



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**February 4, 2024 - 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

**PRELUDE**

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

“Fight the Good Fight”

William Barnett (2002)

“Nocturne”

Bassi

Holly Dalager, Oboe

\*\*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**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Cindy Clement

**MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Matt 13: 44-46

**CHORAL INTROIT**

“O Be Joyful”

John Yarrington

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Janet Loman

(Psalm 27)

**Leader:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**People:** **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

**Leader:** One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

**People:** **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

We come before you today, O Lord, our hearts filled with gratitude for the bounty of your love toward us. May the power of your Holy Spirit fill this sanctuary and our lives with your presence and grace. Help us to leave behind this world's distractions so that we may truly hear your voice. Trusting in your love and mercy, we come with hope and expectation that you will change how we see ourselves and our place as your servants in this world. We pray, Holy God, for this congregation, your followers who gather in your name. In your goodness and mercy, fill us afresh with your presence and peace. O Lord, help let us respond to your voice and truth, in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray. Amen.

## PLEASE BE SEATED

## CALL TO CONFESSION

#576 "Lord, Have Mercy"  
Holly Dalager, Oboe and Chancel Choir

Singapurah

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Heavenly Father and Creator of all things, you breathed the breath of life into every one of your children. You know our every need and care for us faithfully. Yet, too often we fail to follow your call and your guidance. Give us courage, Lord, that we might search the deepest and darkest corners of our being for anything that offends your holiness. Give us mercy that we might stand in the brilliance of your light. Give us grace that we might go from this assembly cleansed from our sin and refreshed for your service, in the name of Jesus, we pray.

## TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

**Leader:** God is gracious and loving. Hear the Good News of the gospel; that nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus. In Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven.

**People:** **Thanks be to God; all our sins are forgiven and gone. Amen.**

**Leader:** Let us declare what we believe using the Apostles Creed.

**People:** **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#741 "Guide My Feet"

Guide My Feet

## GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

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

CALL TO PRAYER

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”  
Chancel Choir

Hear My Prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Come to the Table”

Allen Pote

### **PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:13-14, 23-27

Dr. Janet Loman

1 Corinthians 9:13-14, 23-27 (New Revised Standard Version)

Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is sacrificed on the altar? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“How Will I Choose to Respond?”

Rev. Norm Story

\*COMMUNION HYMN #503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O Quanta Qualia

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Today our Communion service will be a hybrid. We will serve and pass trays on the west and south sides, plus the choir and the childcare workers. The east will continue with masks and distancing, and will continue to use the pre-packaged Communion kits. There will also be kits available at west and south doors for those wishing to continue with the kits.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“You Shall Go Out With Joy”

The Trees

*After the choral benediction, you are welcome to come to the front for prayer with a pastor.*

\*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

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*Liturgist-Dr. Janet Loman    Deacon Captain-Divine Mboh*

*Sound System-Curtis Benaway    Video-Rusty Smith*

*Greeting Before Worship Service:*

*Cliford Attegah-E    Sandy Abernathy-W    Donna Phillips-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Ruth Akins-E    Lon Anderson-W    Janet Mara-S*

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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            |
| 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 for AB and Millie Conrad; Steve Harbaugh; Jack Curry; Sandra Valencia; Dee Brown; Bill and Virginia Haynes; Gregg L.; Jim Tomlinson; Arnold McMillan, and America Carson as they are all facing health concerns.
- Bill Kuyper's son and family as they are preparing to move back to New Mexico.
- Rich Lally and Dan T., as they are both awaiting test results.



Continued Prayer List

Jessica Stout; Jeremy Borchert; Rev. Jay Bishop; Rev. Marcus Burr; Jerry and Rayma Claessen, both at Haciendas of Grace Village, Rayma is in hospice; Jeanine Krenzer; Jim Tomlinson; Barry Albert; Francis Nolan; Marty Pope; Arnold McMillan; Ken Osborne; and Dorris Hamilton, Norma Klein, and Ann Miller, all at The Heritage.



**2/03 Anastasia Owens  
Walker**

**2/04 Wayne**



### 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 and old friends. Fellowship this morning is hosted by*



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.**

- **Cash or check in the purple offering box.**
- **Check sent by mail.**
- **Online at [fpc.lc/giving](http://fpc.lc/giving) or via the QR code to the right.**
- **Using the app “Church Center”.**
- **Text 84321**

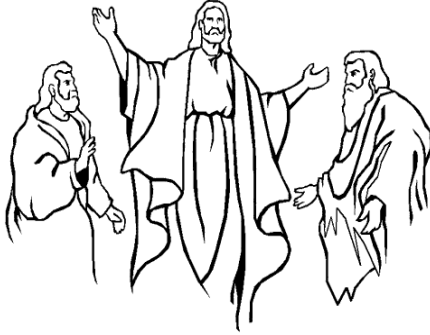
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-In the Life of the Church-

**\*Salt & Light\***

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be studying *Disciples Follow*

*Jesus. Dinner*

will be Sloppy Joes, potato chips, salad, and cupcakes for dessert.



**Time is running out!**

The youth group is fundraising for their upcoming trip to the Navajo Nation.

They will be selling sub sandwiches for \$15, Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for the

Super Bowl. Orders can be placed by filling out the slips in your Bulletin.



## **Mary Martha Circle**

Mary Martha Circle will be gathering on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in Jones Hall Library. We will be studying Colossians and will begin Bible Study at 10:00AM. All the ladies of our church are invited to join us as we continue our journey with the Apostle Paul.



### **COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT DINNER NIGHT**

**Spring Semester is underway, and we plan to celebrate with  
Dinner Night at the Lomans'!**

**Friday, February 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
1622 West Union Avenue  
Las Cruces, NM 88005**

**Questions? Please contact Janet:  
575.202.4379  
[driml@me.com](mailto:driml@me.com)**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!  
(just let us know)

# FEBRUARY



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

## Sunday, February 4th

- 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 (see announcement)
- 12:30 PM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

## Monday, February 5th

- 7:00 PM Bells of Praise Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM College & Young Adults Bible Study in Jones Hall Library

## Tuesday, February 6th

- 3:00 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

## Wednesday, February 7th

- 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, "*Disciples Follow Jesus*" (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, February 8th

## Friday, February 9th

- 6:00 PM College & Young Adults Dinner Night at Dr. Janet Loman's



Saturday, February 3rd

12:00 PM Youth Prep for Super Bowl Subs

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