



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2025 - 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

“Concerto for Two Trumpets”

Antonio Vivaldi

Allegro

Jacob Dalager and Paul McLaughlin, Trumpets

Gustavo Morales, Piano

**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

[Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. - Colossians 1:15-20 NRSV

CHORAL INTROIT
YOUNG

“Built On The Rock”

GORDON

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Akins

Leader: O sing to God a new song! Sing to God, all of us throughout this earth.

People: **Sing throughout our lives. In our song, bless the name of God.**

Leader: Exclaim God's salvation from morning until night. Declare God's glory and marvelous works.

People: For great is God, and with excitement, we join in praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE
BURG

#275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE

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

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father. You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. We pray as You taught us to pray, 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
ELEISON

"Lord, Have Mercy"

KYRIE

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful. We have fallen short of Your will in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will 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

Leader: The Good News of God is not found in ourselves but in Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God for His Son, our Lord and Savior.

Leader: What has God lovingly and gracefully shown us through His Son?

People: The Apostle's Creed affirms what God has shown us in scripture, it reads: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in

Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from which he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Brooke Montgomery

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

CALL TO PRAYER

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"God Is Our Refuge and Strength"
Jacob Dalager and Paul McLaughlin, Trumpets

ALLEN POTE

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 1:1-7

Romans 8:18-25

Dr. Janet Loman

Romans 1:1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:18-25 (New Revised Standard Version)

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its

bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON	"The Untameable God"	Rev. Nick Koontz
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*CLOSING HYMN	#463 "How Firm a Foundation"	FOUNDATION
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GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION	#288 "Built On The Rock"	GORDON YOUNG
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*POSTLUDE	"Concerto For Two Trumpets"	ANTONIO VIVALDI
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Largo

Jacob Dalager and Paul McLaughlin, Trumpets

<i>Liturgist-Bill Akins</i>	<i>Deacon Captain-Dawn Griffin-O'Neal</i>
<i>Sound System-Max Schroeder</i>	<i>Video-Dina Schroeder</i>

Greeting before the Worship Service:

<i>Kathleen Gardner-E</i>	<i>Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-W</i>	<i>Sharon Rooney-S</i>
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Greeting after the Worship Service:

<i>Brook Montgomery-E</i>	<i>Bill & Ruth Akins-W</i>	<i>Rev. Nick Koontz-S</i>
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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

***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

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 great time to visit with old and new friends alike. Fellowship this morning is being hosted by Veronica Giron.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- o Sherry, friend of Amber Nolan.*
- o Ed and Donna Mathis, as they deal with Ed's health needs.*
- o Larry and Mae, Valeria Carter's nephew and sister.*
- o The safety and peace throughout our schools and communities.*
- o Travel mercies.*

Continued Prayer List

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.

10/30 Bruce Pearson

10/30 Holly Dalager

11/1 Iain Deason



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

This Wednesday, October 29th, *Boo-lievers Shine the Light of Jesus*. Dinner will be lasagna, cesar salad, garlic bread, and tres leches cake for dessert.



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 page in your bulletin. Please complete the form, and drop it in one of the purple offering boxes.



Sunday, October 26th

- 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 After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Fellowship Hall (see announcement)*

Monday, October 27th

- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for The Good News*
- 7:00 PM Bells Rehearsal in the Choir Room*

Tuesday, October 28th

Wednesday, October 29th

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (office will be closed during this time)*
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin*
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)*
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, October 30th

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

Friday, October 31st

Office Closed

6:00 PM Trunk or Treat (see announcement)

Sunday, November 1st

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

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