



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville

March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent

Building a Community of Disciples

Growing toward

God-centered worship

Christ-centered service

Spirit-led lives

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! Please fill out the black Friendship Pad located on the pew so that we might welcome you to our FPC community.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Sunrise to Sunset Changes Now

Alfred Fedak

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Matthew 22:1-14

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

We come on your invitation, seeking to be fed.

Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ.

We come on your invitation, needing healing.

Be healed by God's gracious mercy.

We come on your invitation, longing for forgiveness.

In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

Alleluia, Praise be to God. Amen.

†HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Based on Matthew 22:33-46

How many times each day

do You come to me, Jesus?

How many quiet prophets,

how many whispered warnings

are sent to catch my attention?

And how many times do I pass by

unaware of Your calm Presence,

unfeeling of Your beckoning gaze?

How often have I shunned Your messengers,

sending them away with clipped words

and cold eyes?

How often have I hurt the agents of Your care,

too busy or self-absorbed to notice

Your invitation in their words?

Forgive me, Lord,

when through neglect, pre-occupation or wrongfulness,

I turn my back on You.

Teach me to see, to listen and to walk with an open heart,

so that I can welcome You,

and answer You,

when, in grace and love,

You call me to follow.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†RESPONSE

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

ANTHEM (11:00)

In Deepest Night

Mark Edwards

*In deepest night, in darkest days, when harps are hung,
No song we raise, when silence must suffice as praise,
Yet sounding in us quietly there is the voice of God.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46; 22:1-14; 23:37-39

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

SERMON

Straining Hope After

Jack Haberer

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

†HYMN 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

verses 1-4

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Dale Wood

†RESPONSE

Hymn 606

***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.***

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity, a feasting God.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place
into action, into vulnerability, into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, to take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

†HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise To The Lord

Craig Phillips

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Joyce Schlechte, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30-Pam and Bill Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Paulette Graves, Donna Brewton, Deda Garlitz, Ed and Nancy Wallace

MUSICIANS

11:00 - Chancel Choir

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 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.

Contact Mary Stone at the church office with any questions.

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, March 12 3rd Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 10:00 Youth Sunday School—FLC Youth Room
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

Monday, March 13

- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 5:30 Personnel Committee—Room 207
- 6:30 YAYA—Room 204

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey Mitchell—Sanctuary
- 4:00 Missional Outreach—Room 207
- 4:30 Children's Corner Preschool Committee—Room 204
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner Chapel Choir Room
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, March 15

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 6:00 Pastor Nominating Committee—Ryan Hall

Thursday, March 16

Youth Day Trip—San Antonio

Friday, March 17

- 10:00 Grief Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, March 18

- 9:00 Pop Up Market—Family Life Center Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, March 19 4th Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 10:00 Youth Sunday School—FLC Youth Room
- 11:00 Worship—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 the Syria and Turkey earthquake disaster victims and for emergency responders.



Worship Notes

The *Prayer of Confession* was written by John van de Laar. The *Affirmation of Faith*, "A Celtic Profession of Faith from the Iona Community, Scotland".

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

- **2023 Lenten devotions: Inward Work for Outward Living:** Download your copy from our Friday eblast or pick up a printed copy in the narthex or church office.
- **Palm Sunday, Fundraiser Brunch for Camps and Conferences Fund:** Join us on April 2, from 9:00 – 9:45 in Ryan Hall for our fundraiser brunch. All donations will go towards summer camps. Children Sunday School will start at 9:45 upstairs in the children's classrooms. There will be songs, a lesson about Palm Sunday and create paper palm branches to use for the children's procession into the sanctuary.
- **Presbyterian Women:** Are you interested in being the PW Moderator next year? If so, call the church office at 830-257-3310 for more information.
- **Pew Pocket Volunteers**—On the first Thursday of each month a faithful group of volunteers tidy/restock the pews. The volunteers go through each pew pocket in the sanctuary to refill missing items, sharpen pencils, and clean out used papers. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the church office at 830-257-3310 for more information.
- **Music-All Guitar Lessons:** 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.
- **The 'Voices of Doyle'** is a new documentary about the history of Kerrville's Doyle School. This documentary premiered at Arcadia Live on February 28. If you missed seeing this film, please plan to attend an encore presentation of the 'Voices of Doyle' on March 17, 6-7:30 pm at the Doyle Community Center (110 W. Barnett Street).
- **Pop Up Market** - In partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank we gather each month to distribute food to over 100 Kerr County families coming for help to meet a food need. All volunteers are welcome to come find a place where you can be part of the blessing. The Pop Up Market takes place on the 3rd Saturday of each month.
The next Market is scheduled for:
Saturday, March 18, 8:00 a.m.- YES Center
Contact Shannon Tuschak, stuschak@fpckerrville.org
- **FPC Dinner and a Show**—Come join your fellow FPC members on **March 18** as we enjoy the classic American comedic drama On Golden Pond starring our very own Ann Reynolds! The play begins at 7:30pm at Hill Country Arts Foundation. For those of you that are interested, we will meet before at 5:30pm at The Copper Pot (109 TX-39, Ingram) for dinner and fellowship. To purchase play tickets, please call the box office at (830) 367-5121. If you are interested in joining us before the play for dinner at Copper Pot, please call the church office (830-257-3310) so we can reserve space at the restaurant. Hope to see you there!
- **All Church Dinner**— Wednesday, March 22 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please bring something to share for this "Potluck" event. We will have comments from the Planning and Training Committee and Board of Deacons and a chance for you to meet your Deacon. Most important is the opportunity to have fellowship with others from our church family.