



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

11:00 a.m.

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

Go Tell It On The Mountain

John Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

We celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

Almighty God, a baby, our savior, our Lord.

Let us worship God.

†1ST CHRISTMAS CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(#121, Verses 1 and 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we know that, as God, you participated in the creation of the universe. We also know that you gave up your heavenly glory, as God, to become a baby. Although we know that your humility and the incarnation are the real meaning of Christmas, there are times when the lights, the gifts, the food, and the events mean more to us than the reality that God became man. Today, during this time of worship, guide us to set aside the cultural and social aspects of Christmas and focus on you: God become man, our Lord, our savior. Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Because of his great love for us, God made us alive with Christ. For it is by grace that we have been saved, through faith. Friends, believe the wonderful news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

†2ND CHRISTMAS CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

(#123, Verses 1 and 2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Luke 1:26-38

pg. 831 N.T.

†3RD CHRISTMAS CAROL

Away in a Manger

(#115, Verses 1, 2, 3)

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Matthew 1:18-23

pg. 783 N.T.

SERMON

Give Him the Name Jesus

Eldon Sheffer

†4TH CHRISTMAS CAROL

Love Has Come

(#110, Verses 1, 2, 3)

TESTIMONY 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

†5TH CHRISTMAS CAROL Angels We Have Heard on High (#113, All three verses)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY Prelude from Cello Suite *Johann Sebastian Bach*

RESPONSE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Gracious, generous God:

**On this day we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Your Self in human form.**

We celebrate the Son of God.

We are transfixed by the story of Jesus.

We looked for a warrior;

You sent a baby.

We looked for royalty;

You were born to peasants.

We looked for power

You showed us meekness.

We looked among rulers and politicians;

You were found among cattle and shepherds.

We looked for military victory;

You gave us resurrection.

We looked for riches;

You gave us selflessness.

We looked for a king;

You gave us a servant.

We worship Jesus, the humble hero of God's Redemption Story.

May we become more sensitive to the themes of that story

seeking peace,

embracing vulnerability,

humbling ourselves,

looking for glory in lowly places.

May we recognize our part in the story,

our place as Christ-followers,

our calling to gentleness and humility,

our opportunities to give our most profound gifts.

May we grow ever more like Jesus,

and live in the light of His presence and example. Amen

†6TH CHRISTMAS CAROL Joy to the World (#134, Verses 1 and 4)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vom Himmel Hoch
(From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come)

Garth Edmundson

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Eldon Sheffer, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Wes Lane

USHERS

Don Priour, Angela Greene, Laura Batchelder

MUSICIANS

Audrey Jellett, Cello



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

118 families have pledged so far, and the total is

\$704,812.50

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
Alysse 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 25

Christmas Day

11:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary & Live Streaming

Monday, December 26

Church offices closed

Tuesday, December 27

Church offices closed

Wednesday, December 28

Church offices closed

Thursday, December 29

1:00 Youth Trip—Six Flags

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31

12:00 HOPE'S Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day

11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

Monday, January 2

Church Offices Closed



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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.

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



Worship Notes

The Litany for Christmas Day was written by Fran Pratt. Her writings are available at Franpratt.com.

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!

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@fpckerrville.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 or 832.244.9175.

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

- **FPC Grief Support Group, 1st and 3rd Friday, Ryan Hall, 10:00am**

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. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

***Please note the location change.**

- **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.

Turn over for other announcements