

# First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

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

July 28, 2024 - 10:30 A.M

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

## PRELUDE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (Hymn tune of 1868) Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

“Holy Manna” (American folk hymn of 1854) Dale Wood (1934-2003)

“Tell Out, My Soul, the Glory of the Lord” (Hymn tune of 1916) J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

\*\*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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:35, 48-51 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Linstead

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Maley

(from (Psalm 145)

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.  
On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**People: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

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

O LORD, in love, you give us life each new morning. As your chosen people received the manna that sustained them in the desert wilderness, so we receive your blessing of life anew each day. We rejoice that, like the manna, the gift of life is not given to be hoarded, but to be used, spent for living each day fully in your service. May we never be tempted to hoard time, energy, or resources for ourselves. Keep us conscious that, as your own, our greatest joy comes in spending our gifts lavishly in prayer and in living out your will. We thank and praise you, LORD, for the confidence of knowing that we, too, are chosen people, chosen to live each day fully in your love and joy Help us come before you in worship that is worthy, O Lord... **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

#555 "O Lamb of God"

Land of Rest

## 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:** God is gracious and loving. Hear the Good News of the gospel; that nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus. In Jesus Christ, all our sins are forgiven.

**People:** **Thanks be to God; all our sins are forgiven and gone. Amen.**

**Leader:** How does the Holy Spirit help us live faithful lives?

**People:** **In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our**

**daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE                    #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"                    Kelvingrove

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES                    Scott Burns

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

CALL TO PRAYER                    #177 "I Will Come to You"                    You Are Mine

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM                    "Spirit, Open My Heart"                    Wild Mountain Time

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS                    Psalm 36:5-10                    John 6:2-14

Psalm 36:5-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

John 6:2-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Watch Jesus Overcome Hopeless Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal" Lancashire

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Linstead

\*POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

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*Liturgist- Mary Maley Deacon Captain-Karen Candusso  
Sound System-Max Schroeder Video-Dina Schroeder*

*Greeting before Worship Service:*

*Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-E Chibuzo Chilaka-W Sharon Rooney-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

*Scott Burns-E Rev. Norm Story-W Mary Maley-S*

Rev. Dr. Norm Story Loman Com. Pastor, College Ministry Ada Castle	Pastor Dr. Howard A. Smolleck Commissioned Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu Veronica Giron	Korean Congregation Dr. Janet Organist 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 Buildings and Grounds.*

*7/28 Marcia Westfall*

*7/29 Michelle Osborne*

*7/30 Howard Smolleck*



*7/31 Brent Brewer*

*8/1 Cheri McMillan*

*8/2 Jeremy Borchert*

*8/2 Arnold McMillan*



*8/2 Diana Knapp*

*8/4 Nancy Cox*

*8/4 Karen Morehart*



*Please Remember in your Prayer*

- *Linda Ward, our Moderator of Deacons, for a quick and smooth recovery.*
- *Teachers as they return, and students as they prepare to return to school.*
- *The Al-Hanfoosh Family, friends of Veronica, in the loss of their 17 yr. old son.*
- *Doris Hamilton, as she has recovered and would like to remain well.*
- *Chase Hartung, Rich Lally, and Ken Shannon.*
- *Shane, Tom & Donna Marconi's grandson, as he travels back to Pennsylvania.*
- *Joe Whites mother and family.*
- *Mark Jenkins and Velma Harbaugh, who are currently hospitalized.*



*Continued Prayer List*

*Jack and Joyce Curry, who are at home; Jerry and Rayma Claessen at Grace Village; Arnold McMillan; Jessica Borchert-Stout; Jeremy Borchert; 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](http://fpc.lc/giving) or via the QR code on the right.
- Using the app “Church Center”.
- Text 84321

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Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

## In the Life of the Church

### Salt & Light

#### Help Wanted

Jacque, Karen, Tom and Helen will be leading our kitchen teams this year, but they need your help! Tom will be bringing pizza nights back, while the rest of the teams will be cooking up some delicious meals that will have you wanting to come back for more. The sign-up sheet for kitchen crew volunteers is now available in the Jones Hall Fellowship Area. Please sign-up for a team and help us make this another successful year!

### Jennie Curry Bible Study

Jennie Curry Bible Study is studying Beth Moore's Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John. We will be meeting this coming Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M. 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](mailto:storyk@comcast.net). Hope to see you all there!

Students and teachers we hope you had a great first week of school!!



# July

## Sunday, July 28th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer is viewing 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 After-Worship sermon discussion with Rev. Norm Story

## Monday, July 29th

- 12:00 PM Deadline for The Good News

## Tuesday, July 30th

## Wednesday, July 31st

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, office will be closed during this time
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin

## Thursday, August 1st

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

## Friday, August 2nd

## Saturday, August 3rd

## Sunday, August 4th

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