

First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico
Ordination and Installation
of Officers

January 15, 2023 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
“Built on the Rock” Lani Smith (1934-2014)
“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Mahlon Balderston (1923-2019)

**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

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10-11 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT “O Lord My God” HOW GREAT THOU ART

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Deason
(Romans 12)

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, 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: **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you 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: **We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us. 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.**

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

Heavenly Father, you have placed me in the Church which your Son purchased by his sacrifice and obedience. Add grace to grace that I may live worthy of that calling. I am a voyager across life’s ocean, safe in heaven’s ark. May I pass through this troubled world into the harbor of eternal rest. I am a tree of the vineyard you have planted. Grant me not to be barren with worthless leaves and wild grapes. Prune me of useless branches, and water me with the dews of blessing. May our worship be always firmly rooted in your word, our understanding divinely informed, our affections holy and heavenly, and our motives simple and pure.¹ **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 “Remember Not, O God”
Chancel Choir

SOUTHWELL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Great God of wisdom, compassion, and power, we ask your forgiveness for the times when we have turned away from you and your claim upon our lives. Forgive us the times that we have not used the spiritual gifts and resources that you have given us, and for the times when we have ignored and neglected those who need us. We confess that too often, when we could glorify you and make a difference, we are fearful and choose not to obey and not to serve. You have called us to be your servants, yet we get so wrapped up in our own lives that we fail to reflect your compassion. We are not faithful with all our hearts, minds, and strength. In your mercy, forgive us and inspire us once again by your Holy Spirit, guiding us and giving us courage to serve with you faithfully in all that we say and do. Through Jesus we pray.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

¹ from *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*, The Banner of Truth Trust, Edinburgh, 1975.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Having confessed our sin before God who loves us and 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 purpose in the grace of God given through Christ Jesus. Therefore I declare to you that, in Christ, all our sin has been forgiven.

People: **Through Jesus we are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: We have prayed for forgiveness, but what is prayer?

People: **Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.²**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

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

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart”

LOE DE ÍSÁ

- To follow text see hymn #427 in the Hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Dr. Janet Loman

1 Corinthians 1:2-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18-20, 27

1 Corinthians 1:2-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that

² Question 178, The Larger Catechism, England, 1646.

there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18-20, 27(New Revised Standard Version)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Let God Use Who You Are” Rev. Norm Story

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS
Dinah Jentgen, Clerk of Session

Elders: *Patrick Cummings, *Paul Deason, Rondla Hardin, *Steve Loman,
*Bruce Pearson, *Stephen Taylor

Deacons: Sandy Abernathy, *Charlotte Brockway, Karma Bromwell (youth
Deacon), Chibuzo Chilaka, Lucy Eyong, Nancy Johnson, Thomas Korang,
Linda Pearson, Sharon Rooney, *Linda Seaton

*previously ordained

A special thank you to the Elders and Deacons rotating off of the Session and the Board of Deacons

Elder: Brad Class, Laura Conniff, Yolanda Koontz

Deacons: Gracia Class, Dale Cook, Elizabeth Loman, Dutch Matkin,
Wanda Mattiace

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

GO IN GOD’S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Amen” AMEN

*POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck
Liturgist – Paul Deason Deacon Captain – Divine Mboh



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.

Rev. Dr. Norm Story	Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation
Dr. Janet Loman, CP	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:

Patricia Adu-Mensah – E Lucy Eyong – W Diana Howard - S

Greeting after Worship Service:

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

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

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Please remember in your prayers: Jessica Borchert Stout, daughter of Beth Thomas; Henrica Misquez, assistant bookkeeper; The O’Neill family on the passing of Jean O’Neill; Linda Seaton’s father; Joyce Hill; Rev. Jay Bishop; Johanna Miller, Dorris Hamilton, Genevieve Ariege, Clyde Treat, and Norma Klein at the Heritage; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons’ Ministries; prayers for all the homeless, in this cold weather; Gospel Rescue Mission; Missionaries Joel and Barbara Trudell.

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.
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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, January 15, 2023 Ordination & Installation of Officers

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer.
- 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, January 16, 2023

Office Closed

- 6:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas
- 7:00 PM Bells rehearsal with Beth Thomas

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

- 7:00 PM Session meeting in Jones Hall Library

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

- 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, January 19, 2023

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

- 6:30 PM Deacons meeting in Jones Hall Library

Friday, January 20, 2023

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Sunday, January 22, 2023

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer.
- 9:00 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
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Per Capita Apportionment

Every Presbyterian (USA) congregation is apportioned a share of the expenses of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount to be paid by our congregation for the year 2023 is \$29.98 per member. Members may choose to contribute this amount, if they wish, thus freeing church funds for our ministries.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/15 – Florence Hamilton

1/16 – Josh Borchert

1/17 – David Cox, Colleen West

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



Salt & Light – “Baptize Me”

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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
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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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The **Mary Martha Circle** is once again collecting books for ages 4 months through 8-9 years old to be given away by the Children's Reading Alliance non-profit. This group was founded in 2010, has given away many thousands of books, and has trained parents on the importance of reading to and with their children. Also, there is a dedicated group of volunteers who are "**reading buddies**" in the classroom helping the children learn and want to read. We have a large, blue plastic bin in Jones fellowship hall for collecting books. If you need more information, please call Helen Moser, 575.647.3365 or Cheri McMillan, 575.526.2395.

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 and any 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.

- 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



IN-BETWEENERS for January

On Friday evening, January 27, we plan to get together in Watkins Fellowship Hall at 6 PM. for a catered dinner in good fellowship. After dinner, Yolanda Koontz will present an illustrated talk about her two years as a teacher in the United Arab Emirates.

Please contact the Ames at jkames@q.com or 575-526-3247 by Monday, January 23rd, to let us know that you'll be coming.



Contribution Envelopes for 2023

If you use contribution envelopes, please pick them up in Jones Hall.
Monthly or weekly envelopes are available.

Or, you can stop by the office and pick them up between 9am – 2pm, M-Th.