



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026 — 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"Praise Him! Praise Him! (hymn by Chester G. Allen, 1838-1878 written in 1869)

Lyndell Leatherman (b. 1953)

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" (by Tom Fettke, b. 1941)

setting by John Innes (b.

1937)

"The Trumpeter" ("To the Glory of God")

Craig A. Penfield (b.

1948)

**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

"And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. *Exodus 20:1-3,7*

CHORAL INTROIT

"God is Here Today"

DIOS ESTA AQUI

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

David

Vandervelde

Psalm 105

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing a new song; give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the humble with victory.

Leader: Let us praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.
People: Let the faithful exult in glory; we will sing for joy and let the high praises of God be in our throats.
Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #613 "O Lord, Our Lord" HOW MAJESTIC

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we mention your name, O God, our hearts are glad. We dare to come before you with praise and thanksgiving. You have been there for us during times of trial and hardship. You have brought us through many crises and chaos. We owe you each time we take a breath. We owe it to you each time we act wisely, for every thought that promotes goodness and each deed that helps others. Hear now as we sing your praises. Be pleased with our worship as we call on your name in the One who taught us. **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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you
People: And also with you
Leader: I now invite you to share the peace with one another

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION #581 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You say to hate evil, yet we seek to get even with those who hurt us. We are to love one another, yet we are not eager to act. We do not pray as we ought, nor do we seek your guidance often enough. Forgive us, O God, our wayward behavior and help us to live in harmony with one another. Thereby through your grace and mercy may we live peaceably with all.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good. Rejoice in hope, be

patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, contribute to the need of all the saints and extend hospitality to strangers. For in doing so you will live a new life of thanksgiving promised by the Risen Christ and show the love of God in whom abides the assurance in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

People: Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Brooke Montgomery

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

CALL TO PRAYER

#406 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

HOLY GROUND

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 3:1-15

Ada Castle

Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSV)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent

you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY #606 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDRETH

SERMON “Holy Ground in Ordinary Places” Ada Castle

CLOSING HYMN #634 “To God Be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Amen” AMEN

*POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist-David Vandervelde Deacon Captain-Donna Marconi
Sound System-Max Schroeder Video-Dina Schroeder

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

Greeting after the Worship Service:
Brooke Montgomery-E Ada Castle-W David Vandervelde-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 Veronica Giron in celebration of Saul's graduation.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

- *Dennis Thomas, and his family as they are all dealing with Dennis' health.*
- *Lyn Ames' nephew Brent, who has moved to a rehab facility now, but his recovery is proving difficult. Your prayers are truly appreciated.*
- *Arnold and Cheri McMillan, as they cope with Arnolds's health.*
- *Marjorie Burr as she recovers from a broken hip.*
- *Gene & Ellen Harbough and aunt Donna Harbough.*
- *Santa Teresa Church.*
- *Kathy Story, Ed Mathis, Charlie Mathis, Munselle Pientke, Amber Nolan, and the Synod of the Southwest.*
- *Simon, friend of Amber & Johnny, who continues to struggle with a mental health crisis.*
- *Valeria Carter's sisters, Mae Johnson & Margaret.*

Continued Prayer List

Sharon Pierce; Charlotte Brockway; 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.

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

Salt & Light

Salt & Light begins on Wednesday, September 9th!

More information coming this week!

Mary Martha Bible Study

We invite all ladies and friends of First Presbyterian Church to come to the Mary Martha Bible Study as we begin our Autumn Meetings with the study of the book of James. Please read the first chapter. Gracia Class will again lead our group. We will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:45 AM in the Jones Hall Library. Please join us for renewed friendships and an in-depth study of one of the great books of the Bible.



*The Chancel Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM
and Handbells will begin on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 PM*



8/31 Roger Sellers

9/1 Corina Armendariz



Sunday, August 30th

- 9:00 AM *Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library, led by Rev. Larry Hicks studying the book of Jeremiah.*
- 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 31st

Tuesday, September 1st

12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for The Good News

Wednesday, September 2nd

12:00 PM Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin

Thursday, September 3rd

10:00 AM Knitting Group in Jones Hall Parlor

1:30 PM Listening Prayer in Jones Hall Parlor

Friday, September 4th

Office Closed

Saturday, September 5th

Sunday, September 6th

:00 AM Adult Sunday School in Jones Hall Library, led by Rev. Larry Hicks studying the book of Jeremiah.

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