



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville

December 18, 2022
4th 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

What Child Is This?

Purvis

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH 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 fourth candle in the Advent wreath to the Lord of All.

To call someone Lord is to express a high respect. Like saying "Sir" or "Ma'am," it means that we look up to that person as one of authority, of honor, of nobility.

We call Jesus, "Lord," because he is our King, our Savior, our God-in-the-flesh.

He is, indeed, the Lord, the Savior of all and for all. Someday all who live and breathe will bend their knees to declare him Lord. We do so today and through our lives, because we have found him to be our All-in-All. Let us pray.

Loving God, Christ Jesus, Lord of All, we thank you for emptying yourself of all your heavenly, regal privileges, in order to visit us, embrace us, become one of us, and save us from our sins. Help us today to lay aside our resistance, our doubts, our rebellion, in order to welcome You, to hug you back, to unite our hopes with yours, to live and love as you have lived and loved. Amen.

†HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, you blow the breath of life into our lungs,
you have formed us in your image.

**And yet we acknowledge that sometimes
we are not who you would have us be.**

You challenge us to embrace the refining fire of your love,
to meet you on the threshing floor of life, to be washed as with fuller's soap.

**But in our heart of hearts we would rather keep those things
that would be removed in such an encounter.**

Through your Grace, life-giving God, accept us as we are,
unrefined, unwashed, the chaff mixed in with the grain.

And help us to move into a new way of being
(time of silence)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Listen! For this is Good News!

God's Grace is wider than our wildest imaginings.

God's Grace embraces us as we are and where we are

and draws us out to be the people we were created to be.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

†RESPONSE

All Creation, join in praising God the Father, *Regent Square*
Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the-eternal three in one:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the new born King.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

Amid the Cold of Winter

Arr. Bret Rhoades

*Amid the Cold of Winter and Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
from tender stem hath sprung! It came a blossom bright...
What can I give him, poor as I am? I would give my heart.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:36
Philippians 2:1-11
John 20:24-29

pg. 886 N.T.
pg. 954 N.T.
pg. 882 N.T.

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

SERMON

They Called Him Lord

Jack Haberer

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We Believe: A Nativity Affirmation

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—

**God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—
who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair.**

**Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives,
and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth,
brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us
to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

We believe in the coming reign of God.

**Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus,
and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven,
when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow
will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness,
and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire.**

**For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

†HYMN 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Noel Suisse

Daquin

†RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

(to the tune of
It Came Upon the
Midnight Clear)

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol

Near

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Barb Sheffer, Susan Montoya, Eldon Sheffer, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Audrey Mitchell, Wes Lane, Bill Swart

USHERS

I-Pam and Bill Cooper, Susan Junkin

II-Linda and Steve Phillips, Sue Bratcher, Mike Brunsvold, Mike and Nancy Wilson

MUSICIANS

11:00-Chancel Choir

ADVENT READERS

8:30 service: The Junkin Family

11:00 service: Eunice McCoy, Madison Repka and family



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

115 families have pledged so far, and the total is

\$702,012.50

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



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 those in the hospital, including Harlan Helmers. (San Antonio)



Worship Notes

The *Prayer of Confession* is inspired by Malachi 3:1-4. *The Affirmation of Faith* is written by Nathan Nettleton. *The Pastoral Prayer* is adapted from Joyce Rupp.

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 18

4th 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, December 19

- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—
Congregational Care Office
- 5:30 Budget and Finance Committee—Room 205

Tuesday, December 20

- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey Mitchell—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Worship & Music Committee—Room 208

Wednesday, December 21

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 6:00 Pastor Nominating Committee—Ryan Hall

Thursday, December 22

- 12:00 Youth Lunch —Acapulco Restaurant

Friday, December 23

Children's Corner Preschool—Closed

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services

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

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day

- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

**The church offices will be closed on
December 26,27, 28, and January 2.**



First Presbyterian Church

800 Jefferson Street * Kerrville, Texas 78028

Phone (830) 257-3310 * Fax (830) 257-3393

amartin@fpckerville.org * www.fpckerville.org

Announcements

- **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 joyceleroi@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—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 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.

- **Wednesday, January 18, 12:00, Men's Luncheon:** The location is still in the works but an update will be available soon. 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.

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

Classes will resume after the first of the year. 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.

Worship Service Times

Christmas Eve Service Times—Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm Family Worship Service—Sanctuary & Livestreaming

7:00 pm Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary & Livestreaming

Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25

11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary

New Year's Day—Sunday, January 1

11:00 am Worship Service—Sanctuary