



# 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

“Take Time to Be Holy”

Gerald Peterson (1934-2015)

“More Holiness Give Me” (tune by Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876)

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

“Christian individuals do not live in themselves but in Christ and their neighbor, in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love.”

*Martin Luther (1483-1546)*

## CHORAL INTROIT

“I Come With Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Burns

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**People:** **Know that the Lord is God, for he is good. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

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

Most Loving and Sovereign God, you stretch out the Organ Mountains before us; and in this desert land you provide us with a rich and verdant river valley that brings forth all that we need. We praise you, O God, for the yucca, our own lily of the valley, and for all the blessings of our life. We are astounded, yet humbled, by these incredible gifts. Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet; an inspiration and guide that sustains our daily walk with you. Holy Spirit, Priceless Treasure, we seek you! Fill us with your presence and lead us, for you are faithful to your children. Amen.

## PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION      #42 "Have Mercy, God, upon My Life"

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful Father, we know that we often fail to live in a way that is pleasing to you. Our thoughts and actions are complicated by selfish desires and frustrations of living and working among others. We sometimes forget to share our love and our bountiful harvest that comes from you. Forgive us, Lord, and fill our hearts with your saving grace. Hear our private confessions, through your Holy Spirit that rests in us.

## TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven.  
May God wrap us in love, cradle us in hope, and embrace us with peace.

**People: Believing and trusting the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.**

Leader: What is our only comfort in life and in death?

**People: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.\***

\*Heidelberg Catechism of 1563

HYMN OF ASSURANCE      #421 "Have Mercy, God, upon My Life"

IRISH

## GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Debra Smith

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#175 "Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Sheaves of Wheat"

UNA ESPIGA

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Galatians 6:1-10

Scott Burns

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All, must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"*Coram Deo*: In the Presence of God"

Dr. Janet Loman

\*COMMUNION HYMN

#510 "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

COME, SHARE THE LORD

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Today our Communion service will be a hybrid. We will serve and pass trays in all three sections, and there will be pre-packaged Communion kits available at each of the doors for those wishing to continue with the kits.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

CLOSING HYMN #340 “This Is My Song” FINLANDIA

BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION “You Shall Go Out with Joy” THE TREES OF THE FIELD

\*POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

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*Liturgist- Scott Burns    Deacon Captain-Donna Phillips*  
*Sound System-Brent Brewer    Video-Rusty Smith*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:*  
*Scott Burns-E    Debra Smith-W    Veronica Giron-S*

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

### **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 Christian Education Committee of Session.*

### ***Please Remember in Your Prayers***

- *Mary Ferguson, who had shoulder replacement surgery, and who will be moving to The Aristocrat Assisted Living.*
- *The family of Sue Craugh in the death of her daughter, Joanne.*
- *Valeria Carter's niece, Sherry*
- *Those who traveling this summer.*
- *Francis Aidoo's brother*
- *The Inocencio family in their time of transition.*

### ***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.*

7/6 Karen Candusso

7/6 Kendall Montgomery

7/8 Ken Osborne

7/8 Shawn & Shawna Chilaka

*Happy Birthday*

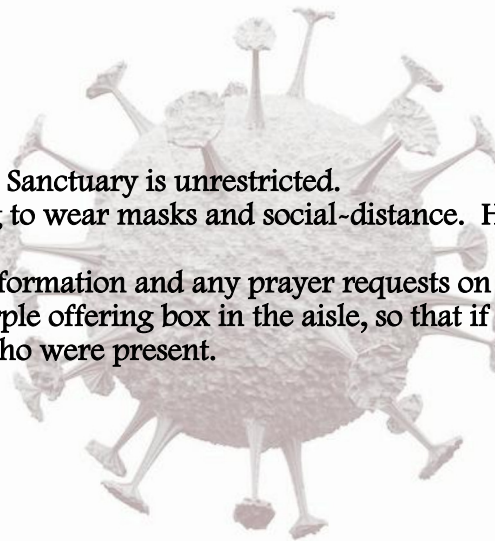


Our Worship services are available:

- 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](https://fpc.lc/giving) or via the QR code on the right.
4. Using the app “Church Center”.
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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**

## **Family Movie Night**

Join us for family movie night tonight! Tonight's feature will be The Little Mermaid, with discussion questions following the film. The fun begins at 6 PM, we hope to see you all there!

## **It's Bed Building Time!**

We will be having our next bed building project on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM in the courtyard. Everyone is welcome to come on out and help us so that we can provide beds to kids in need.  
See you all there!

## **Backpack Stuffers**

The school year is coming up on us quickly and we are beginning to collect backpacks, socks, undies, toiletries and school supplies so that we can provide backpacks to students in need. If you would like to donate any of these items please bring them by the church office.  
Thank you for your support!



**Sunday, July 6th**

- 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, July 7th**

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

**Tuesday, July 8th**

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

**Wednesday, July 9th**

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

**Thursday, July 10th**

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

**Friday, July 11th**

Office Closed

**Saturday, July 12th**

**Sunday, July 13th**

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