



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas - Communion**  
**January 4, 2026 - 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

**PRELUDE**

"The King of Heaven His Table Spreads" (from the *Scottish Psalter*, 1615)

Brian Glyncannon (1997)

"The Heavenly Star"

Dennis Eliot (b. 1941)

"March of the Wise Men"

Elmer Samuel Hosmer (1862-1945)

**\*\*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**

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say,  
"He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock."  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the  
goodness of the Lord . . . their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never  
languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and  
the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give  
them gladness for sorrow. Jeremiah 31: 10-13 (NRSVUE)

**CHORAL INTROIT**

"At the Name of Jesus"

KING'S WESTON

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Divine Mboh

Eph. 1:2-3, 11, 14

**Leader:** Grace to you and peace in this new year.

**People:** **We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

Leader: In Christ we have obtained an inheritance

**People: We have been redeemed as God's own people. Praise be to God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #459 "O Word of God Incarnate"

MUNICH

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND (unison)

Giving God, you have adopted us as your children, sisters and brothers of your beloved, Jesus Christ. Empower us to be holy and blameless witnesses to your glorious reign of peace and love now come into this world. Gathering God, you have brought us together from many backgrounds and conditions to be this church together. Therefore we honor you with glad songs and praises to your name, and ask that you unify us through the Holy Spirit, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth and become your presence in the world. In Christ we pray, Amen. **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

"In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"  
Chancel Choir

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of your salvation: God freely bestows God's grace on us through Jesus Christ.

**People: In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of the grace that God lavishes on us.**

Leader: What do we confess about God's grace in Jesus Christ?

**People: In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, man, and the world. Therefore, the church calls men to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen. (from The Confession of 1967)**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#140 "Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

## GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Brooke Montgomery

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFOLD

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"I Ponder"

CRAIG COURTNEY

### PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 1:1, 10-18

Dr. Janet Loman

John 1:1, 10-18 (NSRV)

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Janet Loman

COMMUNION HYMN

#827 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

## BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

## “Feed Us, Lord”

## FEED US

## \*POSTLUDE

## Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist-Divine Mboh      Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi*  
*Sound System-Curtis Benaway      Video-Rusty Smith*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:*

*Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-E Donna Phillips-W Bob Distlehorst-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:*

*Johnnie Aldrich-E*      *Brooke Montgomery-W*      *Divine Mboh-S*

Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation
Dr. Howard A. Smolleck	Organist
Veronica Giron	Salt & Light Coord.
Beth Borchert-Thomas	Dir. of Music & Bells
Pang Baker	Bookkeeper

Dr. Janet Loman	Comm. Pastor, College Ministry
Ada Castle	Commissioned Pastor, Visitation
Dr. Paul Deason	Commissioned Pastor
Veronica Giron	Office Manager

## Members of Session

Steve Loman	Moderator of the Session
Alice Distlehorst	Music & Worship
Roni Hardin	Moderator, Music & Worship
Diana Howard	Co-Moderator, Congregational Life
Bruce Pearson	Congregational Life
Stephen Taylor	Co-Moderator, Congregational Life
Linda Ward	Moderator, Buildings & Grounds
*Mary Maley	Moderator, Administration

Dr. Paul Deason	Moderator, Missions
Dinah Jentgen	Clerk of Session
Patrick Cummings	Moderator, Christian Ed.
Yolanda Koontz	Christian Education
Jerry Moser	Buildings & Grounds
Jimmy O'Neal	Administration & Finance
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 the Pearsons & Trudells.

### *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

- *The family of Rev. Dave Schrueder, who passed on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.*
- *The family of Don Niewold, who recently passed.*
- *Everyone who is traveling.*
- *Sherry Lindsey, Brian Stewart, James Leyba, and Johnny Montenegro.*

### *Continued Prayer List*

*Jacque Parks; Jim Pace; Ed Mathis; Barb Wolflick; Amber Nolan; Sherry Lindsey; Sandra Valencia; Florence Hamilton; Sara Kay; Jack Curry; Arnold McMillan; Millie Conrad; Dorris Hamilton, and Joanne Kersting at The Heritage.*



1/5 Helen Moser

1/6 Nancy Cowan

1/6 Jacqueline Jones

1/6 Rev. Larry Hicks

1/6 Ariana Holguin

1/6 Julie Marineau

1/7 Susan Mboh

1/8 Michael 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:**

- 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:

- Cash or check in the purple offering box.
- Check sent by mail.
- Online at [fpc.lc/giving](https://fpc.lc/giving) or via the QR code on the right.
- 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

Salt & Light will be beginning soon!! Stay tuned for our upcoming schedule.

# January

## Sunday, January 4th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library, "The Sermon on the Mount,"  
led by Rev. Larry Hicks
- 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
- 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship together in the Sanctuary
- 11:45 AM After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Fellowship Hall (see announcement)

## Monday, January 5th

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

## Tuesday, January 6th

## Wednesday, January 7th

- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin
- 4:00 PM Salt & Light (see announcement)

## Thursday, January 8th

- Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

## Friday, January 9th

- Office Closed

## Saturday, January 10th

## Sunday, January 11th



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— It's —  
BEGINNING  
TO LOOK A LOT  
❄️ Like ❄️  
Christmas