



# First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 - 10:30 AM

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

## PRELUDE

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (based on a theme by Handel)

Raymond Henry Haan (b. 1938)

"O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done" (19th-century hymn tune by Isaac Baker Woodbury)

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

James Mansfield (1927-2018)

\*\*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

Throughout the entirety of our lives, we should never lose sight that we dwell in the house of the Lord. We rejoice in the constant presence and vigilance of a God who has cared for us, and will always care for us, both as individuals and as a community of the faithful. *JOHN E. WHITE*

## CHORAL INTROIT

"O Be Joyful"

JOHN YARRINGTON

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jonathan West

Leader: The shepherd called us by name and leads us to abundant life

**People: We hear your voice and hasten to follow.**

Leader: The shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.

**People: We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.**

Leader: The shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

**People: We hear your call and give you praise.**

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

Generous and Amazing God, you have given us lives of abundance and peace in your beautiful creation. Like the first believers, your presence fills us with the awe and wonder of your perfect Way, Truth and Life. You satisfy our every need. You are our caring Shepherd, and in you there is nothing we lack. You lead us to green pastures and still waters; you restore our souls. You prepare a table before us, and the cup of blessing overflows. You teach us to pray the prayer that gives us hope, that one day we will be with you in your heavenly kingdom: **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

#518 "Your Only Son"

LAMB OF GOD

Choral Scholars to sing verses

Congregation to sing refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, we confess to you that we, like sheep, often go astray and have not always followed Christ's example. You lead us toward green pastures but we wander in dark valleys. You call us by name but we pretend not to hear. We choose to heed other voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life. But such promises are empty, and that life does not satisfy. Give us new life! Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with one another.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #801 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"  
Congregation to join on verses 3, 4, and 5

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GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Debra Smith

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

CALL TO PRAYER #410 "God Is Calling through the Whisper"

W ZLOBIE LEZY

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "The Good Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

**PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 23 John 10:1-10

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me



*Liturgist-Jonathan West      Deacon Captain-Dawn Griffin O'Neal*  
*Sound System-Max Schroeder      Video-Dina Schroeder*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:*  
*David Vandervelde-E      Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-W      Veronica Giron-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:*  
*Jonathan West-E      Elder Scott Burns-W      Debra Smith-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 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	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	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  
Administration & Finance Committee of Session.

## *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

- *Donna Curtiss' 16-year-old nephew Chase Hartung's family. Chase passed away on Saturday, April 18th, after a 5-year battle with cancer.*
- *Help those who say they have no gift from God to Worship. Help them see your gifts for them and share their love and gifts with us.*
- *Healing for my precious kitty cat Shalem.*
- *Anthony, Susannah Nava Martinez's grandson, and for no more seizures.*
- *Alex Lucero for his continued recovery after his kidney transplant.*
- *Wanda Mattiace's brother Eric Nicoletz.*
- *Ellen Harbaugh; Bob & Linda Seaton.*
- *Tracy Howard, son of Diana Howard, whose cancer has spread, and immunotherapy isn't working.*
- *Joyce, that her radiation treatments work.*
- *Prayers for Brian Stewart, James Leyba, and Johnny Montenegro.*

## *Continued Prayer List*

*Sharon Pierce; Charlotte Brockway; Jacque Parks; Ed Mathis; Barb Wolflick; Amber Nolan; Sandra Valencia; Florence Hamilton; Sara Kay; Jack Curry; Arnold McMillan; Millie Conrad; Dorris Hamilton; Valeria Carter, and Joanne Kersting at The Heritage.*

*4/26 Will Mattiace*

*4/26 Rebekah West*



*4/26 Janet Mara*

*4/28 Dominic Candusso*

# 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:

- 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:

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*



## Graduation



Graduation is a special time in a student's life and a great achievement. If you have someone in your family or know of someone who will be graduating in May, please send us their name, the name of the school, and/or degree that they will be receiving so that we are sure to recognize them during our May 10<sup>th</sup> service. Please email their information to Veronica at [secretary.fpc.lc](mailto:secretary.fpc.lc) by Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.



## *Mesilla Valley Concert Band*

*The Mesilla Valley Concert Band  
will perform on Sunday, May 10, at 3PM,  
in NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall.*

*Admission is free.*

*Vicki Kuyper and Alice Distlehorst play in this band.*



## **“Stuff the Backpacks!”**

Deacons will need your help supplying students in need.

Please bring any donations of BACKPACKS  
with school supplies, SOCKS, and UNDIES  
to the church office beginning now until the end of June.

We will be delivering these items in July  
for back-to-school, but we wanted to give  
you a heads-up for your shopping lists!”



# April



## Sunday, April 26th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School with Catie Brewer
- 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 in Jones Fellowship Hall (see announcement)

## Monday, April 27th

- 7:00 PM Bells Rehearsal

## Tuesday, April 28th

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

## Wednesday, April 29th

- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the *Sunday Bulletin*
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, April 30th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

## Friday, May 1st

Office Closed

## Saturday, May 2nd

## Sunday, May 3rd

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer.
- 9-11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall
- 9:00 AM Sunday School for grades K-5 in Branigan Hall
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