

First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

November 27, 2022 1st Sunday of Advent

Building a Community of Disciples

Growing toward

God-centered worship

Christ-centered service

Spirit-led lives

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We count it all joy to have you worshiping with us today. 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 "Pastoral Symphony" from the Messiah

Handel

†LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Watch and wait for Christ's Coming! Light candles to the Shepherd-King, Christ-Messiah, Son of Man, Son of God, Lord of All, Emmanuel.

We light this first candle in the Advent wreath to Jesus, the Shepherd-King.

The people of God expected a messiah to come who would remind them of David, the shepherd who became a King. In great surprise, the angels announced the birth of the King of Kings to lowly shepherds. And the beauty of Jesus' presence would always be marked by the great God being one who lays down his royal privileges to be the complete shepherd of the flock of God: rescuing, protecting, and nurturing us all.

Let us pray. Loving God, precious Savior Jesus, thank you for giving yourself for us, rescuing us, redeeming us, filling us with your love. We did nothing to earn the status of the sheep of the greatest Shepherd of all time. But, you did claim us and have continued to care for us. Help us today to follow you by shepherding those you have entrusted us to our care. In the name of the Great Shepherd of the sheep we pray. Amen.

†HYMN 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock, even at times not knowing that we were blocking the work of divine love. Forgive us for driving others away from the land of justice and safety.

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Forgive us for not attending to the needs of others.

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock, even at times not knowing that we were blocking the work of divine love. Forgive us for not bringing back to the fold those who are fearful, and have gone missing from community.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Like the bandits who were crucified next to Jesus, we too are forgiven— The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, has remembered us and forgiven us— The gates of Paradise have been unlocked; we are free to enter where the Shepherd reigns forever and ever!

Thanks be to God!

†RESPONSE

Come to Bethlehem and see

Hymn 113

Him whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glor-ri-a in excelsis Deo.

†Passing of the Peace

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

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

ANTHEM Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Lloyd Larson

Children don't grow weary. See the Morning Star arising --

Now our night will soon be over. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning for the time is drawing nigh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 23:1-6 pg. 633 O.T.

John 10:1-18 pg. 872 N.T.

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

SERMON They Called Him Shepherd-King Jack Haberer

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†HYMN 96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah Wold

†RESPONSE **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Veni Emmanuel

Praise God all creatures here -- below Praise God above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

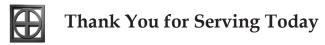
†Prayer of Thanksgiving

†HYMN 100 Canticle of the Turning

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Shepherd's Dance Elliott

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



WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Audrey Mitchell, Bill Swart, Wes Lane

USHERS

I-Pam and Bill Cooper, Susan Junkin

II-Don Priour, Laura Batchelder, Jane Lehman, Harper Mitchell, Matt Priour, Jean Weber

MUSICIANS

11:00-Chancel Choir, Bruce and Connie Story-Violin; Ann Reynolds- Cello

ADVENT READERS

8:30 service: Ann Van Alst, Ann Ogle

11:00 service: David, Cristy, William and Robert Jackson



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.

Annual Fall Financial Response

110 families have pledged so far, and the total is \$608,620.00

Please complete a pledge card or pledge online today!

First Presbyterian Church

Staff and Worship Leaders

Pastors:

Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer, Interim Pastor

Rev. Susan Montoya, Parish Associate

Eldon Sheffer, Commissioned Ruling Elder

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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, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 Worship—Sanctuary

9:45 Friendship Bible Sunday School—Ryan Hall

10:00 Youth Sunday School—Family Life Center Youth Room

11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

5:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

Monday, November 28

2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—

Congregational Care Office

5:00 Session Meeting—Ryan Hall

Elders-Elect Attend Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207

10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey Mitchell—Sanctuary

5:30 Yoga for Community (Gentle/Beginner)—Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 30

9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom

10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office

6:00 Pastor Nominating Committee—Room 208

7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

Thursday, December 1

Friday, December 2

10:00 Grief Support Group—Manse (MSS)

Saturday, December 3

12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

6:00 Kid's Night Out — Family Life Center Gym

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 Worship—Sanctuary

9:30 Family Advent Celebration—Family Life Center Gym

9:45 Friendship Bible Sunday School—Room 208

11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

12:00 Youth Angel Tree Shopping

7:00 Tivy High School & FPC Choir Concert—Sanctuary



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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 *Prayer of Confession* is inspired by Jeremiah 23:1-6. The *Assurance of Pardon* is inspired by Luke 23: 33-43 and Colossians 1:20-22.

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!

- Sunday, November 27 at 2:00pm, FPC DAY IN THE GYM! Schreiner University Men's Basket-ball Game: President Charlie McCormick has invited the FPC-K family to enjoy a basketball game at the Schreiner Event Center as they host Howard Payne U. Come support the Men's Basketball team that has done so much to support our FPC Pop-up Market!
- **Wednesday, November 30, 11:30am, Men's Luncheon:** We will meet at The Bayou Cajun Café at 208 Cully Dr. Ste 218. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by either contacting the church office at 830-257-3310, or LeRoy, at 830-792-7039 (hm), or 281-732-4719 (cell).
- Sunday, December 4, 7:00pm Tivy High School Band, Orchestra & Choir/First Presbyterian Chancel Choir together present a Christmas Concert of varied music. The final portion is "Magnificat" by John Rutter, directed by Dr. Eugene Dowdy. Tivy H.S. Chamber Orchestra, Tivy and First Presbyterian Choirs, organist Dr. Sabrina Adrian and soloist Jessie Putnam collaborate in this work at First Presbyterian Church. Free to the public.
- Tuesday, December 6, 5:30-8:30pm-Downtown Christmas Walk-Celebrate this Christmas season by joining us on a unique night of Christmas services in five downtown Kerrville churches. The walk will begin at Notre Dame Catholic Church, come to FPC around 7:00pm and conclude at First Baptist.
- Saturday December 17, 3:00 p.m, O Come All Ye Faithful Organ Recital, FPC sanctuary: First Presbyterian Church organist Sabrina Adrian will present a program of festive Christmas music. Inspired by the recent "In the Footsteps of St. Paul" trip to Greece and Turkey the program will begin with the St. Paul Overture by Mendelssohn. It will contain musical gifts from many times and places including pieces from Israel, France, Germany, England, Switzerland, the Ukraine, Canada and America. All are welcome.
- Yoga for Community classes led by Cheryl Smith, Ryan Hall. All classes include a scripture-based meditation, breathing practice, gentle warm-up movements, classic yoga postures and final meditation.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Beginner/Gentle Yoga -for any level of participant who is comfortable getting down and up off the floor. **Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga -**for any level of participant. This practice takes place on and standing near a chair, for support.

• **Music-All Guitar Lessons** is a FPC Music Outreach Program with music instructor and musician Andrew Dodson. Join us on Monday nights in the Choir Room below Schreiner Chapel. No experience required. All material provided. All are welcome. Contact Andrew Dodson at andrew@andrewdodsonmusic.com or 832.244.9175.

5-6 pm (18 & under) 6-7 pm (18+)

FPC Grief Support Group, 1st and 3rd Friday, MSS,10:00am

If you have experienced a recent loss, the upcoming holiday season can be especially difficult. Our community grief support group offers a safe and confidential environment to help you negotiate this time. Please call the church office if you have any questions.