



First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026 - 10:30 AM
Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

"Communion"

H. Alexander Matthews (1879-1973)

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

**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

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
(from Psalm 16)

CHORAL INTROIT

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Scott Burns

Leader: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

People: **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart. Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Lord of All, your love and faithfulness are unending. You sustain us in ways beyond our understanding. You hear our prayers, even when we are selfish, foolish, or muddle our words. You make things come out right even when we have given up in despair. How awesome and wise are your ways, O Lord! May we always seek your wisdom, rejoicing in your wonderful works and praising you as we glorify your holy name. Bless the Lord!

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSON

“Lamb of God”
Chancel Choir

AGNUS DEI

PRAYER OF CONFESSON (unison)

Gracious God, we have not done what is blameless and right nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSON AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: What does the Lord require of us?

People: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #321 “The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amon Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER #739 “O for a Closer Walk with God”

CAITHNESS

PASTORAL PRAYER (ON THE BEATITUDES)

(Matthew 5:1-12)

ANTHEM

“For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN

PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSVUE)

Dr. Janet Loman

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSVUE)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Experiencing Faith”

Dr. Janet Loman

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

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Dr. Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist-Scott Burns Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi
 Sound System-Curtis Benaway Video-Rusty Smith*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:
 Tom Clement-E Donna Marconi-W Kathleen Gardner-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:
 Blaine Goss-E Scott Burns-W Amon Taylor-S*

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 Dr. Howard A. Smolleck
 Veronica Giron
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 Salt & Light Coord.
 Dir. of Music & Bells
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 Dr. Paul Deason
 Veronica Giron

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Steve Loman
 Alice Distlehorst
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 Diana Howard
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 Nancy Cowan
 Linda Ward
 *Dinah Jentgen

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Janet Mara
 Ada Castle
 Jeanette Smith
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 Erin Taylor
 Jimmy O'Neal
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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 the Congregational Life & Outreach Support Committee of Session.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *Helen Moser, who suffered a broken wrist.*
- *Jennifer, Nancy Cowan's niece, who is battling an aggressive form of melanoma.*
- *Wanda, Nancy Cowan's friend, whose cancer has returned.*
- *Three-year old Emma Porter, friend of Richard Pond, who was recently placed on a ventilator in Chicago.*
- *Charlotte Brockway, who had knee replacement surgery.*
- *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 Wolfflick; Amber Nolan; Sherry Lindsey; Sandra Valencia; Florence Hamilton; Sara Kay; Jack Curry; Arnold McMillan; Millie Conrad; Dorris Hamilton, and Joanne Kersting at The Heritage.





2/4 Wayne Walker

2/6 Joyce Nolan



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.
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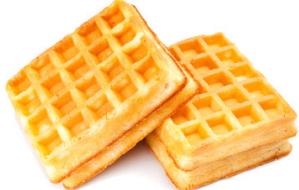
Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

In the Life of the Church



Salt & Light

This Wednesday, February 4th our theme will be



“Dare to be like Daniel”

Dinner will be chicken & waffles, fresh fruit, and
ice cream sandwiches for dessert.

We hope you join us!



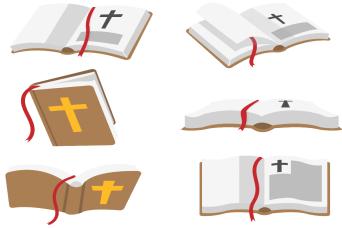
Work-based Learning

Watkins Fellowship Hall will be used by the Work-based Learning Group beginning on Monday, February 2nd – Tuesday, February 10th, from 7:30 AM~4:30 PM, with the exception of Wednesday, February 4th, when they will dismiss at 2:00 PM.



Jennie Curry Bible Study

*The Jennie Curry Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Thursday, February 5th, at 6:30 PM in Jones Hall Library.
All women are welcome.*



If you have any questions, please contact



Sunday, February 1st

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, February 2nd

7:30 AM *Work-based Learning in Watkins Hall*
7:00 PM *Bells Rehearsal*

Tuesday, February 3rd

7:30 AM *Work-based Learning in Watkins Hall*
12:00 PM *Deadline for submissions for The Good News*

Wednesday, February 4th

7:30 AM *Work-based Learning in Watkins Hall*
12:00 PM *Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin*
4:00 PM *Salt & Light (see announcement)*
7:00 PM *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, February 5th

7:30 AM *Work-based Learning in Watkins Hall*
1:30 PM *Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor*
6:30 PM *Jennie Curry Women's Bible Study in Jones Hall Library (see announcement)*

Friday, February 6th

7:30 AM *Work-based Learning in Watkins Hall*
Office Closed

Saturday, February 7th

10:00 AM *Crescent Park/College Place Neighborhood Watch in Watkins Fellowship Hall*



Sunday, February 8th

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

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