



**First Presbyterian Church
and
한인 장로 교회 (Korean Presbyterian Church)
Las Cruces, New Mexico
World Communion Sunday – Peacemaking Offering
October 6, 2024 – 10:30 AM
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve***

PRELUDE

“May the Lord, Gracious God,” a hymn based on a traditional Mandarin tune, from Christian Conference of Asia

“Lo, Now Ascends the Morning Sun,” a hymn based on a traditional Japanese tune, from Christian Conference of Asia

Partita on “Clap Your Hands: Let Us Make a Joyful Noise unto Our God,” a Yoruba Nigerian folk melody, adapted by Godwin Sadoh John G. Barr (b. 1938)

****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 looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; ... and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them ... so that they may be one, as we are one. ... that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:1, 11, 23 NRSV)

INTROIT

“Sheaves of Wheat”
Diana Gutierrez, Solo

Una Espiga

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from Psalm 107, Galatians 3, Revelation 19)

Dr. Janet Loman

Leader: O, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

People: Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

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

NICAEA

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. *Santo, santo, santo! La inmensa muchedumbre
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,
ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,
ante ti que has sido, que eres y seras.*
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PLEASE BE SEATED

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison) (seated)

Most holy, loving, and wise God, all of creation declares your glory! It is our joy to sing our songs of praise to you. We thank you that on World Communion Sunday we are reminded of our relationships with all Christians around the world. As we each partake of the elements today, we are reminded of Christ's love poured out for everyone. Here, we are all equal and precious in your sight, as we will be when we will all gather at your Table in the Kingdom of God. Therefore, we lift our voices, singing our praise with those in every time, and in every place to the glory and honor of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

#528 "Come, Let Us Eat"

A Va De

Please join the Chancel Choir in this call and response Liberian hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgiving God, as we worship you today, we are aware of our own shortcomings, our failings, our sins. You created us for goodness and to live in peace with one another and with you. 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 from patience and love. We see how 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 to live life anew by the power and love of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, Micah 6:8

Leader: Hear the good news: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that all our sins are forgiven and gone.

People: **"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us a ministry of reconciliation."** (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

Leader: Now cleansed from our sin, how should we live in faithful response?

People: **He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?** (Micah 6:8)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Siyahamba

Chancel Choir to sing first in the original language

Congregation to join on verses 1-4

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER

"Kum Ba Yah"

Kum Ba Yah

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"He's Got the Whole World/This Is My Father's World"

Arr. Joel Raney

Chancel Choir

Elementary and Youth Salt & Light Singers

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

In celebration of the unity we share through Jesus Christ, in addition to English, the New Testament Scripture lesson will also be read in Korean by Rev. Yu, in Igbo by Chibuzo Chilaka, and in Spanish by Karina Paita.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 25:6-8 Ephesians 2:1-2, 12-13, 19-22 Dr. Janet Loman
Isaiah 25:6-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

Ephesians 2:1-2, 12-13, 19-22 (New Revised Standard Version)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Blessed and One in Christ”

Rev. Norm Story

*COMMUNION HYMN

#515 “I Come with Joy”

Dove of Peace

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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| 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. |
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Will also read by Eziuche Chilaka in Igbo)

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

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Halle, Halle

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

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

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

Greeting before Worship Service:

Robert Distlehorst-E Chibuzo Chilaka-W Dawn Griffin O'Neal-S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Karina Paita-E Eziuche & Chibuzo Chilaka-W Erin Taylor-S

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 Congregational Life & Outreach Support Committee.

Please Remember in your Prayers

- *Amber Nolan*
- *Veronica's daughter Angelina and Donna Marconi as each are recovering from surgery.*
- *Jodee Demine, Doug Walters, and the Deming and Santa Teresa PCUSA churches.*
- *Bill Kuyper's son Ed and his family.*
- *Donna Curtiss who is traveling.*
- *Melina Encinas*
- *Verna Green's sister-in-law as she undergoes surgery.*
- *Prayers for civility, peace, mutual understanding, and an abiding trust in God's sovereignty as we walk through a divisive election season.*

Continued Prayer List

Sara Kay; Jack and Joyce Curry, who are at home; Jerry and Rayma Claessen at Grace Village; Arnold McMillan; Nancy Cowan's sister in-law; Mary Olberg; Millie Conrad; Rev. Marcus Burr, at the Village of Northrise; Dorris Hamilton, Mel Parish, and Ann Miller at The Heritage.

10/6 Rachel Breck

10/6 Mary Jean Hall

10/6 Alice Distlehorst

10/7 Alejandra Cisneros

10/9 Jacque Parks

10/10 Donna Mathis

10/11 Kyle Breck





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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Church Office Hours:



Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

In the Life of the Church

Salt & Light

We're Back! Wednesday, October 9th, “God and Dog Night”
Dinner will be cheeseburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, and
popsicles for dessert.

Mary Martha Circle

Welcome ladies of First Presbyterian Church. Please join us Tuesday, October
8th, at 9:30 AM to socialize with our friends and guests. Our Bible Study will
begin at 10:00 AM. We will be studying the book of Matthew, Chapters 5, 6, 7,
and 8.

We look forward to seeing you in Jones Hall Library!



Vicki Kuyper and Friends
invite you to the
Chamber Music Recital
Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 3:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
200 E. Boutz Rd.
Free Admission

It's Trunk or Treat Time!

Trunk or Treat is upon us! See how you can help make this year successful by signing up on the insert in your Bulletin.



Sunday, October 6th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer is viewing and discussing the video series "The Chosen: Season Four" 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, October 7th

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

Tuesday, October 8th

- 9:30 AM Mary Martha Circle (see announcement)
7:00 PM Committee Night

Wednesday, October 9th

- 8:00 AM Serve with us at the Soup Kitchen, call the office for more information
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, office will be closed during this time
12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Friday, October 11th

Saturday, October 12th

- 3:00 PM Vicki Kuyper Recital (see announcement)

Sunday, October 13th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer will begin viewing and discussing the video series "The Gospel of Matthew" in Jones Hall Library.
9-11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall

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Trunk or Treat Is Coming!

Thursday, October 31

What is It? Trunk or Treat is an important congregational outreach to our community, sponsored by the Congregational Life and Outreach ministry team. It is a great chance to serve our neighborhood. The essence of Trunk or Treat is serving kids candy from the trunks of our cars in a safe, fun environment. But there is much more, including music, food, and games.

It's on Thursday, Oct 31, from 6 to 8 pm, with setup beginning one to two hours prior.

We need your help! **This event is totally dependent on our congregation to be successful.**

Further information: Contact Lon Anderson, lonandenise@q.com Or, call the church office at 526-5559 and leave your contact information with Veronica.

Want to help? Please complete the form below and drop it in one of the purple offering boxes.

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Yes! I want to participate in one or more of the following ways:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Give out candy from my car trunk with optional car decoration</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Run a game booth</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Kitchen duty and serving food (hot cocoa, nachos, etc.)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Donate extra candy (individually wrapped)</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Monitor the party jumper</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Help with take-down</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Clean up kitchen</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Other (fill in the blank):</i> |

Please fill out the information below:

My name is _____ . My phone is _____ .

My email is _____

