



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026 — 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"Piano Sonata No. 7"
1998)

Gustavo Morales (b.

"Organ Trio in D Major"
1998)

Gustavo Morales (b.

"Organ Song in C Major"
1998)

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**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

O give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually. Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles and the judgments He has uttered, O offspring of His servant Abraham, children of Jacob, His chosen ones. (*Ps 105:1-6, NRSVUE*)

CHORAL INTROIT

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Trish

Carter-Anderson

Leader: Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us. Do not fear to meet Christ here.

People: **We have heard the invitation. Our hopes have brought us together.**

Leader: The storms of life do not have the last word. Our faith keeps us from sinking.
People: Our doubts lead to greater faith. Our losses open us to greater possibilities.
Leader: Let us call on God's name and give thanks. Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.
People: We will sing of God's wonderful works. We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Son of God, You walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of Your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize Your presence, remember Your promise, rely on Your power, and receive Your peace through every storm. We pray all this in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

#427 "Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart"

LOE DE ISA

Chancel Choir to sing verses

Congregation to sing refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on Your vision for us. We like our favored position on this earth, and we are jealous of those who have even more than we. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We want to walk on water before we have even learned to stand upright on the land. We want to rise above others, rather than reaching out with helping hands. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and sickness, and help us to walk with You in faith, humility, and love. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all

People: through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: No one who believes in Him will be put to shame,

People: for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Amon Taylor

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

CALL TO PRAYER #177 "I Will Come to You" YOU ARE MINE

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" ON EAGLE'S WINGS

PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:21-33 Dr. Victoria Kuyper

Romans 10:5-15 (NRSVUE)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVUE)

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw

him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	“God Is in Our Hearts”	Dr. Victoria Kuyper
CLOSING HYMN	#634 “To God Be the Glory”	TO GOD BE THE GLORY

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHORAL BENEDICTION	“On Eagles Wings”	ON EAGLES WINGS
*POSTLUDE	“Organ Fantasy and Fugue in G Major”	Gustavo Morales

<i>Liturgist-Trish Carter-Anderson</i>	<i>Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi</i>
<i>Sound System-Jonathan West</i>	<i>Video-Will Schroeder</i>

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

Greeting after the Worship Service:
Amon Taylor-E Dr. Victoria Kuyper-W Trish Carter-Anderson-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 Buildings & Grounds Committee of Session.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *Everyone going to school, students and educators.*
- *Amber Nolan.*
- *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; Sandra Valencia; Florence Hamilton; Sara Kay; Jack Curry; Arnold McMillan; Millie Conrad; Dorris Hamilton, Valeria Carter, and Joanne Kersting at The Heritage.



8/10 Marianne Maley

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

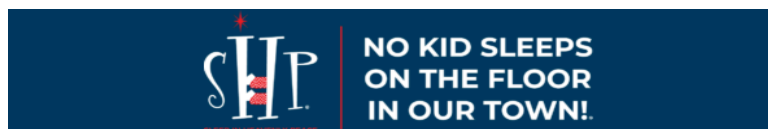
In the Life of the Church



It's Almost Time!!

Salt & Light will begin on
Wednesday, September 9th!
Stay tuned for more information!

Sleep In Heavenly Peace.....



Just letting everyone know we are looking for volunteers for this years
Bunks Across America build event. We are looking to build 100 beds
September 12th and we need everyone's help. The event runs from
8am to 3pm and there are 2 shifts available. 8 to 12 and 11 to 3. You
are welcome to sign up for both if your willing. We hope you will join us

In-Betweeners Coming Up!

Save the date! Our regular fourth Friday is coming up on August 28th.

Dinner will be catered this time.

For information, call the Ames at 575-634-0210.



Sunday, August 9th

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 10th

Tuesday, August 11th

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

7:00 PM *Committee Night in Jones Hall*

Wednesday, August 12th

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

Thursday, August 13th

10:00 AM *Knitting Group in Jones Hall Parlor*

1:30 PM *Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor*

Friday, August 14th

Office Closed

Saturday, August 15th

Sunday, August 16th

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