



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026 — 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"How Lovely Are the Messengers That Preach the Gospel of Peace"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Harold H. De Cou (1932-2008)

"The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation"

Frances Allitsen (1848-1912)

**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

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer, to you all people will come. When we were overwhelmed by sins, You atoned for our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. *Ps 65: 1-4 (NIV)*

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judith Ames

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courts!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#369 "Blessing and Honor"

O QUANTA QUALIA

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As Your children have prayed to You for hundreds of years,
"it is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should
at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Lord,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God." We do give
thanks to You, our Lord, for caring for us – for loving us with
a love that is beyond our understanding, but not beyond our
need for You. We exist in Your love; in You we live, and
move, and have our being. Beyond that, we learn to love
through Your love. By Your light, we see light. And so we
pray to you: **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

#444 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

DETROIT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Father God, we pray in the words of King David: “Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions.” We know our sins: we know what we have done, and what we have left undone. We know how far we fall, even when we are trying to be Your good and obedient children – and we fall even farther when we are not trying at all. We are so sorry to let You down so often. We are in such great need of Your forgiveness, Your healing and Your redemption!

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: How shall we then live?

People: **Let us live with gentleness, holiness, and fearless hope, modeling our lives entirely on the teachings of Jesus.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Because He Lives”

William Gaither

*God sent His son, They called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, Heal and forgive;
He lived and died To buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there To prove my Savior lives!*

How sweet to hold A newborn baby,

*And feel the pride And joy he brings;
But greater still The calm assurance:
This child can face Uncertain days because He Lives!*

*And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final War with pain;
And then, as death Gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory And I'll know He reigns!*

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#442 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"God's Mercy"

Zollene Reissner

PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 119:105-112 (NIV)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word. Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

Romans 8:1-11 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	"Rules, laws and expectations"	Barbara Trudell
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CONGREGATIONAL HYMN	#438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"	TOPLADY
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GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHORAL BENEDICTION	"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"	LAND OF REST
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*POSTLUDE	Hymn Improvisation	Dr. Howard Smolleck
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<i>Liturgist-Judith Ames</i>	<i>Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi</i>
<i>Sound System-Rusty Smith</i>	<i>Video-Brent Brewer</i>

Greeting before the Worship Service:
Vicki Kuyper-E Donna Marconi-W Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-S

Greeting after the Worship Service:

Erin Taylor-E

Barbara Trudell-W

Judith Ames-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 time to welcome and greet new friends and old friends alike. Fellowship this morning is hosted by the In-Betweeners.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- Safe travels for the West family.*
- 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

Mary Ferguson; 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.

7/13 Joseph Higginbotham

7/13 Valeria Carter

7/14 Ed Mathis

7/15 Amy Pleasant

7/15 Marill Crouse

7/16 Steve Harbaugh

7/18 Alex Burr

7/18 Steve Loman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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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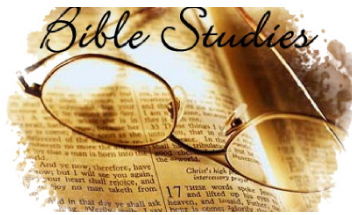
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Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

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

In the Life of the Church



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 @ 575.202.4352 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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