



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville

December 11, 2022
3rd 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 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

Die Hirten an der Krippe

Liszt

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

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

We light this third candle in the Advent wreath to the Son of Man.

We know Jesus to be the only begotten Child of God. But Jesus more often called himself the Son of Man, the Son of humanity. From his infancy he offered himself to all. He served all women, men and children he encountered wherever he went. In this season we re-enact his coming to us, for which we give great thanks. Let us Pray:

Loving God, Precious Jesus, thank you for coming into our world and into our lives as the perfect person, and extending your love to us who fall so short of such perfection. We don't deserve your love, but you have bestowed it upon us because that is who you are. Open our hearts this day to embrace you and your ways, so that we, too, may offer ourselves to all we encounter wherever we go. Through and because of Jesus we pray. Amen.

†HYMN 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

Every notion we have about power, success, wealth, and achievement, God takes and tosses out the window. More importantly, God comes to us, to upset our notion that we have to save ourselves. In Jesus, God comes to us, removing our sin, our failures, our expectations, so we might have new life. Please join me as we pray, saying.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess we are not the people you hope us to be, Advent God. The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule. The ones you knock off pedestals, we admire and emulate. We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty. Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us. Help us to live secure in your love. Make us into peacemakers for our world. Redirect us into ones who instinctively seek to do your will, as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. (In silence, personalize your own prayer to God)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Even now—yes, even in this very moment, God comes to us, bringing hope, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us.

We open our hearts to the God who is with us, to the Savior who died to forgive us. We, right now, receive the gifts which have been offered to us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

†RESPONSE

O come, let us adore him (3x)...Christ the Lord.

Hymn 113

For he alone is worthy (3x)...Christ the Lord.

We'll give him all the glory (3x)...Christ the Lord.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

ANTHEM 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 8:1-9 pg. 427 O.T.
Matthew 20:17-28 pg. 801 N.T.

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

SERMON He Called Himself: "Son of Man" Jack Haberer

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Advent Creed

We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth. The one who is full of patience, who is not afraid of silence, who does not need to fill each moment with activity and noise. The one who is beyond bluster and flurry, and who does not jostle for attention.

We believe in God the Son, Savior of creation, who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed, who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry, who frequently took time alone with his patient Father, who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant, who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers, whose silence overpowered their words, who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens, empowers, renews and refreshes, sometimes arriving with obvious power, sometimes with the quiet breath of a whisper.

We believe in one God who patiently waits for us, and who longs for us to do the same.

†HYMN 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 608 *Bach*

†RESPONSE **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.** (to the tune of
Praise God all creatures here below. The First Noel)
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.
Born is the King of Israel.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 129 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729 *Bach*

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Dick Junkin, Julie Dunlap, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Audrey Mitchell, Wes Lane, Bill Swart

USHERS

I-Pam and Bill Cooper, Susan Junkin

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

MUSICIANS

11:00-Chancel Choir

ADVENT READERS

8:30 service: Bill and Pam Cooper

11:00 service: Elizabeth Behrens and Deanna Bodine

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

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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, 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

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

Sunday, December 11

3rd 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

Monday, December 12

- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—
Congregational Care Office
- 5:30 Personnel Committee—Pastor's Office

Tuesday, December 13

- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey Mitchell—Sanctuary
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Gentle/Beginner)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, December 14

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair Yoga)—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 12:00 Men's Luncheon—Billy Gene's (Private Room)
- 6:00 Young Adult Christmas Dinner—Mamacitas
- 7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

Thursday, December 15

- 6:00 Children's Corner Preschool Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary with a reception afterwards in Ryan Hall

Friday, December 16

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

Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 Pop Up Market—Family Life Center Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center
- 3:00 Christmas Organ Concert with Sabrina Adrian—
Sanctuary

Sunday, December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Friendship Bible Sunday School—Room 208
- 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

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services

- 5:00 Family Worship Service—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 7:00 Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary &
Live Streamed



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.

...for those in the hospital, including Harlan Helmers.



Worship Notes

The *Call to Confession* is inspired by Luke 1:46-55. The *Advent Creed* was written by Dave Hopwood.

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!



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Announcements

- **Wednesday, December 14, 12:00, Men's Luncheon:** We will meet at Billy Gene's Restaurant (private room). If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by either contacting the church office at 830-257-3310, or Don Priour, at 830-896-4842.

- **Pop Up Food Market**

On **Saturday, December 17**, volunteers will once again gather at the YES Center to meet the Food Bank truck and begin distributing thousands of pounds of food to those who will come. In less than 2 hours the food will be gone and families all over Kerr County will have nutritious food to help through the month ahead. Please call the church office or send an email message to dunlapjulia@gmail.com if you want to know more about this gift-giving event.

- **Saturday December 17, 3:00 pm, 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.

- **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.

- **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.