



# First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026 - 10:30 AM

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

## PRELUDE

“Agnus Dei” (Lamb of God)

Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

“I Waited for the Lord; He Inclined His Ear to Me”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

“He Lifted Me” (hymn by Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932)

John Johnson (1916-1999)

\*\*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

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

WEST MAIN

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Anderson

Lon

Leader: Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise, for God has done wondrous deeds,  
and is great beyond compare!

**People: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; None can compare with you!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #156 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

SALZBURG

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

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day, that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your people. God of steadfast love, you raise us up when we fall and place our feet in steady ground. Strengthened by your faithfulness, we offer our prayers in thanksgiving for the grace that is ours in Christ, who taught us to pray: **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 #443 "There Is a Redeemer"

GREEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSiON (unison)

Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity;  
our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern,  
that we may find our reward in you, as servants of your dream.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSiON AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

**People: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE  
JERNIGAN

#519 "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amon Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#518 "Your Only Son"

LAMB OF GOD

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

**PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 40:1-11 John 1:29-42

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 40:1-11 (NSRV)

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

John 1:29-42 (NSRV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on

whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah." He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"What in the World is God Doing?

Barbara Trudell

CLOSING HYMN

#279 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

ST. AGNES

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive till you  
know him in his fullness and believe;  
you're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."*

\*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

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*Liturgist-Lon Anderson      Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi  
Sound System-Rusty Smith      Video-Brent Brewer*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:  
Kathleen Gardner-E      Donna Marconi-W      Vicki Edwards-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:  
Amon Taylor-E      Barbara Trudell-W      Lon Anderson-S*

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
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
*Mary Maley	Moderator, Administration		

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### 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 Tom & Cindy Clement.

*Please Remember in Your Prayers*

- o The family of David Cox, who entered Eternal Life on January 11<sup>th</sup>.*
- o Barbara Trudell's friend in Cameroon, Nicolinem, who has malaria.*
- o Sharon Rooney.*
- o 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.*

*Welcome*

**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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**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, January 14<sup>th</sup> our theme will be “  
Celebrate Salt & Light Birthday.”*

*AND…*

### *It's Pizza Night!!*

*Served along with a Ceaser salad, and cupcakes for dessert.  
We look forward to seeing you all there!*

## In-Betweeners Coming Up!

On Friday, January 23rd, we'll be getting together in Watkins Fellowship Hall at 6 PM. Dinner will be a planned potluck this time. After dinner, David Thomas, local historian and author, is returning to speak! Please let the Ames know that you'll be coming, as well as what category of dish you'd like to bring, by Monday, January 19th. You're also welcome to contact us with any questions at 575-636-0210, [jkames@myctl.net](mailto:jkames@myctl.net), or just catch us after Worship.

# January

### Sunday, January 18th

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 19th

Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### Tuesday, January 20th

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

*7:00 PM    Session Meeting in Jones Hall*

**Wednesday, January 21st**

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

*4:00 PM    Salt & Light (see announcement)*

**Thursday, January 22nd**

*1:30 PM    Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor*

**Friday, January 23rd**

*Office Closed*

*6:30 PM    In-Betweeners in Watkins Fellowship Hall (see announcement)*

**Saturday, January 24th**

**Sunday, January 25th**

*9:00 AM    Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library, "The Sermon on the Mount" led by Rev. Larry Hicks*

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