



First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
5th Sunday of Easter - Communion
May 3, 2026 - 10:30 AM
Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (tune by Robert Schumann, 1810-1856)

Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

“Come, Let Us Eat” (Hymnal #528)

Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

“Jesus Calls Us” (hymn from 1874)

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

**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

Prayer is both one of the means and one of the fruits of our union with Christ. As a means it is of great importance. All the things of faith, all the pleadings of desire, all the confessions of shortcoming and of sin, all the exercises in which the soul gives up self and clings to Christ, find their utterance in prayer. *Andrew Murray, from Abide in Christ*

CHORAL INTROIT

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

COME, SHARE THE LORD

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Divine Mboh

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?**

Leader: Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,
People: **yet even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#401 "Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND

Holy and loving God, we praise you, we worship you, we adore you! You hold the heavens in your hand - all stars rejoice in your glory. You come in the sunrise and the song of morning and bless the splendor of the noonday. The stars in their courses magnify you; both day and night they tell of your glory. Your peace blows over the earth and the breath of your mouth fills all space. We joyfully greet you this morning with grateful hearts for all these blessings of life, and for our greatest joy, the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, who gave his life and rose again so that we may have abundant life. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"
Chancel Choir

KYRIE ELEISON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Living God, we confess that at times we forget we bear the mark of your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives. You made the heavens and earth, but we worship our own devices. You send your spirit to guide us, but we try to find our own. Forgive us; give us new life! Renew the promise of our baptism and wash us again with your grace. Transform us by your Word, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation! The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: What is the chief end of man?

People: **Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#188 "Jesus Loves Me!"

JESUS LOVES ME

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Alonzo Brewer

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

CALL TO PRAYER

"Do You Hear Your Shepherd's Voice?"

SUZANNE LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Come to the Table"

Allen Pote

PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 3:1-10

John 14: 1-7

Dr. Catherine Brewer

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NRSV)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said,

"Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

John 14:1-7 (NRSV)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe [in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

People: This is the word of the Lord.

Leader: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Are You Listening?"

Dr. Janet Loman

COMMUNION HYMN

#508 "Come to the Table"

COME TO THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Today our Communion service will be a hybrid. We will serve and pass trays in all three sections. And there will be pre-packaged Communion kits available at each of the doors for those wishing to continue with the kits.

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 Improvisation

Dr. Howard Smolleck

Liturgist-Divine Mboh Deacon Captain-Kathleen Gardner
Sound System-Curtiss Benaway Video-Rusty Smith

Greeting before the Worship Service:

Robert Distlehorst-E Veronica Giron-W Kathleen Gardner-S

Greeting after the Worship Service:

Divine Mboh -E Dr. Janet Loman-W Erin Taylor-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	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
*Wanda Mattiace	Administration & Finance		

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

- *Alex Lucero for his continued recovery after his kidney transplant.*
- *Bob & Linda Seaton.*
- *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.

5/3 David Curtiss

5/5 Bobby Candusso



5/4 Tom Marconi

5/7 Dale Cook

5/9 Nancy Johnson

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 or via the QR code on the right.
4. Using the app "Church Center".



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

In the Life of the Church



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!”



LARGE Print Bulletins

We prepare an electronic large print bulletin each week for those who have difficulty reading the regular bulletin or hymnal. The words to the congregational hymns are also included in this document. You can print it as it is, or change the font size to better suit you. We also have a couple of people who leave it on their iPad or phone and read it off of that.

May



Sunday, May 3rd

- 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, May 4th

Tuesday, May 5th

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

Wednesday, May 6th

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

Thursday, May 7th

- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor
6:30 PM Jennie Curry Bible Study in Jones Hall Library

Friday, May 8th

Office Closed

Saturday, May 9th

Sunday, May 10th

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