



**First Presbyterian Church  
and  
한인 장로 교회 (Korean Presbyterian Church)  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
World Communion Sunday – Peacemaking Offering  
October 5, 2025 – 10:30 AM  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve***

**PRELUDE**

"Communion"

Luis Jose Urteaga-Iturrioz (1882-1960) (Spain)

"Communion Hymn Suite" (Prelude on three communion hymns)

Richard Warner (1908-1983)

"Christ, You Are the Fullness" (Korean Tune)

Michael Ryan (b. 1952)

*"Hallelujah, hallelujah, hearts join in love and praise;*

*One body we, one spirit be, united at the banquet feast.*

*Jesus, be with us through each waking day.*

*Your grace provides and fills our lives with joy and lasting peace."*

**\*\*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**

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire. Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 12:28-13:2)

**INTROIT**

**"Sheaves of Wheat"**

**UNA ESPIGA**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Scott Burns

(from Psalm 107, Galatians 3, Revelation 19)

**Leader:** O, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. 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.

**People:** **There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

**Leader:** The people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

**People:** **Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

#1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Santo, santo, santo! La inmensa muchedumbre  
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,  
ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,  
ante ti que has sido, que eres y seras.*

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison) (seated)**

Most holy, loving, and wise God, all of creation declares your glory! It is our joy to sing our songs of praise to you. We thank you that on World Communion Sunday we are reminded of our relationships with all Christians around the world. As we each partake of the elements today, we are reminded of Christ's love poured out for

everyone. Here, we are all equal and precious in your sight, as we will be when we will all gather at your Table in the Kingdom of God. Therefore, we lift our voices, singing our praise with those in every time, and in every place to the glory and honor of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION                      #528 "Come, Let Us Eat"                      A VA DE  
Please join the Chancel Choir in this call and response Liberian hymn

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgiving God, as we worship you today, we are aware of our own shortcomings, our failings, our sins. You created us for goodness and to live in peace with one another and with you. We remember how we have failed to love you fully, or to show your love to others. We recall times when we have spoken out of hurt or anger, instead of from patience and love. We see how we have treated others unfairly, and we long to make things right. Have mercy on us, O God. Release us from our sin and guilt to live life anew by the power and love of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

#### TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

from 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, Micah 6:8

Leader: Hear the good news: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that all our sins are forgiven and gone.

**People: "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us a ministry of reconciliation."**

Leader: Now cleansed from our sin, how should we live in faithful response?

**People: He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE      #853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"                      SIYAHAMBA  
Chancel Choir to sing first in the original language  
Congregation to join on verses 1-4

#### GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amon Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER

“Kum Ba Yah”  
Chancel Choir

KUM BA YAH

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Jesus Loves Me”  
Chancel Choir  
Elementary and Youth Salt & Light Singers

Arr. James Buffaloe

### **PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

In celebration of the unity we share through Jesus Christ, in addition to English, the New Testament Scripture lesson will also be read in Korean by Rev. Yu, and in Spanish by Veronica Giron.

SCRIPTURE LESSON    Isaiah 25:6-8    Ephesians 2:1-2, 12-13, 19-22    Dr. Janet Loman  
Isaiah 25:6-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

Ephesians 2:1-2, 12-13, 19-22 (New Revised Standard Version)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Leader:        This is the word of the Lord.

People:        **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Thanking God for Jesus”

Dr. Janet Loman

\*COMMUNION HYMN “He’s Got the Whole World/This Is My Father’s World”

Arr. Joel Raney

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Today our Communion service will be a hybrid. We will serve and pass trays on the west and south sides, plus the choir and the childcare workers. The east will continue with masks and distancing, and will continue to use the pre-packaged Communion kits. There will also be kits available at west and south doors for those wishing to continue with the kits.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE 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**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### **GO IN GOD’S NAME**

## \*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

Arr. Joel Raney

*\*After the Benediction response, you are welcome to come to the front for prayer with a Pastor*

## \*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

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*Liturgist-Scott Burns      Deacon Captain- Dawn Griffin O’Neal*

*Sound System-Curtis Benaway      Video-Rusty Smith*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:  
Kathleen Gardner-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:*

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

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## International Potluck

Please join us in celebrating our unity and diversity at our International Potluck following this morning's service in Watkins Fellowship Hall.

### *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

- o Sherry, friend of Amber Nolan.
- o Seonaidh, grandson of Paul Deason.
- o Ed and Donna Mathis, as they deal with Ed's health needs.
- o Sherry, Valeria Carter's niece, and for Valeria's sister, Margaret.

### *Continued Prayer List*

Barb Wolflick; Amber Nolan; Sherry Lindsey; Sandra Valencia; Florence Hamilton; Rev. Dave Schrueder, who is in hospice care at the Las Cruces Village; Sara Kay; Jack Curry; Arnold McMillan; Millie Conrad; Dorris Hamilton, Don Niewold, and Joanne Kersting at The Heritage.





**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](http://fpc.lc/giving) or via the QR code on the right.
4. 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*

### Salt & Light

There will be no Salt & Light on Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>.  
We'll see you all after Fall Break!



## Deacons' Hamburger Fry

The Deacons' Annual Hamburger Fry will be on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, following our Worship Service. We hope you can join us!





# It's Trunk or Treat Time!



Trunk or Treat is upon us! See how you can help make this year successful by signing up on the insert in your bulletin.



## October

### Sunday, October 5th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer, viewing "The Chosen" series, Season 5
- 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 International Potluck in Watkins Hall (see announcement)

### Monday, October 6th

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

### Tuesday, October 7th

### Wednesday, October 8th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (office will be closed during this time)
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 9th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor, reflection on scripture for Sunday

Friday, October 10th

*Office Closed*

Saturday, October 11th

Sunday, October 12th

9:00 AM     *Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer, viewing "The Chosen" series, Season 5*

9-11:45 AM   *Childcare in Branigan Hall*

9:00 AM     *Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall*

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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*



# Trunk or Treat Is Coming!

## Friday, October 31

What is It? Trunk or Treat is an important congregational outreach to our community, sponsored by the Congregational Life and Outreach ministry team. It is a great chance to serve our neighborhood. The essence of Trunk or Treat is serving kids candy from the trunks of our cars in a safe, fun environment. But there is much more, including music, food, and games.

It's on Friday, Oct 31st, from 6 to 8 pm, with setup beginning one to two hours prior.

We need your help! **This event is totally dependent on our congregation to be successful.**

Further information: Contact Stephen Taylor, [spytaylor70@aol.com](mailto:spytaylor70@aol.com) or, call the church office at 526-5559 and leave your contact information with Veronica.

Want to help? Please complete the form below and drop it in one of the purple offering boxes.

tear here      tear here      tear here      tear here

Yes! I want to participate in one or more of the following ways:

	<i>Give out candy from my car trunk with optional car decoration</i>
	<i>Run a game booth</i>
	<i>Kitchen duty and serving food (hot cocoa, nachos, etc.)</i>
	<i>Donate extra candy (individually wrapped)</i>
	<i>Monitor the party jumper</i>
	<i>Help with take-down</i>
	<i>Clean up kitchen</i>
	<i>Other (fill in the blank):</i>

**Please fill out the information below:**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ My phone is \_\_\_\_\_

My email is \_\_\_\_\_