



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Communion Sunday

July 5, 2026 — 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"God Shed His Grace" (O Beautiful for Spacious Skies)

Ellen Jane Lorenz (1907-1996)

"Redeeming Grace"

Roy E. Nolte (1896-1979)

"My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread" (hymn tune from 1783)

Franklin D. Ashdown (1942-2023)

****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 promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. (Romans 4:16-17)

CHORAL INTROIT

"God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

NATIONAL HYMN

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Burns

(from Psalm 33)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous!

People: **Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts of praise!**

Leader: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

People: **He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Lord, how do we tell of your blessing, how do we describe your glory and greatness with ordinary words? We cannot be silent, yet we often search for the right words to express our gratitude and devotion to you. Help us to express our love, not only with words but with our hearts and hands, that our love may expand and extend to others in your name. You have created us and embraced us as your beloved. We will live our days rejoicing in the light of your goodness. Bless us this day as we respond with hope and joy in your promises. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION

#430 "Remember Not, O God"

SOUTHWELL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of grace and mercy, we seek you with humble hearts. We know we have disappointed you in countless ways. You have taught us to love others as ourselves, yet we continue to put ourselves first. Forgive our selfishness and our failure to live according to your will. Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit and instill in us the desire to please you in all we do. Forgiving God, hear us as we silently confess our sins.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: The mercies of God abound in our lives, renewing our minds and transforming us. Friends, believe the Good News: in Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven!

People: By God's grace we are loved and saved. Through the blood of Christ, our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Leader: Now cleansed from our sin, how should we live in faithful response?

People: The Lord has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. (Micah 4: 6-8)

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

#616 "Our God Is an Awesome God"

AWESOME GOD

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Debra Smith

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#470 "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

LONGING

Congregation to sing refrain

Choir to sing verses

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Sheaves of Wheat”

UNA ESPIGA

PROCLAIM GOD’S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 12:1-9

Romans 4:18, 20-22

Dr. Janet Loman

Genesis 12:1-9 (NSRV)

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (A more literal translation of 12.3 is: by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.) So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Romans 4:18, 20-22 (NRSV)

Hoping against hope, (Abraham) believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." No distrust made him waver concerning the promises of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness . . . not for his sake alone but for ours also."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Home Is Where the Heart Is”

Dr. Janet Loman

COMMUNION HYMN

#340 “This Is My Song”

FINLANDIA

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 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS

*POSTLUDE Hymn Improvisation Dr. Howard Smolleck

Liturgist-Rusty Smith Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi
Sound System-Curtis Benaway Video-Rusty Smith

Greeting before the Worship Service:
David Vandervelde-E Donna Marconi-W Veronica Giron-S

Greeting after the Worship Service:
Debra Smith-E Dr. Janet Loman-W Amy Pleasant-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		

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *Tom Marconi as he travels for his mother's funeral.*
- *Safe travels for the West family.*
- *Pray for people in other nations who believe in Christ and freedom.*
- *Pray for the couple who climbed the Empire State Building.*
- *Simon, friend of Amber & Johnny, who's been experiencing a mental health crisis.*
- *Everyone who volunteered and attended VBS.*
- *Valeria Carter's sister, Mae Johnson.*
- *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.



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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More information can be found on our website fpc.lc

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

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

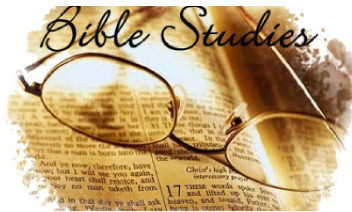


In the Life of the Church



Ice Cream Social

Come cool down with us after worship for our
Annual Ice Cream Social in Jones Fellowship Hall,
hosted by the
Congregational Life & Outreach Support Committee of Session.



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 have opened their back yard and pool for fellowship
on Fridays at 5:00 P.M. during the summer break.
We hope you will join us for all the fun!

Snacks to share and friends are always welcome!
Please call Janet @ 575.202.4344 for more information.

July



Sunday, July 5th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library, led by Catie Brewer, viewing and discussing the video series "Invitation: A Bible Study to Begin With." Come any Sunday you can; the sessions are independent.
- 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 Ice Cream Social (see announcement)

Monday, July 6th

Tuesday, July 7th

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

Wednesday, July 8th

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

Thursday, July 9th

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

Friday, July 10th

Office Closed

Saturday, July 11th

- 3:00 PM Rev. Jay Bishop Memorial Service

Sunday, July 12th

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library, led by Catie Brewer, viewing and discussing the video series "Invitation: A Bible Study to Begin With." Come any Sunday you can; the sessions are independent.
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