



First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Communion
June 7, 2026 — 10:30 AM
Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

Pastorale on "My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread" (18th-century hymn tune)

Franklin David Ashdown (1942-2023)

[Frank Ashdown was a physician and organist who lived in Alamogordo. He presented an organ recital in our sanctuary several years prior to his death]

"The Great Physician"
"Communion"

John H. Stockton (1813-1877)
Edouard Batiste (1820-1876)

**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

That famous promise God gave Abraham—that he and his children would possess the earth—was not given because of something Abraham did or would do. It was based on God's decision to put everything together for him, which Abraham then entered when he believed. If those who get what God gives them only get it by doing everything they are told to do and filling out all the right forms properly signed, that eliminates personal trust completely and turns the promise into an ironclad contract! That's not a holy promise; that's a business deal. . . This is why the fulfillment of God's promise depends entirely on trusting God and his way, and then simply embracing him and what he does. God's promise arrives as pure gift. *Romans 4:13-16 (The Message)*

CHORAL INTROIT

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Divine Mboh

(Psalm 33)

Leader: All who are righteous, shout with joy to our God! Let us sing a new song!

People: **Praise God and give thanks, with organs, with guitars, with all kinds of instruments!**

Leader: Play your best with joy! Because our Creator's word is right, and everything God does is done for our good.

People: **Let your faithful love surround us, O God!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

***PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)**

Faithful and Merciful God, our soul waits for you, for you are our help and shield. You make our heart glad because we trust in your holy name. You remind us through Scripture that you desire mercy and not sacrifice. You showed us an example of your mercy in the life and actions of Jesus Christ. Let your church live out that mercy for others, as the healing and compassionate presence that Jesus was in the world. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us today, even as we hope in you. In his name we pray. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
Chancel Choir

RESTORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of calling, you called Abraham and Matthew and gave them the strength they needed to follow you. You also called a people and cared for and nurtured that people so that they could live life in your abundance. You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will. Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Jesus was delivered to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace!

People: **The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Dining with Jesus" Dr. Janet Loman

COMMUNION HYMN #529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" UNION SEMINARY

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

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE

*POSTLUDE Hymn Improvisation Dr. Howard Smolleck

Liturgist-Eric Montgomery Deacon Captain-Dawn Griffin-O'Neal
Sound System-Curtis Benaway Video-Rusty Smith

Greeting before the Worship Service:

Robert Distlehorst-E Veronica Giron-W Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-S

Greeting after the Worship Service:

Amon Taylor-E Dr. Janet Loman-W Divine Mboh-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

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 Taylor Family in celebration of Amon's 21st birthday.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *Andrew, Mary Ferguson's son, who is now recovering at home.*
- *Safe travels to everyone who is traveling this summer.*
- *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 Atkins 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.

Happy
Birthday

6/7 Gracia Class



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 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

YOUNG WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Janet Loman is offering a Bible study for college-age women, ages 18-35, on the Book of Ruth in her home, beginning Tuesday, June 30, at 3:00 P.M. and ending on July 28.

Please mark your calendars and plan now to attend every session and the optional swim time afterward!
Please contact Janet at 575-202-4379 for more information.



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 volunteers will be meeting today after Fellowship.

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, June 7th

- 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 8th

- 1:30 PM Calligraphy Guild
- 9:45 AM Mary Martha Bible Study in Jones Hall Library
- 7:00 PM Committee Night in Jones Hall

Tuesday, June 9th

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

Wednesday, June 10th

- 8:00 AM Serve with us at the Soup Kitchen
- 12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin

Thursday, June 11th

- 10:00 AM Knitting Group in Jones Hall Parlor
- 1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Friday, June 12th

Office Closed

Saturday, June 13th

Sunday, June 14th

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