



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026 — 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"Hymn to the Trinity"

Cecil Scott-Devin (1949)

"Hail, Blessed Trinity" (hymn tune of 1681)

Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

"This Is the Threefold Truth" (hymn tune written 1980)

Mary Ellen Kerrick (b. 1942)

**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

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:11-14)

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Lord, Our Lord"

HOW MAJESTIC

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric Montgomery

(Psalm 8:1-4)

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory in the heavens.

People: Through the praise of children and infants, You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Leader: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

People: What is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

NICAEA

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

Triune God, as the disciples worshipped Jesus at the mountain in Galilee, we worship You here today. We celebrate and marvel at Your creation. We continue to be awed by the plan You carried out for our salvation. We give You thanks for the Word that You caused to be written down so that we may know who You are. We treasure Your gift of the Holy Spirit, who guides and inspires us. Hear us as we pray the prayer that Your Son taught his disciples: **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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Chancel Choir

ARGENTINE SANTO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Throughout the Bible, You have revealed Yourself and what You expect of Your creation. Sometimes we forget that You are almighty and we follow other people or things that cannot do what You do. Sometimes we forget that you are immeasurable and eternal, and we try to keep You relegated to only certain parts of our lives. Sometimes we forget that You are holy and think that You will not notice that when we rebel against Your commandments. Forgive us for these times. Help us to acknowledge where we have fallen short and to recognize our need for a savior.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Hear and take comfort: God provided the savior that we needed in His Son, Jesus. Jesus took our humanity onto Himself so that He could be our perfect substitute. Our sins were paid for through His death on the cross.

People: Jesus' resurrection on Easter is our reassurance that we have been reconciled to God.

Leader: How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

People: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins. (from the Heidelberg Catechism #69)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Scott Burns

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

CALL TO PRAYER #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "I Bind unto Myself Today" ST. PATRICK; DEIRDRE

PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Genesis 1:1-2:3 Matthew 28:16-20 Dr. Catherine Brewer

Genesis 1:1-2:3 (NRSV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great

lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NSRV)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lords.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"
Dr. Catherine Brewer

CLOSING HYMN #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDRETH

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

*POSTLUDE Hymn Improvisation Dr. Howard Smolleck

Liturgist-Eric Montgomery Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi
Sound System-Max Schroeder Video-Dina Schroeder

Greeting before the Worship Service:
Robert Distlehorst-E Donna Marconi-W David Vandervelde-S

Greeting after the Worship Service:
Scott Burns-E Dr. Catherine Brewer-W Eric Montgomery-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	Moderator, Administration		

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
Christian Education Committee of Session.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *Andrew, Mary Ferguson's son, is out of ICU, but still hospitalized. Your prayers for his recovery are truly appreciated.*
- *Pray that Christ's sacrifice was (and also our suffering) be worth it.*
- *Kevin Gardner, that he has healing in his eye.*
- *Teri Bloxom, sister of Barb Wolflick, who is battling depression from her dementia.*
- *Valeria Carter's sister, Mae Johnson.*
- *Johnnie Aldrich, as she temporarily moves to Corpus Christi for cancer treatment.*
- *Mary & Marianne Maley, as they are traveling to their new home in Indiana.*
- *Bill & Ruth Akins as they settle into their new home in Arizona.*
- *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.

6/2 Charlotte Brockway

6/5 Jim Parks



6/3 Leah Mathe

6/6 Amon Taylor

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

In the Life of the Church



**COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
SUMMER SWIM AND FELLOWSHIP**

The Lomans are opening their back yard and pool for fellowship on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:00 P.M. during the summer break.

Our first gathering will be on Friday, May 29th.

We hope you will join us for all the fun!

Snacks to share and friends are always welcome!

Please call Janet @ 575.202.4379 for more information.



Rainforest Falls VBS is looking for volunteers!

VBS will be June 22-26. We would love to have helpers for the whole week but if you just can make it for a few days that will work too! Sign up using the QR code!



June

Sunday, May 31st

- 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, June 1st

Tuesday, June 2nd

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

Wednesday, June 3rd

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

Thursday, June 4th

- 10:00 AM Knitting Group in Jones Hall Parlor
1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor
6:30 PM Jennie Curry Bible Study

Friday, June 5th

Office Closed

Saturday, June 6th

Sunday, June 7th

- 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
9:30 AM Sunday School for grades 6-12 in Reeves Hall
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Athanasian Creed

*Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the Christian faith.
Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally.*

Now this is the Christian faith:

That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence.

For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another.

But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.

What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated.

The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.

The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal.

And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Similarly, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; there is but one almighty being.

Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually as both God and Lord, so Christian faith forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone.

The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly, there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other.

So, in everything, as was said earlier, we must worship their trinity in their unity and their unity in their trinity.

Anyone then who desires to be saved should think thus about the trinity.

But it is necessary for eternal salvation that one also believe in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully.

Now this is the true faith:

That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally.

He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.

Although he is God and human, yet Christ is not two, but one.

He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh, but by God's taking humanity to himself. He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person. For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and human.

He suffered for our salvation; he descended to hell; he arose from the dead; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the Christian faith: one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully.

