



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024 - 10:30 A.M

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

“How Dear to Me Is Your Dwelling”

– Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

“Loved with Everlasting Love” (Hymn tune by James Mountain, ca. 1890)

- Herbert Colvin (1923-2011)

“God Himself Is with Us” (17th-century hymn)

- Jeffrey Blersch (b. 1967)

**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 word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.
(Jeremiah 18:1, 5-6 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

Llanfair

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Erin Taylor

(Psalm 9)

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

People: Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Nicaea

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

God of heaven and earth, you who are revealed most perfectly in Christ Jesus our Lord, we thank you this day for calling us to be your people and for watching over us and guiding us in the way we should go. We come before you now, O God, aware of our need for you. We come before you to worship you and to seek your will for our lives. Bless us in this holy time. May we find words and thoughts of hope; may our feelings, as well as our minds, be engaged in your message and in your living presence. Help us to find the living Christ not only in scripture, but in song and in praise, in prayer, and in one another. And with what we find, may we reach out to others in his most holy name ... **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

"Lord, Have Mercy"
Chancel Choir

Kyrie Eleison

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Great God of gentleness and power, we ask your forgiveness for the times we have turned away from you. Forgive us the times we have not used the spiritual gifts and resources you have given us, the times we have neglected those who needed us. You have called us to be your servants, yet we get so wrapped up in our own lives and desires that we fail to recognize the suffering of others. We confess that we have chosen not to love and serve you with all our heart, mind, and strength. Strengthen us and inspire us anew once again by your Holy Spirit, guiding us and giving us courage to serve with you in all that we say and do.

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, 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. By God's grace through Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.

Leader: May the comforting and transforming peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Now cleansed from our sin, how does God want and command us to live?

People: Then God spoke all these words: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet. (from Exodus 20)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #840 "When Peace Like a River" Dille Du Havre

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Amon Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER #710 "We Lift our Voices" Offering

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" Natalie Sleeth

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 139:1-2, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:7, 13-5:1, 6-7 Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 139:1-2, 13-18 (New Revised Standard Version)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

2 Corinthians 4:7, 13-5:1, 6-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise

us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	“So We Do Not Lose Heart”	Rev. Norm Story
*CLOSING HYMN	#817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”	Dunlap’s Creek

GO IN GOD’S NAME

BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”	Green Tyler
*POSTLUDE	Hymn Tune Improvisation	Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist-Erin Taylor Deacon Captain-Divine Mboh
Sound System-Rusty Smith Video-Brent Brewer*

*Greeting before Worship Service:
Robert Distlehorst-E Divine Mboh-W Dawn Griffin-O’Neal-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:
Rev. Norm Story-E Amon Taylor-W Erin Taylor-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

HAPPY Anniversary

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 Mathis Family in celebration of Ed's and Donna's 60th wedding anniversary.

6/9 Adwoa S. Amankwaa

6/11 Lynn Loya

6/15 Trish Carter-Anderson



6/11 Austin Breck

6/14 Wanda Mattiace

6/15 Frank Varela



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; 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.**

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 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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In the Life of the Church

Safe travels to everyone on the Youth Mission Trip as they are heading out this morning to the Navajo Nation. We will see you all back soon!!

Please pray for them daily.

Anya
Alonzo
Caleb
Hughey
Jorge
Joseph
Kileigh
Madison
McKayla
Nia

Adult Advisors:
Rev. Nick Koontz & Karen

In-Betweeners Save the Date!

Our June get-together is planned for 6/28 in Watkins Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.
Hope to see you there!

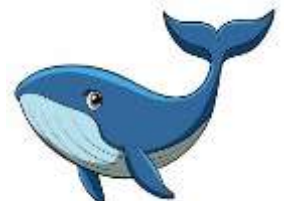
Vacation Bible School

We will be “Scuba Diving into Friendship with God”

On Monday, July 8th through

Friday, July 12th.

Come have a WHALE of a time with us!





JUNE



Sunday, June 9th

- 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
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall
- 9:30 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

Monday, June 10th

- 12:00 PM Deadline for The Good News
- 5:30 PM Calligraphy Guild in Jones Hall Library
- 7:00 PM Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 11th

- 7:00 PM Committee Night in Jones Hall Library

Wednesday, June 12th

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

Thursday, June 13th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Friday, June 14th

Saturday, June 15th

Sunday, June 16th

- 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
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