



## First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

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

Communion Sunday

August 4, 2024 - 10:30 A.M

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

### PRELUDE

“Eternal Life” (Prayer Of St. Francis)

Olive Dungan (1903-1997)

“Here I Am, Lord” (tune from 1981)

John Carter (b. 1930)

“I Am the Bread of Life” (tune from 1966)

Ron Schmoltze (b. 1936)

\*\*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

Yucca Council Scouting America

Sarah Davis

### MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:31-33 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

“In the Singing”

Bread of Peace

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Burns

(from Isaiah 55)

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

**People: let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly**

**pardon.**

**Leader:** Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

**People:** **Listen carefully, and eat what is good, and delight in rich food. For we shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before us shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

#260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Hyfrydol

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

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

#551 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Land of Rest

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord God, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions – seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From the ways we live, the goals we seek, and the successes we achieve, we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In your grace, grant us hunger for your righteousness, courage, and strength to walk closer with you; we ask in the infinite name of Jesus.

**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:** Let us declare what we believe using the Apostles' Creed.

**People:** **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to**

**judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #468 "In My Life" Lord, Be Glorified

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Nick Koontz

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

CALL TO PRAYER "Come and Fill Our Hearts" Confitemini Domino

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "You Satisfy the Hungry Hearts" Bicentennial

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:26-36 Dr. Janet Loman

John 6:26-36 (New Revised Standard Version)

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Don't Miss the Point" Rev. Norm Story

\*COMMUNION HYMN #499 "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" Rendez A Dieu

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                      "In the Singing"                      Bread of Peace

*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- Scott Burns    Deacon Captain-Patricia Adu-Mensah  
Sound System-Curtis Beneway    Video-Rusty Smith*

*Greeting before Worship Service:  
Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-E    Rev. Nick Koontz-W    Kathleen Gardner-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:  
Donna Marconi-E    Scott Burns-W    Rev. Nick Koontz-S*

Rev. Dr. Norm Story                      Pastor    Rev. Pyong San Yu                      Korean Congregation Dr. Janet  
Loman    Com. Pastor, 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 the Parks Family in celebration of Jim & Jaque's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

*8/4 Nancy Cox*

*8/4 Kaaren Morehart*

*8/6 Judy Hicks*

*8/6 Gerald Carson*

*8/7 Scott Burns*

*8/7 Margaret Burr*

*Happy*  
*Birthday*  
*to you*

*8/7 Prisca Heubo*

*8/7 Gary Brockway*

*8/10 Eleanor West    8/10 Marianne Maley*

*8/10 Dennis Thomas    8/10 Catherine Brewer*

### *Please Remember in your Prayers*

- *The family of Jonathon Franciso, following his passing.*
- *Paul and Verna Green as they move into their new home.*
- *Barbara Wolflick, who is having some health issues.*
- *Dorris Hamilton, as she has recovered and would like to remain well.*
- *Chase Hartung, Rich Lally, and Ken Shannon.*

### *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.*



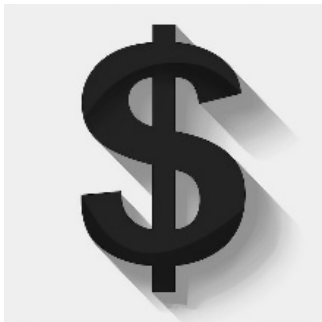
Our Worship services are available:

- 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!*

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

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## In the Life of the Church

### Salt & Light

The fall semester is almost here and we still need volunteers!! Salt & Light will begin on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The kitchen crew volunteer sheets can be found in the Jones Hall Fellowship area. If you would like to volunteer during the semester in other areas during the semester please contact  
Veronica Giron at 575.405.4488 or Rev. Nick Koontz at 575.647.5910.

### Adult Sunday School

Beginning August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Adult Sunday School Class will be watching and discussing “The Chosen: Season four” (8 weeks) in the Jones Hall Library from 9:00 A.M.–10:15 A.M.  
We hope you will join us!

### It’s Family Movie Night!

Join us Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.  
as we watch “Encanto”  
Come cozy and comfortable, and enjoy some freshly popped popcorn!  
See you all there!



Missing

*Something? Maybe it's in our Lost & Found*

*The Lost & Found is continuing to grow every week and it's full! If you've misplaced something while here stop by the church office and take a look,*



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
- 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

Monday, August 5th

12:00 PM Deadline for The Good News

Tuesday, August 6th

Wednesday, August 7th

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

Thursday, August 8th

1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Friday, August 9th

7:00 PM Family Movie Night featuring “Encanto” (see announcement)

Saturday, August 10th

Sunday, August 11th



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