



First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 22, 2025 - 10:30 AM
Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" John M. Rasley (1913-1998)
"Christ, the Life of All the Living" (chorale of 1687) Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)
"Now I Belong to Jesus" ("Jesus My Lord Will Love Me Forever" by Norman J. Clayton, 1943)
Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

****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

But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:22-23 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT "You Belong to Christ" You Belong to Christ

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Bill Akins

Psalms 42, 43

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: **O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me to the throne of your Grace.**

Leader: Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.

People: **Then I will go to the altar of God and praise you with harp, O Lord, my God.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

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

O God of light and truth, lead us by your Word to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then we shall come to your altar with exceeding joy and praise you with the lyre, for you are God. The wind cannot contain you, nor the fires consume you; the earthquake fails to encompass your power, for you are God. Speak as you have spoken with your still small voice, and we shall hear and be your people. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord who taught us to say: **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

#430 "Remember Not, O God"

Southwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Infinite Word of truth, breathe upon us the refreshing breath of your Holy Spirit and forgive our transgressions. Cleanse our hearts of false doctrine by the winds of your righteousness and truth. Purge us by the fires of your eternal judgement and we shall be pure. Shake the foundations of our jealousy and selfishness and cast us anew in the image of Christ Jesus.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus we are God's children, through faith. So, inherit the promise of God's pardon through Christ, and live in the assurance that our sins are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God; all our sins are forgiven and gone. Amen.**

Leader: What is the process of grace and faith?

People: **The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts; and is ordinarily brought by the ministry of the Word: by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened. By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein... But the principal acts of saving faith are, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the**

covenant of grace. (*The Westminster Confession, England 1646*).

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #300 “We Are One in the Spirit” They’ll Know We Are Christians

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER #469 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM #322 “We Are One in Christ Jesus”

Somos Uno

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Galatians 3:23-29 (NIV)

Dr. Janet Loman

Galatians 3:23-29 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 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. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“No Nut Picking”

Lon Anderson

*CLOSING HYMN

#306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Dennis

GO IN GOD’S NAME

BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

#300 "We Are One in the Spirit" They'll Know We Are Christians

*And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.*

***POSTLUDE**

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist- Bill Akins Deacon Captain-Donna Phillips
Sound System-Rusty Smith Video-Brent Brewer

Greeting before the Worship Service:

Donna Marconi-W Linda Pearson-S

Greeting after the Worship Service:

Erin Taylor-E Bill Akins-W Lon Anderson-S

Janet Loman	Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation Dr.
Castle	Comm. Pastor, College Ministry	Dr. Howard A. Smolleck	Organist Ada
Deason	Commissioned Pastor	Veronica Giron	Salt & Light Coord. Dr. Paul
Thomas	Commissioned Pastor		Youth Group Sponsor Beth Borchert-
Dir. of Music & Bells	Veronica Giron		Office Manager Rev. Nick Koontz
Dir. of Family Ministries	Pang Baker	Bookkeeper	

Members of Session

Steve Loman	Moderator	Bill Akins	Administration & Finance
Dinah Jentgen	Clerk of Session	Patrick Cummings	Moderator, Christian Ed.
Dr. Paul Deason	Moderator, Missions	Alice Distlehorst	Music & Worship
Roni Hardin	Moderator, Music & Worship	Diana Howard	Co-Moderator, CLOS
Yolanda Koontz	Christian Education	Jerry Moser	Buildings & Grounds
Jimmy O'Neal	Administration & Finance	Jim Parks	President, Foundation
Bruce Pearson	CLOS	Stephen Taylor	Co-Moderator, CLOS

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 Buildings and Grounds Committee of Session.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *Prayers for peace in our world.*
- *Prayers for peace, wisdom, and discernment for all those making or considering life changes.*
- *Prayers for Carole, Diana Davidson's sister.*
- *Prayers for Dottie Corum.*
- *Prayers for Donna Curtiss.*
- *Prayers for Jeffrey Hartley.*
- *Prayers for Dinah's friend Laura who is starting chemo.*
- *Prayers for Karen and Heidi Harbough*

Continued Prayer List

Ada Castle, Yolanda Koontz, Barb Wolflick, Amber Nolan, Sherry Lindsey, Sandra Valencia, Florence Hamilton, Sara Kay, Jack Curry, Jerry Claessen at Grace Village, Arnold McMillan, Millie Conrad, Dorris Hamilton and Joanne Kersting at The Heritage.





Frietze

6/22 Alonzo Brewer

6/23 Josephine

6/23 Ryan Fellman

6/23 Sophia Chilaka

6/24 Jasey Loman

6/24 Shirley McDowell

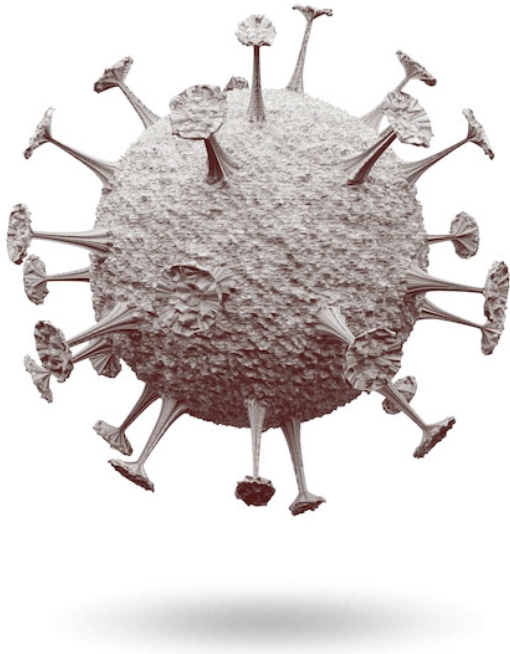
6/27 Rosalyn Stolee

6/28 Donna Marconi



Our Worship services are available:

- 1.) In-person, with Covid19 precautions
- 2.) Live-stream on YouTube, First Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, NM



our Facebook site or YouTube

3.) Video archive on the church website,

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.
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- Online at fpc.lc/giving or via the QR code on the right.
- Using the app “Church Center”.
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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

In the Life of the Church

Vacation Bible School

Don't forget Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow Monday, June 23rd. We hope to see you all there!



In-Betweeners for June

On Friday evening, June 27th, we'll be getting together at 6 PM in Watkins Fellowship Hall. Dinner this time will be catered (\$15/person.)

After dinner, our guest speaker will be Alexandra McKinney, who is the Instructional Coordinator for the New

Mexico Historic Sites in Southern NM.

Please let us know by Monday, June 23rd, that you plan to come. Contact: the Ames at 575-636-0210 or jkames@q.com.



Sunday, June 22nd

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer, watching "The Chosen" series, beginning this Sunday with Season 3
- 9-11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall
- 9:30 AM Choir rehearsal with Beth Borchert-Thomas in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Worship together in the Sanctuary
- 11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Hall (see announcement)
- 6:00 PM The Apostles as the Movies: Contact (1997) / "I Believe"

Monday, June 23rd

- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for The Good News

Tuesday, June 24th

- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin

Wednesday, June 25th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (office will be closed during this time)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 26th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Friday, June 27th

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

Saturday, June 28th

Sunday, June 29th

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