



# First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29, 2025 - 10:30 AM

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

## PRELUDE

“Marches for General George Washington”

three anonymous short pieces from early America, edited by E. Power Biggs (1906-1997)

“A Song of Peace”

Dr. Charles Henry Demorest (1881-1950)

“America! America! (America, the Beautiful)”

Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

\*\*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

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. (Psalm 16:7-8 NRSV)

## CHORAL INTROIT

“O God, You Are My God”

Step by Step

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ariana Holguin

Leader: Call to mind the mighty acts of God. Remember the wonders God has revealed in your life.

**People: All the ways of God are holy. Nothing in heaven or earth is so great as God.**

Leader: With a strong arm, God redeems the people. Day by day, God leads us with a shepherd’s care.

**People: Even when the earth trembles, God is with us. When lightning flashes, we are confident of God’s care.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

#36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Ar Hyd Y Nos

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

We cry aloud to you, O God. Hear our prayers. In times of trouble, we need your comfort. Amid our confusion, we seek your clarity. From temptations of the flesh, we beg for liberation. Lead us away from the false gods we create, that we may meet you here with full expectancy and eager responsiveness. Holy God, be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. We pray all this as Jesus taught us to pray, by saying... **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

#432 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Repton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, Holy Trinity, help us to confess our sins. You give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. We confess that we abuse what you give us. By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts, we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin. Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death. O Fire of Heaven, have mercy on us. Satisfy the longings of our souls by taking us up into your Spirit that we may love our neighbor. Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance, which is your promised kingdom.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: We have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and enabled to display the fruit of the Spirit. So let us give thanks to God in all circumstances!

**People: We will call to mind the many deeds of God. We will meditate on the wonderful works of God.**

Leader: As those who belong to Jesus Christ, we anticipate the Kingdom of God within us, amongst us, and ahead of us.

**People: Thanks be to God who walks with us this day and always, who makes a path for us through deep waters.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE	#741 "Guide My Feet"	Guide My Feet
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	"The Lord's Plans" "If Anyone Lacks Wisdom" Vacation Bible School Singers Rebekah West and Leah Mathe, Directors	Ben Glover Dean-o
GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES		Lon Anderson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children are asked to sit on the carpet squares in the front.</li> </ul>		
CALL TO PRAYER	#724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"	Angel's Story
PASTORAL PRAYER		
ANTHEM	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS      Luke 9:57-62      Galatians 5:16-25      Dr. Janet Loman  
 Luke 9:57-62 (New Revised Standard Version)

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Galatians 5:16-25 (New Revised Standard Version)

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those

who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Growing in Grace Together”

Rev. Nick Koontz

\*CLOSING HYMN

#720 “Jesus Calls Us”

Galilee

### **GO IN GOD’S NAME**

BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Enviado

\*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

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*Liturgist- Ariana Holguin      Deacon Captain-Donna Phillips*  
*Sound System-Max Schroeder      Video-Dina Schroeder*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:*  
*Donna Marconi-W      Tom Marconi-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:*  
*Ariana Holguin-E      Rev. Nick Koontz-W      Lon Anderson-S*

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

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### **\*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  
Yolanda Koontz Christian Education  
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Diana Howard  
Jerry Moser  
Jim Parks  
Stephen Taylor

Co-Moderator, CLOS  
Buildings & Grounds  
President, Foundation  
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 Veronica Giron.*

### *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

- o Mary Ferguson, who had shoulder replacement surgery, and who will be moving to The Aristocrat Assisted Living.*
- o Peace in our world.*
- o Diane Schutz, on the passing of her husband.*
- o Peace, wisdom, and discernment for all those making or considering life changes.*
- o Carole, Diana Davidson's sister.*
- o Dottie Corum, Donna Curtiss, and Jeffrey Hartley.*
- o Dinah's friend Laura, who is starting chemo.*
- o 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, Don Niewold and Joanne Kersting at The Heritage.*

7/2 Jamie Gill



7/3 Stephen Jack Loman

7/4 Melissa Sherman

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.
2. Check sent by mail.
3. Online at [fpc.lc/giving](http://fpc.lc/giving) or via the QR code on the right.
4. Using the app “Church Center”.
5. Text 84321



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**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

### *Vacation Bible School*

*Thank you to everyone who helped make  
Vacation Bible School a huge success.  
You all are very much appreciated!*





**Sunday, June 29th**

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer, watching "The Chosen" series, 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)

**Monday, June 30th**

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

**Tuesday, July 1st**

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

**Wednesday, July 2nd**

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (office will be closed during this time)

**Thursday, July 3rd**

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

**Friday, July 4th**



*Office Closed*

*Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>*

*9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer, watching "The Chosen" series, Season 3.*

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