



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day – Recognition of Graduates**  
**May 10, 2026 — 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (tune by William Marion Runyan, 1923)

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

“A Mother’s Prayer”

Juliet Calkins (1998)

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (hymn tune of 1784)

Karrin Elizabeth Ford (b. 1951)

\*\*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

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all people to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ *Acts 17:24-28*

CHORAL INTROIT

“O Be Joyful”

JOHN YARRINGTON

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Vandervelde

David

Leader: We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the never-ending presence of God in our lives.

**People: We praise you, God, for all the ways you love and care for us.**

Leader: We give thanks for the promise of eternal life and the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

**People: We lift up our hearts, oh Lord, for the joy we have in you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

#54 "Make a Joyful Noise to God!"

DIX

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

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We thank you Lord, and give you praise as you 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."** *From the Declaration of Faith, 4.5*

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

CALL TO CONFESSION

"O Lord, Have Mercy"  
Chancel Choir

ORE PROIAJU VEREKO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we distract ourselves with false idols, wasting time and energy on things instead of spending time with you. Our days are filled with what society says is important, but do not satisfy and leave us hungry, though we know You are the bread of life. Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Christ died for our sins so we would be saved and suffer no more.

**People: God has given us proof by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has not rejected my prayer or turned away from me.

**People: Praise be to God for his steadfast love!**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Brooke Montgomery

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#468 "In My Life"

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"I Live to Sing Your Praise"

Arr. C. Harry Causey

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 66: 8-20

John 14: 15-21

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 66:8-20 (NRSV) *Be joyful in God, all you lands*

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me

John 14: 15-21 (NSRV) *Christ our advocate*

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

People: This is the word of the Lord.

Leader: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Holy Spirit as GPS”

Kathleen Gardner

CLOSING HYMN

#300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

### **GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

ENVIADO

\*POSTLUDE

Hymn Improvisation

Dr. Howard Smolleck

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*Liturgist-Jonathan West      Deacon Captain-Dawn Griffin O’Neal*  
*Sound System-Jonathan West      Video-Will Schroeder*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:*

*Divine Mboh-E      Donna Phillips-W      Dawn Griffin-O’Neal-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:*

*Brooke Montgomery-E      Kathleen Gardner-W      David Vandervelde-S*

Rev. Pyong San Yu  
Dr. Howard A. Smolleck  
Veronica Giron  
Beth Borchert-Thomas  
Pang Baker

Korean Congregation  
Organist  
Salt & Light Coord.  
Dir. Of Music & Bells  
Bookkeeper

Dr. Janet Loman      Comm. Pastor, College Ministry  
Ada Castle      Commissioned Pastor, Visitation  
Dr. Paul Deason      Commissioned Pastor  
Veronica Giron      Office Manager

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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  
Grounds

Administration & Finance

Linda Ward

Moderator, Buildings &

Jim Parks  
of Session

President, Foundation  
\*Mary Maley

\*Dinah Jentgen  
Administration

Clerk

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*This is just the*  
**Beginning**

*class of*  
**2026**

Angel Ceasar Flores, Organ Mountain High School  
Grandson of Sylvia Burns

James Roegge, Centennial High School  
Will be attending NMSU on a Crimson Scholarship, majoring in  
Engineering  
Grandson of Barbara Roegge

Cole Montgomery, Centennial High School  
Son of Eric & Brooke Montgomery

Kileigh Higginbotham, Centennial High School  
Daughter of Eric & Brooke Montgomery

Fiona Rossette, Arrowhead Park Early College High School  
Associate Degree in Science  
Will be attending the State University of New York (SUNY) in Buffalo,  
NY  
to study Biomedical Sciences

Stephen Taylor, ME in Chemical Engineering, NMSU  
Husband and father to Erin Taylor, Rosa, Caleb, and Amon



### 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 Mission Committee of Session.

### *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

- *Valeria Carter's sister, Mae Johnson.*
- *My teacher who is in the hospital.*
- *Jennifer Hamilton and Kevin Gardner, for a full recovery and healing.*
- *Johnnie Aldrich, as she temporarily moves to Corpus Christi for treatment. Pray for safe travels as she leaves this Friday.*
- *Bill & Ruth Akins, as they prepare for their move to Tucson on May 30th.*
- *Continued healing for 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.*

5/13 Jeanette Smith

5/14 Max Schroeder



5/15 Mary Maley

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.
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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 be performing today at 3PM, in NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. Admission is free. Vicki Kuyper and Alice Distlehorst play in this band.*

### **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. If you'd like to receive the large print Bulletin via email please reach out to Rusty at [smithrandr@yahoo.com](mailto:smithrandr@yahoo.com).

### **Mary Martha Bible Study**

Mary Martha Bible Study invites ladies of the church and friends to join us for our Spring Luncheon ending our 2025/26 bible study sessions on Tuesday, May 12th at 11:30 AM. We will meet at Lorenzos Italian Restaurant across from NMSU on University Drive. Please come for good food and fun conversations and a preview of this Fall's study. Please RVSP by this Sunday to Helen Moser, phone (575.647.3365) or email: [helensantafe@hughes.net](mailto:helensantafe@hughes.net)



### **In-Betweeners Coming Up!**

We plan to get together on our regular fourth Friday, May 22nd, at 6 PM in Watkins Fellowship Hall. Dinner this time is to be a planned potluck. Please let the Ames know you'll be coming by Monday, May 18th. Call 575-526-3247 or just catch us after Worship!



#### **Sunday, May 10th**

- 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)*
- 3:00 PM** *NMSU Philharmonic Concert in the Sanctuary*

#### **Monday, May 11th**

#### **Tuesday, May 12th**

11:30 AM *Mary Martha Bible Study meeting at Lorenzo's (see announcement)*  
12:00 PM *Deadline for submissions for The Good News*  
6:30 PM *Centennial High School Choir in the Sanctuary*  
7:00 PM *Committee Night in Jones Hall Library*

Wednesday, May 13th

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

Thursday, May 14th

1:30 PM *Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor*  
6:30 PM *Camino Middle School Choir Concert in the Sanctuary*

Friday, May 15th

*Office Closed*

Saturday, May 16th

Sunday, May 17th

9:00 AM *Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library with Catie Brewer.*  
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