



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Communion Sunday

August 2, 2026 — 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"Come and Fill Me"

Gwen R. Shaw (1925-2013)

"Come and fill me with Yourself, Lord, I am thirsting so for Thee; Be the portion of my cup, be the source from which I sup; Let all thirst be quenched by Thee."

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (Tune of 1631)

Anthony Giamanco (b. 1958)

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face" (Tune of 1870)

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

****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

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community . . . The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. (*Acts 6: 1-5a; 7) NRSV*

CHORAL INTROIT

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

BEACH SPRING

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Divine Mboh

Leader: God is good and loving to the faithful. Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

People: **God is good! Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #17 "Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!" WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, you commanded and have created this incredible world just for us! Help us to really see You in all that we see, in everything we do, and in everything we say. Help us to take a deep breath and to look to You, remembering that the Holy Spirit is inside us, with us, around us. Help us to pause and drink a glass of water, and to remember with gratitude our baptism, and the covenant you have established, making us your beloved children. Help us to study your Word, and not to think just of the past, but also of how you continue to act in the present. And help us to work for and with our brothers and sisters, giving kindness, sharing hope, and living out the faith you have given us. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION #419 "Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House" RIDGEMOOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people. We do not take time to listen for your guiding words, and we become worried and upset about many things. Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to looking up, thinking that all we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church, forgetting to get our hands dirty. God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Master. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Friends, now, we have been reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Christ. Believe the Good News: in the name of Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven.

People: **Alleluia! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

Leader: According to Jesus, which are the two greatest commandments? (*Matt. 22: 37-39*)

People: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #324 "For All the Faithful Women" NYLAND
Choir to sing verse 1
Congregation to join on verses 2-4

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Debra Smith
• Children are asked to sit on the carpet squares in the front.

CALL TO PRAYER "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" CHILDREN PRAYING
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" Arr. Alice Parker

PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Luke 10:38-42 Dr. Janet Loman

Luke 10:38-42 (NSRV)

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.* Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Bread of Life and Hospitality" Dr. Janet Loman

COMMUNION HYMN
#186 "Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table" COME NOW, YOU BLESSED

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

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"
Refrain only

BEACH SPRING

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Improvisation

Dr. Howard Smolleck

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

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

Greeting after the Worship Service:
Debra Smith-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 time to welcome and greet new friends and old friends alike.

Fellowship this morning is hosted by the Administration & Finance Committee of Session.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *The new school year.*
- *The family of Sherrie Helen, who passed away last Sunday.*
- *That Johnny Montenegro finds a place to live now that he's exiting his program.*
- *Simon, friend of Amber & Johnny, who's been experiencing a mental health crisis.*
- *Valeria Carter's sister, Mae Johnson.*
- *Prayers for Brian Stewart, and James Leyba.*

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.

8/2 Arnold McMillan

8/2 Jeremy Borchert

8/4 Nancy Cox

8/5 Verna Green

8/6 Gerald Carson

8/6 Judith Hicks

8/7 Gary Brockway

8/7 Margaret Burr

*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:

- 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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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

Deacons' Backpack Project

Our hard-working Deacons have entrusted Las Cruces Public Schools with distributing the 35 backpacks complete with supplies as well as the socks n' undies donated by our congregation. Your gifts are going to students whose families find it difficult to provide these necessities for beginning the new school year. What a joy that we can help so many children have a happy, well-equipped start!



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 @ 575.202.4379 for more information.





Sunday, August 2nd

- 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 (see announcement)

Monday, August 3rd

Tuesday, August 4th

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

Wednesday, August 5th

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

Thursday, August 6th

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

Friday, August 7th

Office Closed

Saturday, August 8th

Sunday, August 9th

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