



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

“I Would Be True”

David Howard Hegarty (b. 1945)

“Benedicamus Domino”(Let Us Praise the Lord) (based on plainsong)

Christopher Uehlein (1931-2019)

**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

For thus says the LORD:... For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD. (Jeremiah 29:10-14 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Darwall’s 148th

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alonzo Brewer

(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.

People: How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Leader: Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise.

People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Do Not Be Afraid”

Isaiah

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 66:1-6, 16-20 John 1:43-51

Psalm 66:1-6, 16-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.” Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

John 1:43-51 (New Revised Standard Version)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Come and See for Yourself”

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN

#450 “Be Thou My Vision”

Slane

GO IN GOD’S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

The Trees of the Field

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Congregational and Corporate Meeting Immediately Following Worship

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting and Corporate Meeting after Worship in the Sanctuary today, primarily for the purpose of approving Dr. Rev. Norm Story’s call and receiving an additional report from the

nominating committee.

Liturgist-Alonzo Brewer Deacon Captain-Divine Mboh

Sound System-Curtis Benaway Video-Rusty Smith

Greeting Before Worship Service:

Eric Montgomery-E Donna Phillips-W Bob Distlehorst-S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Erin Taylor-E Rev. Norm Story-W Rev. Nick Koontz-S

Rev. Dr. Norm Story	Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation
Dr. Janet Loman, CP	College Ministry	Dr. Howard A. Smolleck	Organist
Ada Castle	Commissioned Pastor	Karen Candusso	Salt & Light Coord.
Dr. Paul Deason	Commissioned Pastor	Karen Candusso	Youth Group Sponsor
Beth Borchert-Thomas	Dir. of Music & Bells	Veronica Giron	Secretary
Rev. Nick Koontz	Dir. of Family Ministries	Miranda Baker-French	Bookkeeper



Please Remember in your Prayers:

***Our teachers and students as they return to school.**

***Salt & Light as they begin the semester. May God empower us to be salt and light to one another; teachers, table parents, students and all those who endeavor to love and nurture these young people.**

- **Carole Davidson Pirruccello, Diana Davidson's sister; Tom Barksdale; Kristin, family of Dot Otto; Jim Tomlinson; Caitie Hurley; Barry Albert; Francis Nolan; Sherry Lindsey, friend of Amber Nolan; Marty Pope; America Carson; Arnold McMillan and Ken Osborne, who are all facing and overcoming health concerns.**
- **David Bridges as he moves to a new apartment.**
- **Sharon Rooney, who is mourning the passing of her husband.**

Continued Prayer List:

Jessica Stout; Jeremy Borchert; Rev. Jay Bishop; John and Melanie Grant; Rev. Marcus Burr; Rev. Dave Schreoder; Cindy Medina; Vanessa Medina; Eileen Hood; Mel Parish; Judith Ames; A.B. Conrad; Jerry and Rayma Claessen, both at Haciendas of Grace Village, Rayma is on hospice; Jeanine Krenzer, and Ann Miller, Doris Hamilton and Norma Klein at The Heritage.



Happy Birthday!

1/15 – Florence Hamilton

1/16 – Josh Borchert

1/17 – David Cox & Colleen West



Our Worship services are now available:

- In-person, with Covid19 precautions

- **Live-stream on YouTube, First Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, NM**
- **Video archive on the church website, our Facebook site or YouTube**

Covid 19 Precautions:

- **Seating in the 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 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.**



*Contributions 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 purple offering box.
- Check sent by mail.
- Online at fpc.lc/giving or via the QR code to the bottom left.
- Using the app “Church Center”.
- Text 84321



More information can be found on our website fpc.lc

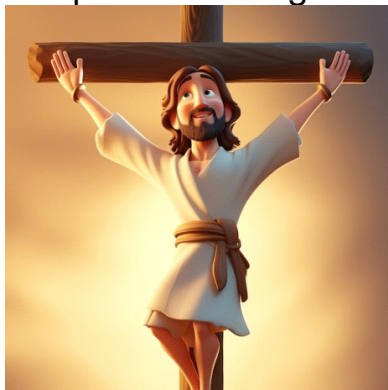
Per Capita Apportionment



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 2024 is \$29.93 per member. Members may choose to contribute this amount, if they wish, thus freeing church funds for our ministries.

Fellowship

Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following Worship in the Jones Hall Fellowship area. This is a time to welcome and greet new friends. Fellowship this morning is hosted by Christian Education.



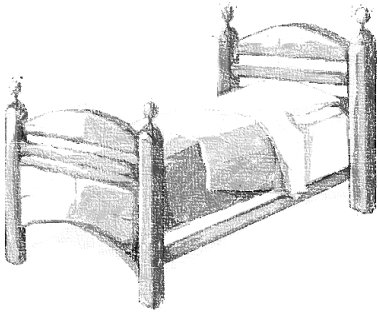
In the life of the Church

Salt & Light

Wednesday, January 17th, Salt & Light will be studying "Wise Men Find Jesus." Dinner will be hot dogs with chili/cheese (optional) nachos, carrot /celery sticks and ice cream for dessert.

Lutheran Family Services

First Presbyterian Church is partnering with Lutheran Family Services in mentoring refugees. Folks new to the U.S. need assistance understanding our culture and navigating their way through experiences that may seem commonplace to us, but are new to them. If you are interested in assisting with the families that are new to our country, please sign up on the sign-up sheet located in Jones Hall Library.



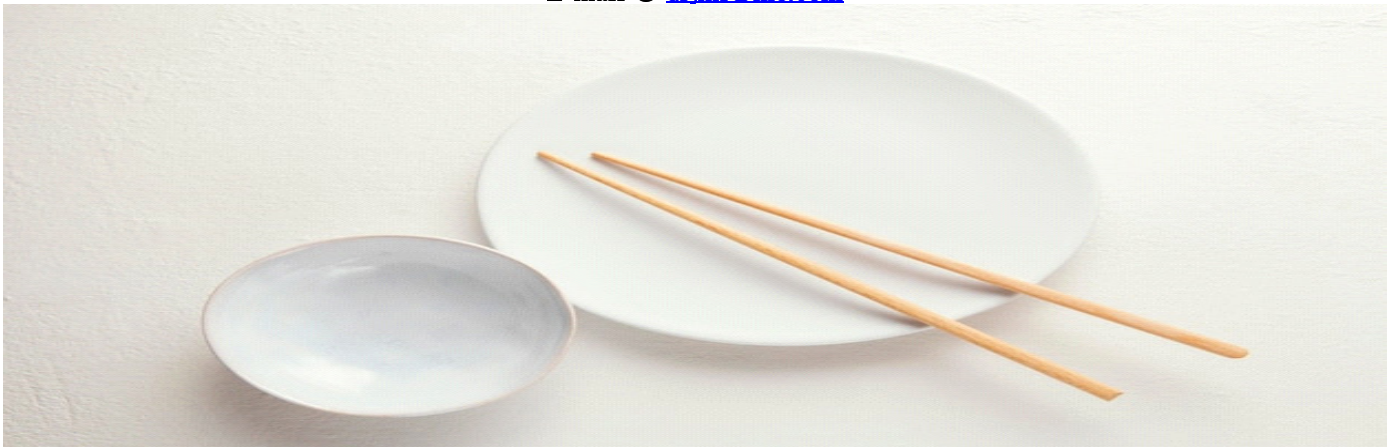
Let's Build Together!

There's still time to sign-up for the CLOS bed building project happening on February 3rd. If you are interested in building bedframes and/or delivering a bed to a child sleeping on the floor, please sign up. Sign-up sheets are located in Jones Hall.

YOU ARE INVITED!
COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S BRUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY
at Janet Loman's
Saturday, January 27th at 11:00 AM
1622 West Union Avenue, 88005

PLEASE JOIN US! FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

To RSVP, please call/text Janet @ 575.202.4379 or
E-mail @ drjml@me.com



In-Betweeners

On Friday evening January 26th, we'll be getting together for dinner at 6 PM in Watkins Fellowship Hall. Dinner this time will be catered (\$10/person,) but it is always fine to bring your own meal and enjoy it with us. After dinner, Joel and Barbara Trudell will present an illustrated talk about their experiences with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Africa. Please be sure to let us know that you plan to come by MONDAY, JAN. 22. Contact the Ames at jkames@q.com or 575-526-4247. You are also welcome to contact us for more information.



January

Church office hours! Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM, Phone 575.526.5559

Sunday, January 14, 2024

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Rev. Koontz
- 9-11:45 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 together in the Sanctuary
- 11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Hall
- 12:00 PM Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

Monday, January 15, 2024

Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor
- 7:00 PM Session meets in Jones Hall Library

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

- 8:00 AM Soup Kitchen
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (office will be closed during meeting)
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin & The Good News
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light, "*Wise Men Find Jesus*" (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18, 2023

- 6:30 PM Deacons meeting in Jones Hall

Friday, January 19, 2023

Saturday, January 20, 2023

Sunday, January 21, 2023

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Rev. Nick Koontz
- 9-11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall
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