



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Communion Sunday**  
**May 5, 2024 - 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

PRELUDE

“O Rest in the Lord”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

“The Great Physician”

Albin C. Whitworth (b. 1938)

“I Have No Help But Thee”

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

\*\*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

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. (Isaiah 58:8-9 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come, Let Us Eat”

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Janet Loman

(Psalm 30)

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

**People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain.**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**People: so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #503 “Lord, We Have Come At Your Own Invitation” O Quanta Qualia

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of all good, we thank you for the means of grace, teach us to see your wisdom and grace in all of creation according to your loving purpose. You have prepared a feast for us, and though unworthy, you invite us to sit as your guests. We rest entirely on the merits of Jesus, and place ourselves beneath his righteousness. When we hear his call to receive his wondrous love, may we not hesitate, but come in hope, joy and trust. At his Table help us remember his eternal love, boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony of the cross, redemption, and assurance of pardon, life and glory. As the outward elements nourish my body, so may the inward dwelling of your Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at his heavenly feast. O Lord, help let us respond to your love, in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

CALL TO CONFESSION #421 “Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life” Irish

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of love, the lives we like to show to others look fine on the surface, but are not really that healthy. During our times of truth, when we search more deeply, we don't always like what we see. Forgive us for what we have done and failed to do for the ones we love. Forgive us for letting our fear drive us, and for failing to live boldly, trusting in your grace. Forgive us that sometimes we live our lives as if material things matter more than other people, who are also loved and created by you. According to your steadfast loving kindness, guide us to walk anew and become more like Jesus, more steadfast and more faithful, more faithfully reflecting your love and compassion.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Having confessed our sin before God who loves us and who saves us, let us walk anew, because of God's own gracious love through Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the Good News, all our sins are forgiven.

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

Leader: What comfort do you receive by trusting in God's providence?<sup>[1]</sup>

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<sup>[1]</sup> Question #23, The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version, Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



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                      "Healer of our Every Ill"                      Healer of our Every Ill

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

\*POSTLUDE                                      Hymn Tune Improvisation                                      Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist-Dr. Janet Loman      Deacon Captain-Divine Mboh  
Sound System-Curtis Beneway      Video-Will Schroeder*

*Greeting Before Worship Service:  
Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-E      Donna Phillips-W      Sharon Rooney-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:  
Amon Taylor-E      Divine Mboh-W      Sandy Abernathy-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		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	Cat Munoz	Bookkeeper

Please Remember in your Prayers

- **Ashley, a coworker of Catie Brewer, who is in the hospital. Betty, Catie' s grandmother, who is also in the hospital.**
- **The Trudell' s, who have made it home safely.**
- **Karma Bromwell, as she travels back to South Carolina.**
- **Sarah, a friend of Dinah, who is facing a difficult week with her cancer journey.**
- **Jose, Alora Nevarez' s husband, and Liliana Pena who are all facing health concerns.**

### Continued Prayer List

**Jack and Joyce Curry at Solstice; Jerry and Rayma Claessen at Grace Village; Arnold McMillan; Kathy Story; Jessica Borchert-Stout; Jeremy Borchert; Cindy Medina; Dorris Hamilton, Norma Klein, and Ann Miller, at The Heritage.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/7 Dale Cook

5/7 Abigail Regmi

5/8 Bobby Candusso

5/9 Nancy Johnson



Fellowship



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 In-Betweeners.



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

#### 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.**

1. Cash or check in the purple offering box.
2. Check sent by mail.
3. Online at [fpc.lc/giving](http://fpc.lc/giving) or via the QR code on the right.
4. Using the app "Church Center".
5. Text 84321



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Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

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

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## Reminder!

*Class Of*  
**2024**

This is the last week to get your graduates names turned in so that they may be recognized during the May 12<sup>th</sup> service. Please send names to Veronica, our church secretary, either by email, [secretary@fpc.lc](mailto:secretary@fpc.lc) or phone 575.526.5559.

### In the life of the Church



FUZE Youth Group is now in session! The youth group will be meeting every Wednesday from 5-7 PM through June 5<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Adult Sunday School

This week the Adult Sunday School will be finishing up "The Walk" video series and will begin studying the Psalms. We will begin with 12 weeks of guided reading through the Psalms, then watch and discuss the video series "Epic of Eden: Psalms" by Sandra Richter. We hope you can join us.

### Mary Martha Circle

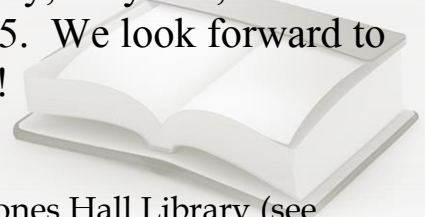
Mary Martha Circle will be having their Spring Luncheon at Lorenzos Italian Restaurant, across from NMSU on University Ave, on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM. Barbara Trudell will be sharing how her and Joel got involved with

the SIL/Summer Institute of Linguistics 44 years ago. We will also be celebrating our ongoing Bible studies; This Year of Colossians.

During our Luncheon we will be collecting diapers, sunscreen for the children at Jardin De Los Ninos, and books for the Children's Reading Alliance summer programs.

If you would like to join us please RSVP by Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, with Cheri McMillan, 575.526.2395 or Helen Moser, 575.647.3365. We look forward to sharing a meal with great conversations with all of you!

Sunday, May 5th



- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer in Jones Hall Library (see announcement)
- 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)
- 12:00 PM Sermon discussion with Rev. Norm Story in Jones Hall

Monday, May 6th

- 8:00 AM LCHS AP Testing in Watkins Hall
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for The Good News
- 7:00 PM Bells of Praise

Tuesday, May 7th

Wednesday, May 8th

- 8:00 AM El Caldito Soup Kitchen
- 8:00 AM LCHS AP Testing in Watkins Hall
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, the Church Office will be closed during this time
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
- 5:00 PM FUZE Youth Group (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9th

- 12:00 PM LCHS AP Testing in Watkins Hall
- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor



Friday, May 12th

8:00 AM LCCHS AP Testing in Watkins Hall

Saturday, May 13th

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