



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**March 28, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word for commandment, *mandatum*. This is a special day for Christians. It is the day when we remember the Last Supper, the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the arrest and trial of Jesus. The Last Supper is a key event and Sacrament for Christian believers. It was at this Last Supper which Jesus shared with his friends that he changed the words of the traditional Passover meal and commanded his followers to break and eat bread and drink wine in his memory. This act of remembrance is known as the Eucharist, Holy Communion, Mass, or The Lord's Supper.

**PRELUDE**

"O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile"

Evelyn Morrison (1934-2015)

"Man of Sorrows', What a Name"

Albin C. Whitworth (b. 1938)

"Op. 2, Sonata No. 4-Grazioso

G.P. Telemann

"Op. 2, Sonata No. 4-Siciliano

G.P. Telemann

Vicki Kuyper, Flute; Holly Dalager, Oboe

"Suite No. 1"

J.S. Bach

Hyerim Mapp, Cello

\*\*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**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35 NRSV)

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**#206 "This Is the Night"**

**My Neighbor**

Leah Mathe will sing verses 1 and 4  
Congregation to sing verses 2, 3, and 5

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

Eternal God of mercy, we gather in awesome wonder, remembering your loving gift of Jesus Christ, who came bringing to our broken world reconciliation, hope, and healing. On this holy night we dine together as the body of Christ, and at the table commit ourselves to love and serve one another. O Lord, you have been our dwelling place, for you are never weary, and you never abandon your children. Though we often stray and fail, yet you never turn your back on us, or upon the troubles we create. Gracious God, in this time of worship and prayer, grant us a deeper glimpse of your glory and grace, let us hear your voice and feel the promise of your presence. **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

A LENTEN RESPONSE	“Kyrie”	Michael Joncas
Reading 1:	Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16	Trish Carter-Anderson
Anthem:	“You Are There”	Arr. Patti Drennan
Reading 2:	Mark 14:3-9	Rev. Nick Koontz
Anthem:	#201 “A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar”	How Can I Keep from Singing
Reading 3:	Luke 22:7-14, 24-27	Marsha Topley
Hymn:	#704 “To My Precious Lord”	To My Precious Lord
Reading 4:	John 13:1-5, 12-15, 34-35	Rev. Larry Hicks
Hymn	#203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”	Chereponi
Reading 5:	Luke 22:15-20	Bill Akins
Anthem:	“Father If This Cup Cannot Pass” Chancel Choir	James Biery



PASTORAL MEDITATION

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

*All worshippers are welcome and invited to receive Communion, and asked to wait in meditative*

*silence. There are Communion kits available at each door for those who prefer not to receive by intinction. When the congregation is invited to come forward please go to one of the pastors in the front at one of the aisles. You will be handed a piece of the bread, move to the elder with the cup to dip your bread and partake. In silent meditation please return to your seat.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      “Jesus Remember Me”      Remember Me

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

*\*While the Chancel Choir is singing the choral benediction, we ask that each person leave the Sanctuary in complete silence as they meditate on the meaning of tonight’s readings and music.*

*Instrumentalists:*

*Vicki Kuyper, Flute  
Holly Dalager, Oboe  
Hyerim Mapp, Cello  
Gustavo Morales, Piano*

*Soloists:*

*Leah Mathe  
Bryan Berard  
Joshua Prichard*

**\*There will be a Good Friday Meditation tomorrow, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 A.M. in Jones Hall Parlor with Rev. Norm Story.**

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*Deacon Captain-Patricia Adu-Mensah*



*Sound System-Rusty Smith*

*Video-Greeting Before Worship Service:*

*Curtis Beneway*



*Kathleen Gardner-E Sandy Abernathy-W Robert Distlehorst-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Robert Distlehorst-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	

**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

# CORONAVIRUS

**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 on the bottom right.
- Using the app “Church Center”.
- Text 84321

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.



*—Good Friday—*

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