



First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
Ordination and Installation of Officers
January 21, 2024 - 10:30 A.M
Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Robert J. Powell (b.1932)

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated” (Alternate tune)

Brenda Portman (b.1980)

Variations on “How Firm a Foundation”

Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

**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

The gifts he gave were ... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, ... For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...(Ephesians 4:11~15, 1 Timothy 4:14-15 & 2 Timothy 1:6 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Bridegroom

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Gardner

(1 Corinthians, *The Message*)

Leader: God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.

People: Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

Leader: You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything.

People: If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

Aurelia

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

Holy God, we praise you for this beautiful day, and for the abundance of blessings that shower into our lives. Indeed, we thank you for the gift of life itself. We thank you, Lord, for the family in which you placed us, loved us, and called for us to grow. We thank you for our church, this family of faith, where we grow in our faith through worship, through fellowship, and through Christian service. Help us this day to honor you in our worship, to focus upon you, humbling ourselves in adoration. May we worthily celebrate the hope and wonder of that truth, and be open to whatever you have for us this day. Help us hear your voice, recognize your Word for us, and hunger for a deeper relationship with you...
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

#551 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Land of Rest

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Hear the words of Jesus from the Gospel of John and be comforted. "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in me and in my love." Friends, believe the Good News, all our sins are forgiven.

People: By God's grace we are loved and saved. Through God's grace in Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.

Leader: Now cleansed from sin, how would the Lord our God have us live?

People: The Lord has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#530 "One Bread, One Body"

One Bread, One Body

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chibuzo Chilaka

- 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

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"
Chancel Choir

Confitemini Domino

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Greet the Dawning"
Jeonai Batista, Piano

Jan Sanborn

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Dr. Janet Loman

1 Corinthians 12:1, 12-14, 18-20, 27 1 Corinthians 3:5-10

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

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 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.

1 Corinthians 3:5-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants

nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Far Greater than the Ingredients”

Rev. Norm Story

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Dinah Jentgen, Clerk of Session

Elders: Bill Akins and Alice Distlehorst

Deacons: Ategha Clifford, Holly Dalager, Robert Distlehorst, Kathleen Gardner, Eric Montgomery, Dawn Griffin-O'Neal, and Donna Phillips

Youth Deacons: Ariana Holguin and Kileigh Higginbotham

*previously ordained

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

Elders: Vicki Kuyper and Jasey Loman

Deacons: Diana Howard, Cecilia Mboh and Dennis Thomas

*CLOSING HYMN

#691 “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

Land of Rest

GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“God, We Honor You”

Abundant Blessings

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist-Kathleen Gardner Deacon Captain-Patricia Adu-Mensah

Sound System-Max Schroeder Video-Dina Schroeder

Greeting Before Worship Service:

Dawn Griffin O'Neal-E Donna Phillips-W Eric Montgomery-S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Kathleen Gardner-E Rev. Norm Story-W Dr. Chibuzo Chilaka-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:

- *Prayers were requested that each of us might recall God's boundless love for us and our call to reflect that love to Him and one another.*
- *The professors, teachers, faculty, and students as they return to school. We especially pray for three colleagues of Catie Brewer, who are recovering from surgery.*
- *Margaret, a dear friend of Jill, Penelope Printz's daughter; Carole Davidson Pirruccello, Diana Davidson's sister, who is battling health complications; Tom Barksdale, who is recovering after a fall.*

Continued Prayers:

Kristin, family of Dot Otto; Jim Tomlinson; Caitie Hurley; David Bridges; Marty Pope; America Carson; Arnold McMillan; Brynleigh Claire Brass and her parents; Ken Osborne; Jessica Stout; Jeremy Borchert; Rev. Jay Bishop; John and Melanie Grant; Shannon, daughter of Bill and Virginia Haynes; Rev. Marcus Burr; Mary Olberg; Rev. Dave Shroeder; Jeanine Krenzer; Norma Klein, Dorris Hamilton, and Ann Miller, at The Heritage.

Welcome!

Our Worship services are now available:

- 1) In-person, with Covid19 precautions**
- 2) Live-stream on YouTube, First Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, NM**
- 3) 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.
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FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE JONES HALL FELLOWSHIP AREA. FELLOWSHIP THIS MORNING IS HOSTED BY THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TEAM. COME HELP US WELCOME AND GREET NEW FRIENDS.



*Contributions to support your church can be done in a variety of ways. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving. More information can be found on our website fpc.lc

1. Cash or check in the purple offering box.
2. Check sent by mail.



3. Online at fpc.lc/giving or via the QR code to the right.
4. Using the app “Church Center”.
5. Text 84321



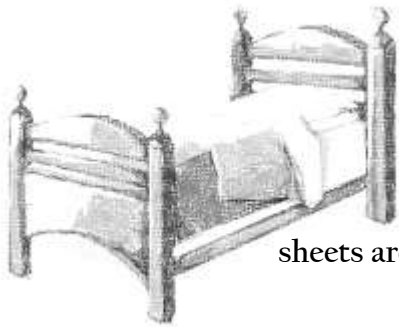
In the Life of the Church

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Salt & Light

Wednesday, January 24th, We will be studying *John Baptizes Jesus*. Dinner will be chicken nuggets, green beans, mashed potatoes, and fruit cups with whipped cream for dessert.



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. Contact Rev. Koontz for more information.

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@g.com or 575-526-3247. You are also welcome to contact us for more information.

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



Sunday, January 21st

- 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, Ordination & Installation of Officers
- 11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Hall
- 12:30 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

Monday, January 22nd

- 7:00 PM Bells of Praise Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 23rd

- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Wednesday, January 24th

- 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, "*John Baptizes Jesus*" (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25th

Friday, January 26th

- 6:00 PM In-Betweeners dinner in Watkins Hall (see announcement)

Saturday, January 27th

- 11:00 AM College and Young Adult Women's Brunch at Janet Loman's (see announcement)

Sunday, January 28th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Rev. Nick Koontz

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