



## First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome New Members

June 23, 2024 - 10:30 A.M

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

### PRELUDE

“Master, the Tempest is Raging” (PeaceBeStill) Horatio Richmond Palmer (1834-1907)

“Meditation on “Just As I Am” and “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (CwmRhondda) Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

\*\*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

Kileigh Higginbotham

### MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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. (Psalm 9:9-10 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Melita

### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Caleb Taylor

(from Isaiah 40)

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

**People: He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.**

Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

**People: but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

#463 "How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation

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

O God, because of your gracious love in Jesus Christ, we joyously and gratefully come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are already here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are already there. We do need our eyes of faith opened, that we may see you; our ears unstopped, that we may hear you; our minds to be made sensitive, that we may recognize and know you. And we need our hearts to be made tender, that we may receive you and live in you. Gracious God, draw us into your life-changing presence through our worship this day, we pray... **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

Land of Rest

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we come to you to confess our faults before you. We know that too often we have forgotten you, even though you are always faithful to us. Our spirits thirst for nourishment and meaning in life. We forget all that you have done for us and show little gratitude for the blessings of our lives and the wonder of creation. We fail at being servant-like for one another and loving our neighbors as you have loved us. Forgive our sinful pride and stubborn arrogance, our self-absorption and trust in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive our indifference to others, and by your grace, bring us closer to you and to each other as we seek the new life offered through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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. God calls us with a holy calling, not because of our good works, but 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 the redeeming blood of Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.

Leader: What did the early Reformers teach concerning human sin and forgiveness?

**People:** By this transgression, generally known as original sin, the image of God was utterly defaced in man, and he and his children became by nature hostile to God, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin. And thus everlasting death has had, and shall have, power and dominion over all who have not been, are not, or shall not be born from above. This rebirth is wrought by the power of the Holy Spirit creating in the hearts of God's chosen ones an assured faith in the promise of God revealed to us in his Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.<sup>1</sup>

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#819 "Be Still, My Soul"

Finlandia

CELEBRATION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Kim Morgan, Paul and Verna Green

(Elders currently serving on Session will greet our new church family members while the congregation stands to sing hymn # 306, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", vs. 1-2)

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
Christian love. The fellowship of  
kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our  
ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Nick Koontz

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

CALL TO PRAYER

"Calm To the Waves"  
Chancel Choir

Calm Seas

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Lonely the Boat"

Bai

---

<sup>1</sup> Chapter III, The Scotts Confession by John Knox, 1560.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 28:10-16

Mark 4:35-41

Dr. Janet Loman

Genesis 28:10-16 (New Revised Standard Version)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!"

Mark 4:35-41 (New Revised Standard Version)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"And I Did Not Know"

Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN

#720 "Jesus Calls Us"

Galilee

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Eternal Father, Strong To Save"

Melita

\*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

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

*Greeting before Worship Service:  
Patricia Adu-Mensah-E    Donna Phillips-W    Linda Pearson-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:  
Rev. Norm Story-E    Caleb Taylor-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	Veronica Giron	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

## 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 Christian Education.

*6/23 Josephine Frieze*

*6/23 Cat Munoz*

*6/23 Ryan Fellman*

*6/23 Sophia Chilaka*

*6/24 Jasey Loman*

*6/28 Rosalyn June Stolee*

*6/28 Donna Marconi*



## Please Remember in your Prayers

- The town of Ruidoso, the families that have been evacuated and the ones who have lost their homes and businesses.
- Linda Ramirez's grandson Rocco, who is having some health concerns, and her cousin Della and her husband as they lost their home in the Ruidoso fire.
- John and Kathy, the sister and brother-in-law of the Moreharts.
- Karen and Barry, who are both facing some health concerns.
- Cat Munoz, on the sudden passing of her father.

## Continued Prayer List

Jack and Joyce Curry, who have returned home; 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.

# Welcome

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](http://fpc.lc/giving) or via the QR code on the right.
4. Using the app "Church Center".
5. Text 84321



CCLI License No. 540727

More information can be found on our website [fpc.lc](http://fpc.lc)

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

## *In the Life of the Church*

### *In-Betweeners*

*We plan to get together on Friday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM in Watkins Fellowship Hall for a planned potluck dinner. After dinner, we'll be viewing a beautiful nature-themed video called "Rivers of Gold" from the Planet California series.*

*Wear whatever is comfortable, and we'll stay cool together enjoying great food in In-betweeners' good fellowship. You will likely even be home before dark, since that date is near the longest day of the year! Whether the dish you bring is homemade or purchased doesn't matter, but we'd like to know what category (main dish, vegetable/side, salad, or dessert) it will be for planning purposes. Or, if you wish, it's just fine to bring your own meal. Hope to see everyone who's in town! Please let us know you'll be coming by Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Call the Ames at 575.526.3247, or just catch us after Worship.*



Vacation Bible School will be  
"Scuba Diving into Friendship with God"  
On Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Come have a "snappy" time with us!



### **Hello from the Deacons!**

We are once again going to provide backpacks and school supplies for kids. We also need names from you of those kids that you would like to see get new backpacks. They can be from our church, the community, or others you know who could use a little help. We hope you will continue your generosity and assist us by purchasing a backpack or two to donate to the cause. This year school starts in July, so we need to get on the



move! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Ward at 619.417.6912, or one of our Deacons.

## June

*200 E. Boutz Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005*  
*Church Office hours Monday – Friday 9 AM-2PM*

### Sunday, June 23rd

- 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 24th

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

### Tuesday, June 25th

### Wednesday, June 26th

- 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 27th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

### Friday, June 28th

- 6:00 PM In-Betweeners in Watkins Fellowship area (see announcement)

### Saturday, June 29th

### Sunday, June 30th

- 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



12:00 PM Sermon discussion with Rev. Norm Story in Jones Hall