



# First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Transfiguration

February 15, 2026 - 10:30 AM

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

## PRELUDE

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (hymn tune from 1982) Emma Lou Diemer  
(1927-2024)

“The Transfiguration” Robert J. Powell  
(1932-2025)

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” (19<sup>th</sup>-century hymn tune) Michael Ryan (b. 1952)

\*\*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

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

CHORAL INTROIT “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” GENEVA

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Trish  
Carter-Anderson

Leader: Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you.

**People: As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct.**

Leader: For it is written, “you shall be holy, for I am holy.”

**People: Trust in God who raised him and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

#49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

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

We come with reverence to praise and adore you, O God. You have given your beloved Son for our salvation and made the nations his inheritance, the ends of the earth his possession. You call us to be part of your household, and to partake of your promises. We gather as your people, attentive to your word and ready to do your bidding. We pray this in the name of Jesus who 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

"Search Me, O God"  
Chancel Choir

KAM-CHHAT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We seek you on the mountaintop, O God, for we fear to face the city. We would rather be dazzled by your splendor on some Sinai than obey your commands in the urban wilderness. We find it easier to worship the wonder-working Jesus than to follow the Christ, who was obedient unto death. Merciful God, forgive our shallow ways. Help us to find you wherever you choose to dwell, and to serve you wherever you choose to send us.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: "Since then, we have a great high priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession... Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

**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

#193 "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

UNSER HERRSCHER

## GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#702 "Christ Be Beside Me"

BUNESSAN

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"I Exhale Thee/Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Arr. Larry Shackly

### PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

CP Ada Castle

Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSV)

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction. So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Shine" CP Ada Castle

CLOSING HYMN #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

"This Little Light of Mine" Arr. Robert Gibson

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

\*POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Dr. Howard A. Smolleck

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

*Greeting before the Worship Service:  
Bob Distlehorst-E      Donna Marconi-W      Donna Phillips-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:  
Trish Carter-Anderson-E      CP Ada Castle-W      Lon Anderson-S*

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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 Director	Dr. Paul Deason	Commissioned Pastor
Beth Borchert-Thomas	Dir. of Music & Bells	Veronica Giron	Office Manager
Amon Taylor	Youth Director	Pang Baker	Bookkeeper

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### **Members of Session**

Steve Loman	Moderator of the Session	Janet Mara	Moderator, Missions
Alice Distlehorst	Music & Worship	Ada Castle	Buildings & Grounds
Roni Hardin	Moderator, Music & Worship	Jeanette Smith	Administration & Finance
Diana Howard	Moderator, Congregational Life	Yolanda Koontz	Christian Education

Scott Burns	Congregational Life	Erin Taylor	Moderator, Christian Education
Nancy Cowan	Missions	Jimmy O'Neal	Administration & Finance
Linda Ward	Moderator, Buildings & Grounds	Jim Parks	President, Foundation
*Dinah Jentgen	Clerk of Session	*Mary Maley	
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 the Music & Worship Committee of Session.

#### *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

- o Robert and Angela White.*
- o Pray for peace in our country and your love to fill and guide our nation.*
- o Sherry Lindsey, Brian Stewart , James Leyba, and Johnny Montenegro.*
- o Dale Cook*

#### *Continued Prayer List*

*Helen Moser; 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.*

*2/15 Brooke Montgomery*

*2/18 Caleb Taylor*

*2/18 Greg Sherman*

*2/18 David Vandervelde*



2/19 Dutch Matkin      2/21 Bill Mattiace

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.**

200 E. Boutz Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575.526.5559

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

## ***In the Life of the Church***

### ***Salt & Light – Ash Wednesday***

*This Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM.*

*Dinner will be soup, rolls, dinner salad, and fruit cocktail for dessert.*

*Ash Wednesday Service will follow dinner at 6:00 PM.*

*Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.*

### **In-Betweeners for February**

On Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be getting together at 6 PM in Watkins Fellowship Hall for dinner together, followed by a program by Patterson Hornworks. Dinner will be catered this time, enchiladas from Si Senior's. Please let the Ames know that you plan to come by Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>; call 575-526-3247, or just catch us after Worship.

### **Reminder!**

This Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is Shrove Tuesday. The Pancake Dinner will begin at 5 PM until 7 PM. We hope to see you all there!

## Church Bus Update

About two weeks ago, the engine was running fine. Then a noise developed. The source of the noise has been identified and the engine is now being reassembled. If all is well, it should be back in service soon.

Anyone desiring more details is welcome to contact Jerry Moser.

## New Horizons Symphony Orchestra

Today, February 15, at 3PM, in NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall, the New Horizons Symphony Orchestra, in collaboration with the Doña Ana County NAACP chapter presents "An American Tribute," featuring works by William Grant Still, Copeland, Gershwin, Sousa, and Morton Gould. Dr. Bobbie Green will read poems related to Still's "Afro-American Symphony," accompanied by a visual presentation. Admission is free, with donations accepted.

*February*

### Sunday, February 15th

- 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 16th

- Office Closed in Observance of President's Day  
7:00 PM Bells Rehearsal

### Tuesday, February 17th

- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for The Good News  
5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday in Watkins Fellowship Hall (see announcement)  
7:00 PM Session Meeting in Jones Hall

### Wednesday, February 18th

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

6:00 PM *Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary*  
7:00 PM *Choir Rehearsal*

Thursday, February 19th

1:30 PM *Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor*  
6:30 PM *Deacon's Meeting in Jones Hall Parlor*

Friday, February 20th

*Office Closed*

Saturday, February 21st

Sunday, February 22nd

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