



**First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025 - 10:30 A.M**
Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE

"Beneath His Sheltering Wings"

Walter R. Clarke (1891-1964)

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Bernhard Klein (1793-1832)

"Safe in the Arms of Jesus" (American hymn tune of 1868) 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

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. The Lord does not forsake the work of his hands. (Psalm 138:7-8 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

"You Walk along Our Shoreline" WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
(Psalm 118)

Jimmy O'Neal

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let those who know the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

People: **Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place. With the LORD on my side, I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?**

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in mortals. The LORD is on my side to help me.

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Beecher

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

O Lord, may we never forget the infinite blessing of your willingness to hear our prayers, and that you are always present with us. Thank you for bringing us through life's storms and through the dry, questioning seasons of our lives. This day, may we hear your grace and feel your mercy as we come before you in worship. Help us, Holy Spirit, to worship in truthful and joyful expectation. Lord, we know that we are here today because you brought us, and have something special for us, some message of grace and hope. May we receive, and not reject or deny, your gift of love, as we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples... **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”
Chancel Choir

SINGAPURA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of justice, through your servants and prophets you have made known your desire for peace and harmony to include the whole human family. Through Jesus, you have shared your vision of a caring community where every person is honored and valued. We confess that we often blur that vision by our attitude toward others. Sometimes we devalue the talents and work of other people, neglecting to see them as an intentional part of your precious creation and purpose. Have mercy on us, O gracious Savior. Help us to live more faithfully as your stewards by treating others and all of your creation with more care.

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: What does Scripture teach and declare about God?

People: **We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,**

incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.¹

HYMN OF ASSURANCE
Deer

“As the Deer”

As the

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chibuzo Chilaka

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

CALL TO PRAYER

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”
Chancel Choir

Rest

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 42:1-2, 5-8 Luke 5:1-11

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalms 42:1-2, 5-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Luke 5:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a

¹ from The Scots Confession of 1560

sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Put Out into the Deep"

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN

#726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist- Jimmy O'Neal

Sound System-Will Schroeder Video-Jonathan West

Greeting Before Worship Service:

Linda Pearson-E Dawn Griffin O'Neal-W Rev. Nick Koontz-S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Rev. Norm Story-E Jimmy O'Neal-W Chibuzo Chilaka-S

Rev. Dr. Norm Story

Dr. Janet Loman

Ada Castle

Dr. Paul Deason

Pastor

Com. Pastor, College Ministry

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Korean Congregation

Organist

Salt & Light Coord.

Youth Group Sponsor

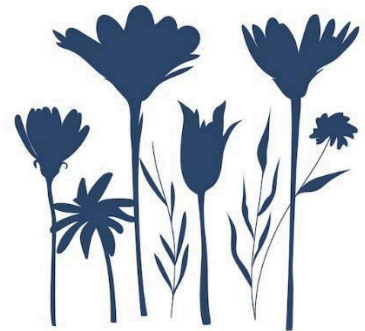


After-Worship Fellowship

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 Deacons Committee of Session.

Please remember in Your Prayers

- o Kye Lyn Courter, grandson of Pat & Larry Courter, as he navigates some health concerns.
- o Ada Castle as she anticipates knee surgery.
- o Rev. Marcus Burr, who continues to navigate health issues.
- o Safe travels for Gene and Helen Harbaugh as they come to Las Cruces.
- o Tracy Howard
- o The good, kind people that gather as the Church!
- o Barbara Trudell who is in Banjul for consulting work.
- o Jerry Moser and his healing shoulder.
- o Brad & Gracia Class; Brad is currently hospitalized.



Continued Prayer List

Sara Kay, Jack Curry, Jerry Claessen at Grace Village, Arnold McMillan, Millie Conrad, Dorris Hamilton and Ann Miller at The Heritage.



2/9 Veronica Giron



2/12 Michael Xu Owusu Sekeyre



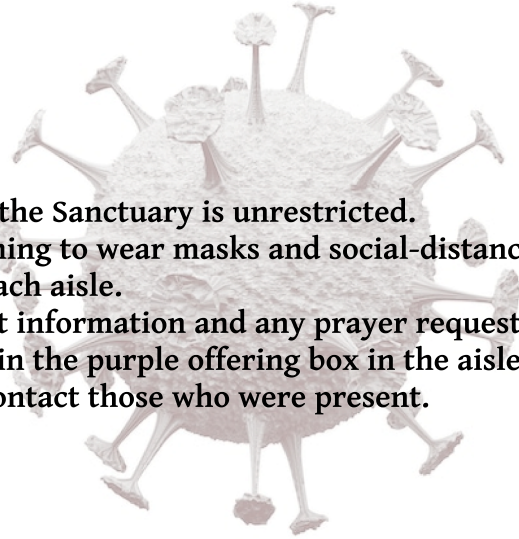


Our Worship services are available:

- 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:

- o Seating in the West and South sections of the Sanctuary is unrestricted.
- o The East section is reserved for those wishing to wear masks and social-distance.
Hand-sanitizer and wipes are located in each aisle.
- o 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.
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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

In the Life of the Church



Salt & Light



Wednesday, February 12th, *God's Love Runs Deep & Wide.*
Dinner will be green chicken enchiladas, beans, rice, and fruit cups
for dessert.

Mary Martha Circle

Mary Martha Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11th, at 9:45 AM in Jones Hall Library, for the continuation of their study of the book of Matthew. Please read chapters 18-20 in preparation. All women and their friends are invited to join us. If you need more information, please contact Helen Moser at 575.647.3365 or at helensantafe@hughes.net.

You can also contact Co-Chair Cheri McMillan at 575.526.2395, or at admcmw@comcast.net.



The American Guild of Organists



*Visiting organist John Dixon will present a recital of organ music in our sanctuary on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 3 pm. The program will consist of a variety of his compositions including hymn-based and patriotic material and folk songs from the British Isles and the U.S. Of special note is one of his newer compositions, *Four New Mexico Folk Songs*, which will be played in its world premiere performance as part of the program.*

With nearly 1,000 compositions to his credit, his current project is to visit and present a recital in each of the 50 states. This recital will make New Mexico the 41st state in the series.

Dixon is Organist at Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and the Executive Director of the Academy of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. He is also the National Treasurer of the American Guild of Organists.

The event is sponsored by the Las Cruces Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is free and open to the public.



Sunday, February 9th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Rev. Larry Hicks leading a study of Rev. Lewis Smedes', "The Art of Forgiving" 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, February 10th

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

Tuesday, February 11th

- 9:45 AM Mary Martha Circle in Jones Hall Library (see announcement)

Wednesday, February 12th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (office will be closed during this time)
- 12:00 PM Deadline for the Sunday Bulletin
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Friday, February 14th

Office Closed

Saturday, February 15th

Sunday, February 16th



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