



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

September 11, 2022
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Building a Community of Disciples

Growing toward

God-centered worship

Christ-centered service

Spirit-led lives

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.
Please fill out the black Friendship Pad so that we might welcome
you to our FPC community.*

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

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Dan Forrest

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

From the busy-ness of our lives
we have come here to slow down and
consider the hush of our Savior's death.

In the midst of the world

**which holds the promise of falling rain and blazing sunshine,
we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.**

Come and hear the tale,
come and share the tragedy,
come and embrace the darkness.

**God of light, God of shadow, in our time together today,
keep us aware of your presence in the darkness,
help us to see meaning in Christ Jesus' terrible death,
and keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts.**

This we pray in the name of the man from Nazareth,
the one who lived with a great passion for your way,
the one whose death is nigh,
the one who taught his friends to lift high his cross,
**and who promised us that when we do so,
you would draw all others close to you.
So may it be. Amen.**

†HYMN

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you loved this world so much
that you sent your own son,
Jesus Christ to live and die among us,
in order that we might have life.**

**Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves,
for jealously hoarding your generous gifts,
for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice.**

**Teach us what it means to live as children of the light,
generously sharing your abundance
with our brothers and sisters in need.
Through Christ our Lord – who died to set us free
from the weight of our sin and guilt – we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†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-(11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 1:18-25

pg. 926 N.T.

Colossians 2:13-15

pg. 957 N.T.

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

SERMON

Welcome Back: to the Cross

Jack Haberer

†DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH

**We believe in the God of Good Friday,
who sent us Jesus of Nazareth
to be wounded for our transgressions
and bruised for our iniquities.
While some seek more knowledge,
and others look for signs and omens,
we place our trust in Christ crucified.
We believe that those who hoard their life will lose it,
yet those who lose life for Christ's sake will find it.
We believe that Christ crucified is the power of God
and the saving wisdom of God.
We believe the foolishness of God is wiser than earthly knowledge,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human arrogance.
This we dare to believe because we have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

†HYMN 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

Joyce Jones

†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 826

Lift High the Cross

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Gordon Young

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Susan Montoya, Tom Richardson, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane

USHERS

I-Susan Junkin

II-Paulette Graves, Donna Brewton, Steve and Betty Clyburn, Deda Garlitz, Harlan Helmers



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.fpckerrville.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

Pastors:

Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer, Interim Pastor

Rev. Susan Montoya, Parish Associate

Eldon Sheffer, Commissioned Ruling Elder

Support Staff:

Mary Stone, Business Administrator

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Alfred Valero, Facilities 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

Alysse O'Brien, Children's Music Director

Scott Russell, Children's Corner Director

Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director

Ministers — All Our Congregation

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

For a full listing of church events, log on to
www.fpckerrville.org and click on "Calendar".

Sunday, September 11

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Friendship Bible Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Signs and Wonders—Room 208
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 209, 210, 211
- 10:15 Youth Sunday School—Family Life Center Youth Room
- 12:00 Welcome Back Luncheon—Family Life Center
- 5:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

Monday, September 12

- 9:30 Property Committee—Room 208
- 1:00 Juniper Extended Communion—Juniper
- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 4:00 Planning & Training—Room 206
- 5:30 Personnel Committee—Pastor's Office

Tuesday, September 13

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 4:30 Children's Corner Preschool Committee—Room 205
- 5:00 Youth & Young Adult (YAYA)—Room 206

Wednesday, September 14

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 3:00 Adult Discipleship Committee—Library
- 4:00 Hospitality & Fellowship Committee—Room 207
- 5:30 Diaconate Meeting—Room 208
- 6:00 Pastor Nominating Committee—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

Thursday, September 15

- 7:00 Youth Bible Study—Family Life Center Youth Room

Friday, September 16

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Manse (MSS)

Saturday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 18

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Friendship Bible Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Signs and Wonders—Room 208
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 209, 210, 211
- 10:15 Youth Sunday School—Family Life Center Youth Room
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 5:00 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.

In life and in death we belong to God

James "Jim" Bruce Curlis

August 24, 1933 ~ September 6, 2022

Jim has been a member since 1996.



Worship Notes

The *Prayer of Confession* is by Christine Longhurst.

The Declaration of Our Faith is based on
I Cor 1:18-31 and written by Bruce Prewer.

Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at 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.

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 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!

Upcoming Announcements

- **Welcome Back Luncheon—September 11th**

Welcome Back Luncheon in the FLC after today's 11:00 am service to celebrate our FPC community. The church will provide fried chicken and a Banana Split Bar, members are asked to bring a side dish or salad to accompany. We can't wait to see you!

- The **YES Center** is looking for volunteers to help with the afterschool tutoring program. Choose any day Monday-Thursday, from 3:30-5:00 pm. The center will be serving the 5th graders from Tom Daniels Elementary school. Become a mentor to help with homework and to make a difference in a child's life. **Call Ann Reynolds at 830-822-0445** if you're interested in becoming a volunteer.

- **Main Event at John Knox Youth Ranch—September 23-25th**

Open to all 6th-12th graders - \$65/youth

Let Emily know by Sunday September 11th if you would like to go! We are looking for an adult male sponsor. If you are interested in spending a weekend at camp playing and worshiping with our youth please contact Emily McAllister, at emily.mcallister@sbcglobal.net.

- **New Date For Men's Luncheon**— The Men's Luncheon will gather at **El Jimador (1550 Junction Hwy) on Wednesday, September 27, at 11:30.** To RSVP, please contact Don Priour at (830)-896-4842, or Alicia at the church office (830) 257-3310. Come and have a good time!

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

ACTS 16:26
CHARLES WESLEY, 1707-1788

FILLMORE 88.88.88.
ATTR. TO JEREMIAH INGALLS, 1764-1828
Harm. by A. C. L.

1. And can it be that I should gain An in - terest
2. 'Tis mys - tery all! th' Im - mor - tal dies! Who can ex -
3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, Fast bound in
4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain?
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph tries
sin and na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ening ray;
all in him, is mine; A - live in him, my liv - ing Head,

For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! how
To sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! let
I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my
And clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e -

can it be That thou, my Lord, shouldst die for me?
earth a - dore; Let an - gel minds in - quire no more.
heart was free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
ter - nal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. A - men.