



**First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, NM**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost – Communion Sunday
June 2, 2024-10:30 AM**

Enter to worship-Leave to serve

PRELUDE

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus” – Albin C. Whitworth (b. 1938)
“More About Jesus Would I Know” – Lani Smith (1934-2015)
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” – William Allen Pasch (b. 1948)

**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 Youth Mission Trip

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.” (Mark 2:21-22) NRSV

CHORAL INTROIT “Come to the Table” Come to the Table

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

***CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Janet Loman**

Leader: Guide us, O God, by your word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace.

People: **Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #81 “Glorius Things of Thee are Spoken” Austrian Hymn**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Great God, in public and private, in sanctuary and home, may my life be steeped in prayer, filled with the spirit of grace and gratitude that calls and equips me to live in faithfulness and joy. Help us, defend us, until from this life we pass to the realm of unceasing praise in your presence. Urged by our need, invited by your promises, called by your Spirit, we enter your presence in worship, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory, but encouraged by your great love. Help us, we pray, to follow you as you lead us into the life and place you have created for us. Through our worship, fellowship, and service, restore and renew our troubled spirits with the assurance of your love and mercy. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION

#417 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Southwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Forgiving God, as we worship you today, we are aware of our own shortcomings, our failings, and our sins. We remember how we have failed to love you fully, or to show your love to others. We recall times when we have spoken out of hurt or anger, instead of expressing grace, patience, and love. We see that we have treated others unfairly, and we long to make things right. Have mercy on us, O God. Release us from our sin and guilt by the power and love of Jesus the Christ. Help us Lord, by your power and Spirit to live more faithful lives that reflect your truth and grace. O Lord, grant that we may hear you in the silence as we listen for your voice.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. And Christ rose for us and takes away all our sin. I therefore declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven, thanks be to God, amen.

Leader: What does Scripture teach and declare about God?

People: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#157 "I Danced in the Morning"

Lord of the Dance

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"
Chancel Choir

Confitemini Domino

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

Break Now the Bread

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 2:23-24, 27, 3:1-6

Dr. Janet Loman

Mark 2:23-24, 27, 3:1-6 (New Revised Standard Version)

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Let Grace Be Our Passion”

Rev. Norm Story

*COMMUNION HYMN #498 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” Beach Spring

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 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” Beach Spring

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

*Liturgist-Dr. Janet Loman Deacon Captain-Divine Mboh
Sound System-Rusty Smith Video-Brent Brewer*

*Greeting before Worship Service:
Donna Phillips-E Sharon Rooney-W Divine Mboh-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:
Debra Smith-E Erin Taylor-W Rev. Nick Koontz-S*

Rev. Dr. Norm Story Dr. Janet Loman, CP	Pastor College Ministry	Rev. Pyong San Yu Dr. Howard A. Smolleck	Korean Congregation 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



Charlotte Brockway

6/3 Thomas Burnham 6/3 Leah Mathe
6/5 Mary Olberg



6/6 Judith Wood

6/5 Jim Parks

6/6 Amon Taylor

6/7 Gracia Class

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 Administration & Finance Committee

Please Remember in your Prayers

- The family of Stephen Reese, friends of Tom and Donna Marconi.
- Nancy Cowan's 14-year-old great nephew who is battling cancer.
- Jessica Moiser's baby girl Aaliyah, who was born prematurely.
- Johnathan Jackson, Ada's grandson-in-law, who was deployed with the Navy.

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; Millie Conrad; Dorris Hamilton, Mel Parish and Ann Miller at The Heritage

Our Worship services are 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.

- Cash or check in the purple offering box.
- Check sent by mail.
- Online at fpc.lc/giving or via the QR code on the right.
- Using the app “Church Center”.
- Text 84321

CCLI License No. 540727

More information can be found on our website fpc.lc

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

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

And the Countdown Begins.....

The Youth Mission trip to the Navajo Nation is just a week away! Please keep them all in your prayers as they will be leaving on June 9th and returning on June 14th. Safe travels!!

**Kileigh, Anya, Nia
McKayla, Madison,
Joseph, Caleb, Alonzo
Hughey, Jorge**

Jennie Curry Bible Study

The Jennie Curry Bible Study is studying Beth Moore's Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John. We will be meeting this Thursday, June 6th, at 6:30 PM in Jones Hall Library. If you would like more information or have any questions, please get in touch with Kathy Story via email at storyk@comcast.net. We hope to see you all there!



Vacation Bible School

We will be “Scuba Diving into
Friendship with God”
On Monday, July 8th through
Friday, July 12th. Come dive
With us!

JUNE

Sunday, June 2nd

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer is watching and discussing the video series “Epic of Eden: Psalms” by Sandra Richter in Jones Hall Library
- 9-11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall



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for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall

- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall
- 9:30 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
- 3:00 PM Camerata Del Sol Chamber Concert in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 3rd

- 12:00 PM Deadline for The Good News
- 7:00 PM Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 4th

Wednesday, June 5th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting Church Office will be closed during this time
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
- 5:00 PM FUZE Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 6th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor
- 6:30 PM Jennie Curry Bible Study in Jones Hall Library (see announcement)

Friday, June 7th

Saturday, June 8th

Sunday, June 9th

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