 526-5559 and leave your information with Linda.

Yes! I want to participate in one or more of the following ways:

	<i>Give out candy from my car trunk with optional car decoration</i>
	<i>Run a booth for a pre-planned game (ducks, bowling, bean bags, etc.)</i>
	<i>Devise my own game or craft booth</i>
	<i>Kitchen duty and serving food (hot cocoa, nachos, popcorn, etc.)</i>
	<i>Donate extra candy (individually wrapped)</i>
	<i>Table setup (planning to set up 4 pm on the 31st)</i>
	<i>Take-down</i>
	<i>Clean up kitchen</i>
	<i>Lighting, power strips, extension cords</i>
	<i>Bring a pre-carved pumpkin for pumpkin contest</i>
	<i>Baking undecorated sugar cookies (deliver to church office by Sunday, Oct 30)</i>
	<i>Other (fill in the blank):</i>

My name is _____ My phone is _____

My email is _____

Donations of candy, small toys/trinkets, fruit snacks, granola bars, any non-perishable individually wrapped snacks/goodies can be dropped at the entrances of the Sanctuary and at the office.

