



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville

Communion Sunday
December 4, 2022
2nd 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

Sleepers Awake

Bach

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND 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 second candle in the Advent wreath to the Christ, the Messiah.

We hear in the Gospel of Luke that angels announced the coming of Jesus, they spoke of him as the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the One-sent-by-God to the people of God. As such, he came as the first and most important Christmas gift the world would ever know. In this season of Advent we celebrate and give thanks to God for sharing that greatest gift of all time with us. Let us Pray.

Loving God, Christ Jesus, thank you for giving yourself to us in your birth, your life, your teaching, your serving, your suffering. We can do nothing to deserve such love, but you gave it to us without exacting a price from us. You simply gave yourself, and asked us simply to receive and to believe our way into your arms of love. Help us today to open our arms of love to others we will encounter along the ways and through the days of our lives. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

†HYMN 88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God,
We praise you for sending light into this world.
We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.
We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us.
We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season
and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

**Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.
Prepare us for his return.
Help us rejoice in the light,
so that your grace can illuminate
the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†RESPONSE

Hymn 113

***Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

†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

Psalm 2:1-11
John 7:1-9, 15-18, 37-44

pg. 424 O.T.
pg. 868 N.T.

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

SERMON

They Called Him Messiah/Christ

Jack Haberer

†HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Lloyd Larson

*The prophet cries out, prepare the way.
Every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain and hill made low.
Every crooked path shall be made straight and the rough places plain.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.*

†RESPONSE

Greensleeves

**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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF 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 118

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"

Carter

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



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.

In life and in death we belong to God

Rev. Dr. E Otis Moore

March 25, 1929 ~ November 23, 2022



Worship Notes

Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at 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 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 and click on "Calendar".

Sunday, December 4 Communion Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Family Advent Celebration—Family Life Center Gym
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 12:00 Youth Angel Tree Shopping
- 7:00 Christmas Concert with Tivy High School, Orchestra And FPC Choir—Sanctuary

Monday, December 5

- 1:00 Juniper Extended Communion—Juniper
- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Congregational Care Office

Tuesday, December 6

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 5:30 Christmas Walk—Notre Dame Catholic (1st stop)

Wednesday, December 7

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 12:30 Staff Meeting/Christmas Party—El Sol De Mexico
- 5:15 Called Session Meeting—Ryan Hall
- 6:00 Pastor Nominating Committee—Room 208
- 7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

Thursday, December 8

- 10:30 Presbyterian Women Day Circle—Room 207
- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Presbyterian Women Night Circle—Ryan Hall

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center
- 1:00 Youth Caroling Fundraiser—(1:00-5:00)
- 2:00 Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Otis Moore in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Ryan Hall.

Sunday, December 11

- 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



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Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

USHERS

I-Susan Junkin
II-Darlene Bannister, Angela Greene, Ralph Kutzer, Nancy Mallory, Ed and Nancy Wallace

MUSICIANS

II-Chancel Choir

ADVENT READERS:

I-George and Nannine Reynolds
II-Children and Audrey Mitchell



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

114 families have pledged so far, and the total is

\$696,012.50

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

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

- **Today, 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.

- **Women’s Fellowship Time**

Would you like to connect with your fellow women of the church, socialize, and eat some great food? Then FPC has some great opportunities for you!

The Greet, Eat & Meet (GEM) Ladies Lunch group gathers every second Wednesday at the Y.O. Hilton for lunch. This is a wonderful way for both new and existing members of our congregation to have fellowship and fun. If you are interested, please call Joyce Schlechte at 281-732-7670 or e-mail joycele-roi@hotmail.com.

The Yakrz Lunch Group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at various restaurants in Kerrville. The next scheduled meeting for the Yakrz is January (after the holidays). To sign up, please contact Clarice Amaan at 830-739-7803 or e-mail ciebeam@yahoo.com.

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.