



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**November 24, 2024 - 10:30 A.M**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

**PRELUDE**

“I Will Give Thanks”

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” (Traditional American hymn, in *Christian Lyre*, 1831)

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

“Trumpet Concerto in D”

G.P. Telemann

Jacob Dalager, Trumpet and Gustavo Morales, Piano

\*\*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 way, and the truth, and the life. Then Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 14:6, 8:31-32 NRSV)

**CHORAL INTROIT**

“A Song of Thanksgiving”

Mark Patterson

Salt & Light Choirs

Chancel Choir

Jeonai Batista, Piano

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Paul Deason

**A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

presented by the young people of our church

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

Come, let us praise God joyfully, for our magnificent world;  
for things great and small, beautiful and awesome,  
for seen and unseen splendors.

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices. (sung)**

For human life, marriage, and family; for living together and eating together;  
for talking and moving and thinking together;  
for work to do and strength to work;  
for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared;  
for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;  
**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices. (sung)**

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values;  
for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;  
**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices. (sung)**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience;  
for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by passing.  
**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices. (sung)**

For the church into which we have been called;  
for the Good News we receive by Word and Sacrament;  
for our life together in the Lord;  
**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices. (sung)**

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;  
who lives in us and prompts our grateful worship;  
and above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;  
for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;  
**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices. (sung)**

HYMN OF PRAISE                      #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"                      Nun Danket Alle Gott

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER                      Dr. Paul Deason

God, giver of all good, you continually pour your benefits upon us. Age after age, we wait upon you and find that your faithfulness has no end, that your care is unfailing. We praise you that the mystery of life is a mystery of infinite goodness. We praise you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty and bounty of the earth, for day and night, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, for the varied gifts of loveliness that every season brings. We give you thanks for all the comfort and joy of life, for our homes, for our friends, and for all the love, sympathy, and goodwill of all people. Praying as you taught your disciples to 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

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Divinum Mysterium

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious and generous God, we confess that we live lives that are far less wonderful than you intend and desire for us. We have been blessed with far more than we need to live well, yet too often, fear of scarcity makes us hesitant and stingy in sharing our abundance with those in need. You first loved us, and call us to respond, letting nothing get in the way of a deep and meaningful walk with you. But sometimes we let things that do not really matter distract us. Help us, Lord, to use our lives and resources well, according to your will and purpose, and may we live faithful lives, growing more and more like Jesus day by day.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Hear the words of Jesus from the Gospel of John. "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in me and in my love." Friends, believe the Good News: all our sins are forgiven.

**People: By God's grace we are loved and saved. Through the blood of Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: How shall we, the Church, respond to Christ’s grace and forgiveness?

**People: Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, in the same way and with the same seriousness, he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

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

CALL TO PRAYER

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Divinum Mysterium

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Come! Let Us Give Thanks”

John Purifoy

Jacob Dalager, Trumpet

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

## Psalm 93 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

## Revelation 1:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near. John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Lord Is King"

Rev. Norm Story

\*CLOSING HYMN

#268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Come! Let Us Give Thanks"

John Purifoy

\*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

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Liturgist-Dr. Paul Deason    Deacon Captain-Patricia Adu-Mensah  
Sound System-Max Schroeder    Video-Dina Schroeder

*Greeting before Worship Service:*

Patricia Adu-Mensah-E    Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-W    Rev. Nick Koontz-S

*Greeting after Worship Service:*

Lon Anderson-E    Dr. Paul Deason-W    Rev. Norm Story-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 Giron Family.



11-25 Thomas Korang

11-28 Ed Green

11-30 Rev. Nick Koontz



## *Please Remember in your Prayers*

- *The Inocencio Family.*
- *Tracy Howard and Ken Osborne, as they're both navigating through some health concerns.*
- *Sandra Valencia as she settles into her new home in Portales.*
- *Prayers for comfort and peace for Barb Wolflick.*

## *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:**



- **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**



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

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## *In the Life of the Church*

### Salt & Light

No Salt & Light this week due to the Thanksgiving Break. Happy Thanksgiving!

### 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](mailto:nkoontz@fpc.lc) for inclusion. A list of suggested Scriptures is available upon request.

# *November*

### Sunday, November 24th

9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer is 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 Jones Hall  
9:00 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Jones 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, November 25th

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

Tuesday, November 26th

Wednesday, November 27th

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 28th

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29th

Saturday, November 30th

Sunday, December 1st



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