

*HYMN OF PRAISE #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

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

LORD, our LORD, you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. You are faithful and just, showing kindness to generations upon generations. You are the God of the Patriarchs, the Covenants, and the Promised Land, and also the God of tax collectors, the sick and injured, and small children. We are humbled and honored by your presence and grateful that we can gather together to proclaim the works of your hands. You meet the needs of all of your creation with blessings more than we can count. You sent your Son to be with us, who taught first disciples and us to pray together: **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 #775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WALK WITH ME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the ages, you have given us life and salvation. In return, you have asked us to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We come before you now to say that, although we have tried, we have not been the people that we want to be. We have not put our faith and trust in you. We have missed opportunities to serve our neighbors. Help us to acknowledge those times when we have fallen short and when we have turned away. Direct us back towards you. In this silence, hear our confessions, so that we may leave behind our mistakes and failures, and take up your grace once again.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Hear and take comfort: God does not leave us on our own. He has sent his Son, Jesus, to take away the sins that separate us from him. We have been forgiven and restored.

People: **Thanks be to God! With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we live anew in faith.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#157 "I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Judith Ames

- Children are asked to sit on the carpet squares in the front.

CALL TO PRAYER

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

WOODWORTH

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Woman in the Night”

NEW DISCIPLES

- To follow text see hymn #161 in the hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 12:1-9

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Genesis 12:1-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD.⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (New Revised Standard Version)

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,²¹ for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,²⁴ he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Against the Odds: Faith in God's Promises" Dr. Catherine Brewer

*CLOSING HYMN #720 "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION "I Want Jesus to 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 Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Stephen Taylor Deacon Captain – Patricia Adu-Mensah

Sound System – Jonathan West Video – Will Schroeder



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 Deacons.

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| Rev. Dr. Norm Story | Pastor | Rev. Pyong San Yu | Korean Congregation |
| Dr. Janet Loman, CP | College Ministry | Dr. Howard A. Smolleck | Organist |
| Karen Candusso | Youth Group Sponsor | Karen Candusso | Salt & Light Coord. |
| Beth Borchert-Thomas | Dir. of Music & Bells | | |

Greeting before Worship Service:

Linda Pearson – E Dennis Thomas – W Sharon Rooney – S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Stephen Taylor – E Dr. Catherine Brewer – W Judith Ames – S

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

Please turn off all cell phones

Please remember in your prayers: Jean Rhodes and family on the passing of Don Rhodes; Marcia Westfall; Wayne Maley; Virginia Haynes and daughter Shannon; Jessica Borchert Stout, daughter of Beth Thomas; Rev. Jay Bishop; Dorris Hamilton, Clyde Treat, 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.

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



6/11 – Austin Breck, Lynn Loya

6/14 – Wanda Mattiace

6/16 – Joyce Curry

6/17 – Jonathan West

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

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



Mark your Calendars!



First Presbyterian Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 26 – 30

9 AM – 12 PM

Register online at: www.fpc.lc

CHURCH CALENDAR

Call the church office 575-526-5559 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, June 11, 2023

- 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

Monday, June 12, 2023

- 5:30 PM Calligraphy Guild meeting in the Library and fellowship area in Jones Hall

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer, a reflection on Scripture in Jones Hall. Contact Marsha Topley with questions
- 7:00 PM Ministry team meetings in Jones Hall

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

- 8:00 AM Soup Kitchen
- 12:00 PM DEADLINE for submissions for the Sunday bulletin

Thursday, June 15, 2023

The Good News Newsletter will be published on Fridays. Please send submissions by Thursday evenings to: scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

- 6:30 PM Deacons meeting in Jones Hall Library

Friday, June 16, 2023

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Sunday, June 18, 2023 Father's Day

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer. (see announcement)
- 9:00 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall
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Church Office Hours are: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School class will begin watching and discussing "The Chosen" season 3, on June 18. We will meet most Sundays in the summer in the Library at 9 am.

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.



The Deacons are in need of van drivers on Sundays. We need your help to be able to once again get some of our members to church. Please contact Linda Ward if you can drive at least one Sunday a month. Thank you! 619-417-6912 or lrwardps@gmail.com

If you need a ride or know someone who does, please call the church office at 575-526-5559 between 9am - 2pm.



Food Baskets: Please bring a nonperishable food item every Sunday for Casa de Peregrinos, the emergency food bank. Baskets are located at each of the entrances to the Sanctuary.



After Worship Fellowship: The sign-up board is in Jones Hall Fellowship area.



In-Betweeners on Friday, June 30th

The 30th is a fifth Friday, not our usual fourth, but on that date our friend David Thomas has obtained a very special program for us! Dan Crow and Karla Steen, professional Western singer/songwriters have agreed to present music based on their album "Sidekicks and Saddle Pals" for us. These are original compositions based on the legends of iconic Old West figures.

Dinner at 6 pm in Watkins Fellowship Hall will be catered this time (\$10/person). Please let us know that you plan to come, and invite guests! Contact the Ames, 575-526-3247 or jkames@q.com.