



# First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

May 15, 2022  
5th Sunday of Easter

Building a Community of Disciples

*Growing toward*

God-centered worship

Christ-centered service

Spirit-led lives

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*We are so happy to have you join us in worship this morning.*

*Please remember to fill out the Friendship book (black pad located at the end of the pew) so that we might welcome you to our FPC community.*

PRELUDE

O God, Beyond All Praising

Anna Laura Page

PRELUDE-II

Concerto for Two Violins in d minor, BWV 1043.

Bach

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

The impossible burst into reality in a stable.

The people who had walked in darkness now saw a great light;

**Those who had lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has the light shined!**

This was the evening when creation stood still and held its breath,  
for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.

**This was the evening when God embraced humanity  
from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth. Amen!**

## †HYMN 110

Love Has Come

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we would have loved to be among those who saw the  
coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing  
and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world.**

**And yet, merciful God, we have to confess that we have shrugged off the  
news of Christ's coming. We have boxed up his birth and stuck it in our  
attics with last year's Christmas decorations. We have lived too many of  
our days as if Jesus had never even visited this planet.**

**Loving God, please forgive us for shelving Jesus. Forgive us for the  
multitude of ways we have sinned against him in thought, word, deed and  
neglect. Please fill us again with the light that is the life of all people.  
And help us to live our lives as true disciples in your name, without  
counting the cost. We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus, who brought  
your presence into our world and into our very lives. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's light is present in this world.

Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness.

Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

**God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.  
God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it.  
We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## †RESPONSE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Hymn 581

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN-II

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

pg. 783 N.T.

John 1:1-5

pg. 862 N.T.

Mark 1:9-15

pg. 812 N.T.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

PentEasterCost: Alienation's Conquering Embrace

Jack Haberer

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth,  
origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of an  
infant child—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face  
of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is  
leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to  
birth as the body of Christ, fills us with God's presence, and empowers us to  
confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it drew  
near to us in Jesus, infiltrated our lives by the Holy Spirit, and will be  
consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven.**

**For the coming of that day, on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord  
Jesus, Come!**

†HYMN 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Habitat for Humanity

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Diane Bish

†RESPONSE

Hymn 606

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 252

Day of Arising

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands

Emma Lou Diemer

*From service of worship to service in God's world.*

## Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

For a full listing of church events, log on to [www.fpckerrville.org](http://www.fpckerrville.org) and click on "Calendar".

### Sunday, May 15

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 208
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 5:00 All Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

### Monday, May 16

- Ryan Hall Renovations Begin
- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 5:30 Budget and Finance Committee—Room 204
- 5:30 Children's Ministry Team—Room 210

### Tuesday, May 17

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 6:00 YAYA—Room 206

### Wednesday, May 18

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:30 CCP Chapel with Pastor Jack—Schreiner Chapel
- 1:30 Staff Meeting—Ryan Hall
- 3:00 Adult Discipleship Committee—Library
- 6:00 Officer Nominating Committee—Room 204
- 6:00 Pastor Nominating Committee—Room 208

### Thursday, May 19

- 5:00 Personnel Committee—Pastor's Office

### Friday, May 20

### Saturday, May 21

- 9:00 Pop-Up Market—FLC Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

### Sunday, May 22

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 208
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 5:00 All Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room



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## Bulletin Notes

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.  
†Please rise as able in body and spirit.

**Bold** type indicates unison response.

To view past worship services please visit  
(<http://fpckerrville.org/worship/video-archive>).



Please take time to silence your cell phones so we may all be fully present in this time and space.



## Let Us Pray

...for our troops, especially for those serving in war-torn countries, and for refugees all over the world.



## Worship Notes

The *Affirmation of Faith* was written by Nathan Nettleton, and revised by Jack Haberer. The *Pastoral Prayer* is adapted from the "New Zealand Book of Prayer."

## Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at [www.fpckerrville.org](http://www.fpckerrville.org). If you would like to be contacted by phone or email, please submit a contact request form on our website, or call the church office. You may also fill out the Connect Card located in the pew pocket, or the Friendship pad (located at the end of each pew). Please place the Connect Card in the offering tray or give it to an usher. Someone from the church office will be in touch with you within a week's time.

**Prayer or Praise Request?** Prayer request cards can be found in the pews, or you may complete your request on our website at [www.fpckerrville.org](http://www.fpckerrville.org) and it will head right to our prayer team, which meets on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

**To join the membership of FPC:** Contact the church office or visit us online and send us an email inquiry. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to be part of this church family!



## Thank You for Serving Today

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Susan Montoya, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Audrey Mitchell, BK Gamble, John Mallory, Wes Lane

### USHERS

I-Bill Cooper, Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

II-Linda Phillips, Mike Brunsvold, Steve Phillips, Sue Bratcher

### MUSICIANS

II-Chancel Choir

II-Musicians

Jackie Shim and Jimmy Shim-Violin



## Families in Worship

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. Special Children's Worship Bags are available in the narthex. Parents are encouraged to use the things found in the Worship Bags to help their children prepare for and participate in worship.

Many of our young children participate in worship until after the Conversation with Children. After the Conversation with Children, a member of our child care staff will meet the children in the narthex and take them to the appropriate room.

Childcare is available for infants through children who are in kindergarten in Room 504, in the Family Life Center. An usher can direct you to these rooms.

### Easy ways to give to the ministries of FPC

- Join the members who are using online giving to First Presbyterian. Sign up today at [www.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.org) and click on the giving tab.
- You can also "text to give" right from your phone. Simply text to **45777** and type in **KERRFPC**. Follow the prompts. It is secure and convenient.

Contact Mary Stone at the church office with any questions.

## First Presbyterian Church

### Staff and Worship Leaders

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#### **Pastors:**

Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer, Interim Pastor

Rev. Susan Montoya, Parish Associate

Eldon Sheffer, Commissioned Ruling Elder

#### **Support Staff:**

Mary Stone, Business Administrator

Alicia Martin, Asst. Administrator

Mike Garcia, Property Manager

Wes Lane, Media Specialist

#### **Ministry Staff:**

Dr. Sabrina Adrian, Organist

Seth Lafler, Choir Director

Shannon Tuschak, Care Coordinator

Audrey Mitchell, Dir. of Children's Ministry

Emily McAllister, Co-Dir. of Youth Ministries

M'Leah Alexander, Co-Dir. of Youth Ministries

Alysse O'Brien, Children's Music Director

Scott Russell, Children's Corner Director

Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director

Ministers — All Our Congregation