



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024 - 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

“With Humble Hearts We Come”

Donald Lee Moore (1910-2000)

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” (*Beatus Vir*: hymn tune of 1561)

James Mansfield (1927-2018)

“Fanfare in G Minor”

Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1937)

**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

Christian Education

Lon Anderson

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. (Hebrews 5:1-3)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

Tokyo

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Marconi

(Psalm 104, 5-9)

Leader: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

People: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

Leader: At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

People: You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

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

(paraphrased from Psalm 104)

LORD of creation, we marvel at your works. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use; food from the earth: wine, and oil, and bread. You take care of the trees, making sure they have water. You provide homes for the birds and wild animals. You give us day and night, with the sun and seasons marked by the moon and stars. We have our work until evening and then a time to rest. You meet the needs of all of your creation with blessings more than we can count. You hear our prayers. **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 upon Us”
Chancel Choir

Kyrie Eleison

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of the universe, with you all things are possible. You give us all that we need and council us in what is good and just. This morning, we stand before you humbled, admitting that we have fallen short of what you intended for us. We have tried to go our own way instead of trusting you. We have asked for and enjoyed your blessings, only to later resent the responsibilities that come with those blessings. We have wanted what is not ours. We have not shared what we have with our neighbors. We have sought influence and prestige over service to your kingdom. Direct us back toward you. In this silence, help us to recognize and admit our mistakes, so that their weight can be lifted from us and we can be restored.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Hear and take comfort: Jesus has paid the price that we could not, and has interceded for us. God no longer holds our sins against us. We are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we live anew in faith.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Chereponi

Choral Scholars to sing versus: Congregation to sing refrain

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amon Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Maryton

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“All Good Gifts”

Joseph Martin

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Job 38: 1-7, 34-41 Mark 10: 35-45

Job 38: 1-7, 34-41 (New Revised Standard Version)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, Here we are?’ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? ‘Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

Mark 10:35-45 (New Revised Standard Version)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Power and Grace Beyond Our Understanding”

Dr. Catherine Brewer

*CLOSING HYMN

#299 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

Hanover

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Trees of the Field

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist-Donna Marconi Deacon Captain-Divine Mboh
Sound System-Rusty Smith Video-Brent Brewer*

*Greeting before Worship Service:
Donna Phillips-E Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-W Linda Pearson-S*

*Greeting after Worship Service:
Amon Taylor-E Dr. Catherine Brewer-W Donna Marconi-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 Buildings and Grounds Committee.



10-20 Larry Felhauer

10-25 Nana Akua Sikapa Adu-Gyamfi

10-26 William Kersting

Please Remember in your Prayers

- *Prayers of safe travels for Karen Harbough and Doug Muscanell.*
- *Prayers for Anne McIntosh in hospice care. Prayers for Kent, Carol, and Rich as well as they navigate health concerns.*
- *Prayers for Marly, sister-in-law to Paul and Verna Green, as she navigates health concerns.*
- *Prayers for Florida, North Carolina, and all those affected by these recent hurricanes and tropical storms.*
- *Prayers for the ministries of FPC, and especially Salt and Light, that they would be as successful quantitatively as they are qualitatively in the lives of those involved! May God enable us to reach out to others and include them in Christian community.*

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.

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 or via the QR code on the right.
4. Using the app "Church Center".
5. Text 84321

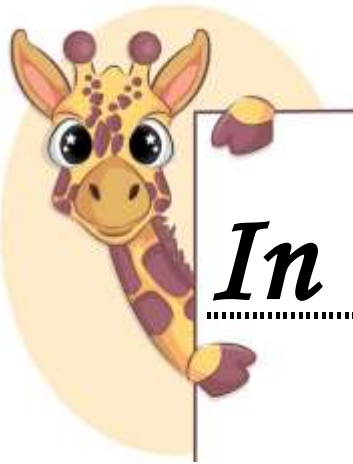


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Church Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.



In the Life of the Church

Salt & Light

On Wednesday, October 23rd, our theme is *Stick Your Neck Out for Jesus*. Dinner will be pizza, carrot, celery, and cucumber spears with ranch dressing. Dessert will be cookies, and we'll be celebrating birthdays!

Storytellers of Las Cruces

The Storytellers of Las Cruces will be in Jones Hall on Monday, October 21st at 3:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School

This Sunday and next Sunday, October 27th, the youth and Adult Sunday School classes will be combined as they meet in Jones Hall Library to study The Reformation. This two-week class led by Rev. Nick Koontz will look at the five solas, the New Paul Perspective, and profiles of lives of the Reformers. All are welcome!

Advent Devotionals

We are collecting daily devotionals for our advent booklet. Please consider writing one to three short paragraphs on an Advent/Christmas-related Scripture and submitting it to nkoontz@fpc.lc for inclusion. A list of suggested Scriptures is available



upon request.



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

In-Betweeners Coming Up!

On Friday evening, October 25th, we'll be getting together for a planned potluck dinner at 6 PM in Watkins Fellowship Hall. After dinner, local author and historian David Thomas will present the program. Please let us know by Monday, October 21st, that you plan to be there and what category of dish (main dish, salad, veg/side, or dessert) you'd like to bring.

Contact: the Ames, 575-636-0210 or jkames@q.com.

Annual Hamburger Fry

The Deacons would like to invite you all to our Annual Hamburger Fry on October 27, 2024, after Worship. It will be held in Watkins Hall. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, chips, coleslaw, and dessert. This is our only source of funding for our ministries that support our community and church projects. Please join us and help us!





Sunday, October 20th

- 9:00 AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, Reformation study in Jones Hall Library with Rev. Nick Koontz (see announcement)
- 9-11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Jones Hall (see announcement)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Jones Hall (see announcement)
- 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)

Monday, October 21st

- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for The Good News
- 3:00 PM Storytellers of Las Cruces in Jones Hall (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 22nd

Wednesday, October 23rd

- 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 24th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Friday, October 25th

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

Saturday, October 26th

Sunday, October 27th

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12:00 PM Sermon Discussion with Rev. Norm Story