



First Presbyterian  
Church | Kerrville

January 1, 2023

1st Sunday of Christmas  
Communion Sunday

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 worshipping 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

Pastorale

*Gilbert M. Martin*

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God! With the angels and hosts, we praise!

**With the sun and moon, we praise!**

With the fire and hail, we praise!

**With the frost and snow, we praise!**

With the mountains and valleys, we praise!

**With the skies and the seas, we praise!**

**Praise God!**

†HYMN 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Even in a season of celebration and joy,  
there is grief and pain.

Even as we celebrate God's goodness,  
we know that we have not always lived it.

Even in all of this, Christ comes.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever-present God, you became our Savior in all our distress.**

**In all the ways we hurt, and all the ways we hurt others,**

**in all the ways we feel neglected and all the ways we neglect others,**

**in all the ways we cry out and all the ways we cause others to cry,**

**you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account.**

**In your love, redeem us once again.**

**Lift us up and grant us your mercy, as you have throughout the generations.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ came into this world for us:

imperfect humans, perpetual sinners, trying, learning, striving.

He came to be tested, so that he might help us as we are tested,  
to forgive us all our sins.

**Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

†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. Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo.***

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Matthew 2:7-23

pg. 605 O.T.  
pg. 784 N.T.

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

SERMON

Happy New Year...Really!

Susan Montoya

†HYMN 128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

*arr. By Mark Hayes*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF GOD'S GIFTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†HYMN 110

Love Has Come

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Beams The Morning Star

*Roger C. Wilson*

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



## Thank You for Serving Today

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Susan Montoya, Judy Ferguson, Linda Phillips, Audrey Mitchell, Seth Lafler, Verna Benham, Bill Swart, Wes Lane

### USHERS

Il-Darlene Bannister, Angela Greene, Ralph Kutzer, Nancy Mallory, Ed and Nancy Wallace



## 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](http://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.
- Mail in your donation.

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  
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, Dir. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
Alyse O'Brien, Children's Music Director  
Scott Russell, Children's Corner Director  
Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director  
Ministers — All Our Congregation



## 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://fpckerville.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.

...for Harlan Crouse and Sue Endsley.

***In life and in death we belong to God***  
**Harlan Helmers**

*March 12, 1938 ~ December 25, 2022*  
*Harlan has been a member since 2019.*



## Worship Notes

The *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional Sequence* are taken from the "Call to Worship".

### Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at [www.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.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.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.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!

## Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

### Sunday, January 1 Communion Sunday

11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

5:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

### Monday, January 2

Church Offices & Children's Corner Preschool are closed

### Tuesday, January 3

7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207

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

### Wednesday, January 4

9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom

10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office

7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

### Thursday, January 5

### Friday, January 6

10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

### Saturday, January 7

12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

### Sunday, January 8 Epiphany Sunday

8:30 Worship—Sanctuary

9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall

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

11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

Ordination/Installation of New Officers & Deacons

7:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room



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# Announcements

- **Kirkin' of the Tartan coming Jan 15**

Don your tartan kilts, sashes, ties, and jewelry! The 2023 version of Kirkin' of the Tartan is upon us. We'll then gather inside for the 11:00 service followed by fellowship amid a shortbread feast in Ryan Hall. We are inviting the larger "Scots of the Hill Country" family, too.

Do you know any other Scots? Invite them, too. In fact, invite all friends of all clans – even "Clan-less" foreigners are welcome, too!.

We will welcome, name and honor all clans present in the worship service – with the blessing of Kirk Sheel's bagpiping, accompanied by our own Dr. Sabrina Adrian on the magnificent Jeimlich organ.

*It will help us greatly if attendees will call or email us in advance to let us know to which clan you belong.* Contact Alicia in the church office: [amartin@fpckerville.org](mailto:amartin@fpckerville.org); or (830) 257-3310.

- **Wednesday, January 18, 12:00, Men's Luncheon:** Join us for lunch at LaFours restaurant. If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by contacting the church office at 830-257-3310 or Don Priour at 830-896-4842.

- **Mark your calendar for January 22 at noon for the rededication of the all new Ryan Hall.**

- **Music-All Guitar Lessons—Starting back on Tuesday, January 10th.** is a FPC Music Outreach Program with music instructor and musician Andrew Dodson. Join us on Tuesday nights in the Choir Room below Schreiner Chapel. No experience required. All material provided.

All are welcome. Contact Andrew Dodson at

[andrew@andrewdodsonmusic.com](mailto:andrew@andrewdodsonmusic.com) or 832.244.9175.

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

- **FPC Grief Support Group**—If you have experienced a recent loss, the holiday season can be especially difficult. Our community grief support group offers a safe and confidential environment to help you negotiate this time. The group meets on the first and third Fridays of every month.

**Please note** that beginning Friday, January 6, 2023, we will be meeting in Ryan Hall.

Call the church office at 830-257-3310 for more information.

- **Yoga for Community classes led by Cheryl Smith, Ryan Hall.**

**Classes will resume on January 3.** 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.

I am excited to announce that the last two months, we raised \$289 for Hill Country Crisis Council! I hand-delivered the check to them last Thursday, and they were so grateful. I am humbled by your generosity! This month, all yoga donations will be given to the Raphael Community Free Clinic.