



First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
Ordination and Installation of Officers
January 25, 2026 - 10:30 AM
Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"Sweet Is the Work" (tune by John J. McClellan, 1874-1925)

Roy Maughan Darley (1918-2003)

"Sweet is the work, my God, my King, to praise Thy name, give thanks and sing."

(text by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

"More Like the Master" (by Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932) John M. Rasley (1913-1998)

"More like the Master I would ever be, More of His meekness, more humility; More zeal to labor, more courage to be true, more consecration for work He bids me do."

****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

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (1 Peter 5:1-4)

CHORAL INTROIT

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alonzo Brewer

(Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into his presence with singing

People: **Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with Thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: **For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #733 "We All Are One in Mission" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDROGELEIN

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

Almighty God, you are eternal! We praise you for your glorious creation, your great wisdom, and your wonderful deeds. We exalt your name, for you are the Most High God, who watches over us as our faithful shepherd. We now proclaim our love and faithfulness to you in return, by the gracious powers that you instill in us. We rejoice, as your Holy Spirit fills us and uses us. We listen, and wait for your son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, and who will come again to redeem us. It is as sure as the sunrise in the morning. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name; and pray as Jesus taught us, **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

"Holy Lamb of God"
Chancel Choir

YA HAMALALLAH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Leader: O Lord, we want to praise you,

People: **but our voices are drowned out by distractions.**

Leader: O Lord, we want to praise you,

People: **but our mouths are full of selfish demands.**

Leader: O Lord, we want to praise you,

People: **but we waste our words with bitter thoughts.**

Leader: O Lord, we want to praise you,
People: but in our hearts there is no harmony.

Leader: O Lord, we want to praise you,
People: but our teeth are clenched in anger.

Leader: O Lord, we want to praise you,
People: but we prefer the safety of silence.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Leader: In the words of the Apostle Paul: I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE	#743 "O God, You Are My God"	STEP BY STEP
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GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES	Erin Taylor
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CALL TO PRAYER	#738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"	MARYTON
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PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM	"Greet the Dawning"	Jan Sanborn
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PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Philippians 2: 1-11	Dr. Janet Loman
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Philippians 2: 1-11 (NSRV)

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same

love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, 10 so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON

“The Joy of Serving”

Dr. Janet Loman

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS
Dinah Jentgen, Clerk of Session

Elders: Erin Taylor, Nancy Cowan, Janet Mara, Scott Burns, Jeanette Smith, *Ada Castle

Deacons: Susan Mboh, *Divine Mboh, Joyce Nolan, Dave Vandervelde, Vicki Kuyper

*previously ordained

A special thank you to the Elders and Deacons rotating off of the Session and the Board of Deacons

Elders: Patrick Cummings, Dr. Paul Deason, Bruce Pearson, Stephen Taylor

Deacons: Charlotte Brockway, Dr. Chibuzo Chilaka, Nancy Johnson, Thomas Koran,
Linda Pearson, Sharon Rooney, Linda Seaton

GO IN GOD’S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Now Go in Joy”

JUNKANOO

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Dr. Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist-Alonzo Brewer

Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi

Sound System-Max Schroeder

Video-Dina Schroeder

Greeting before the Worship Service:

Kathleen Gardner-E

Donna Marconi-W

Dawn Griffin-O’Neal-S

Greeting after the Worship Service:

Erin Taylor-E

Saul Montenegro & Veronica Giron-W

Alonzo Brewer-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

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

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 Deacons.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *Three-year old Emma Porter, friend of Richard Pond, who was recently placed on a ventilator in Chicago.*
- *Mac, Valeria Carter's brother-in-law, who is having surgery this week,*
- *Our students in the community to feel supported and grow in God's love.*
- *Charlotte Brockway, who will be having a knee replacement next week, here in Las Cruces.*
- *Tracy Howard, as her cancer has returned.*
- *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.



**3 FREE PRINTABLE WELCOME
CALLIGRAPHY SIGNS**

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 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

This Wednesday, January 28th our theme will be



Light”

“Delight in Salt &

Dinner will be haystacks, and ice cream sundaes for dessert.

See you all there!

New Carpeting in the Nursery

The Branigan Hall Childcare Room has walls painted in a sunny light yellow. Very recently, new carpet has been installed, completing a warm and welcoming environment for the youngest children God sends to our church.



January

Sunday, January 25th

*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 – Ordination & Installation of New Officers*
11:45 AM *After-Worship Fellowship in Jones Fellowship Hall (see announcement)*

Monday, January 26th

Tuesday, January 27th

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

Wednesday, January 28th

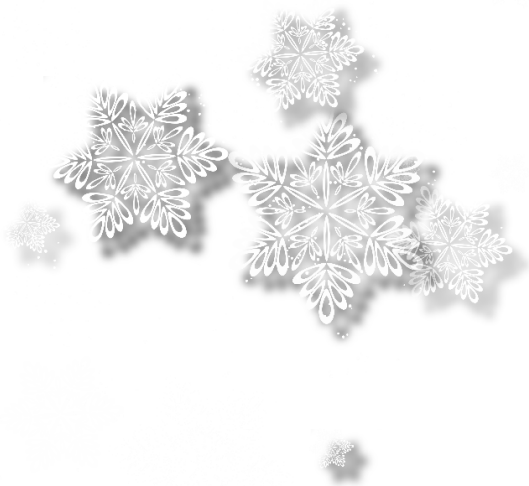
12:00 PM *Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin*

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

Thursday, January 29th

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

7:00 PM *Pastoral Search Committee Meeting in Jones Hall Library*



Friday, January 30th

Office Closed

Saturday, January 31st

Sunday, February 1st

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