



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025 - 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

Meditation on “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” (Ghanaian folk melody)

Richard Blake (2003)

“We Are One in the Spirit”

David Paxton (1934-2015)

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” (hymn tune of 1831)

Tom Birchwood (2003)

**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

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:7-10 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

“How Lovely, Lord”

MERLE’S TUNE

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Hebrews 13)

Mary Maley

Leader: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.

People: The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?

Leader: Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you. Imitate their faith.

People: Through Christ, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

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

O God of truth and justice, in Christ You have taught what it means to obey You. We glorify Your name. You are the immovable rock of salvation, the stone on which we build our faith. When trials beset us, You offer safe haven; amid tribulation, You remain the bulwark of strength. We shall dwell all our days atop Your holy mountain, and there offer glad praises for the salvation You bring. 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 "For the Troubles and the Sufferings" PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, cleanse our hearts of any ill will we may hold against our neighbors. When they do not think as we do, we often judge them unenlightened. If they behave differently, we pin labels on them. We choose as our guests those we deem worthy of places of honor within our households. Yet, through Christ, You opened to all without regard to their status in society. Forgive our inability to do the same, and save us from all pride and prejudice in our dealings with Your children.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: God is just and takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Through Christ, there is hope of eternal forgiveness. Turn back from your past and embrace God's promised assurance. In Christ, there is redemption and release from all sin.

People: Hallelujah, Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #710 "We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Brooke Montgomery

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

CALL TO PRAYER

"Abide with Me"

EVENTIDE

Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"When the Poor Ones"

EL CAMINO

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 Psalm 112

Lon Anderson

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 (New Revised Standard Version)

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Psalm 112 (New Revised Standard Version)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor. The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"We All Got This"

Lon Anderson

*CLOSING HYMN

#694 "Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

ARGENTINA

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist- Mary Maley
Sound System-Jonathan West*

*Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi
Video-Will Schroeder*

Greeting before the Worship Service:

Tom Marconi-E Donna Phillips-W Veronica Giron-S

Greeting after the Worship Service:

Mary Maley-E Lon Anderson-W Brooke Montgomery-S

Rev. Pyong San Yu
Dr. Howard A. Smolleck
Veronica Giron
Beth Borchert-Thomas
Rev. Nick Koontz

Korean Congregation
Organist
Salt & Light Coord.
Dir. of Music & Bells
Dir. of Family Ministries

Dr. Janet Loman
Ada Castle
Dr. Paul Deason
Veronica Giron
Pang Baker

Comm. Pastor, College Ministry
Commissioned Pastor/Visitation
Commissioned Pastor
Office Manager
Bookkeeper

***Members of Session**

Steve Loman
Bill Akins
Dinah Jentgen
Patrick Cummings
Congregational Life
Yolanda Koontz
Jerry Moser
Congregational Life

Moderator of the Session
Administration & Finance
Clerk of Session
Moderator, Christian Ed.
Christian Education
Buildings & Grounds

Dr. Paul Deason
Alice Distlehorst
Roni Hardin
Diana Howard
Bruce Pearson
Stephen Taylor

Moderator, Missions
Music & Worship
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Co-Moderator,
Congregational Life
Co-Moderator,

After-Worship Sing-Along & Ice Cream Social

Come cool down with us at our Ice Cream Social after our Worship Service this morning in the Jones Hall Fellowship area. Following our ice cream, please join us for our Sing-Along!!

Fellowship this morning is being hosted by the Congregational Life & Outreach Support Committee of Session. See you all there!

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- o Sophie Cordova*
- o David Adouosey and Sofia Reynaldo, family of Paul Deason.*
- o Those in our lives who are aging.*
- o Laura, friend of Dinah, who is battling some cancer treatment concerns.*
- o Sherry, Valeria Carter's niece, and Valeria's sister Margaret.*

Continued Prayer List

Yolanda Koontz; Barb Wolflick; Amber Nolan; Sherry Lindsey; Sandra Valencia; Florence Hamilton; Rev. Dave Schroeder; Sara Kay; Jack Curry; Arnold McMillan; Millie Conrad; Dorris Hamilton, Don Niewold, and Joanne Kersting at The Heritage.



8/31 Roger Sellers
Armendariz

9/1 Corina

9/2 Ebenezer Tubman

9/3 Gustavo Gomez

9/3 Kate Puckett



Mission Statement: *A place where Christian love is modeled.*

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 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

Salt & Light



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer! If you would like to volunteer, there is still time to sign up.

Please contact Veronica at 575.405.4488,
or via email at secretary@fpc.lc.

We will see everyone on Wednesday, September 10th!



Mary Martha Circle

Mary Martha Circle is transitioning to a Bible study group, beginning on Tuesday, September 9th. Come to the Jones Hall Library at 9:30 AM for a social time, then the Bible study will begin promptly at 10:00.

Gracia Class will lead us in studying the Book of Joshua and its application to our lives today. Anyone with questions is welcome to call

Helen Moser, 575.647.3365, or Gracia Class, 575.650.7113.

Church Directory

new copy of the directory is available by request in the church office. Please call, email, come by, or send a proxy to receive one. Likewise, we are happy to mail a copy of or drop one off with you, as needed.



HELLO
September

Sunday, August 31st

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer, viewing "The Chosen" series, Season 4
- 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 Ice Cream Social and Sing-Along (see announcement)

Monday, September 1st

- *Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for The Good News

Tuesday, September 2nd

Wednesday, September 3rd

- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (office will be closed during this time)

Thursday, September 4th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor, reflection on scripture for Sunday
- 6:30 PM Jennie Curry Bible Study in Jones Hall Library

Friday, September 5th
Office Closed

Saturday, September 6th

Sunday, September 7th

9:00 AM *Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer, viewing "The Chosen" series, Season 4*

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