



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday
Communion Sunday

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

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Mark Hayes

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna.

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Hosanna in the highest.

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Let us enter the city with Jesus today, and sing hosannas to our king,

Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control,

And open our hearts to the Son of God riding on a donkey.

Let us join his parade, Surrounded by outcasts and prostitutes,
the blind and the leper.

Let us follow the one who brought freedom and peace,

And walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.

Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming and join his disciples,
Welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

Let us touch and see as God draws near,

Riding in triumph towards the Cross.

†HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God, praying together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives.

Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silent prayers may be offered.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger,
God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.
This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

†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)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 27:11-23, 27-37, 45-54 pgs. 810 N.T.
Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON A King? Are You Kidding Me? Jack Haberer

†HYMN 212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing Judy Ferguson

OFFERING & OFFERTORY Hosanna to the Son of David Larry Shackley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT 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

(11:00) Prayer of Saint Gregory Alan Hovhaness

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†HYMN 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Te Deum (Prelude) Marc-Antonie Charpentier

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Susan Montoya, Seth Lafler, Bruce Story, Judy Ferguson, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Wes Lane, Bill Swart

USHERS

8:30-Pam and Bill Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Darlene Bannister, Angela Greene, Ralph Kutzer, Nancy Mallory, Ed and Nancy Wallace

MUSICIANS

11:00-Chancel Choir

11:00-Erick Matta, Trumpet



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

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Mary Stone, Business Administrator

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Dr. Sabrina Adrian, Organist

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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



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 all emergency responders.

...for those in the hospital including, Bob Bowers.

In life and in death we belong to God

Shirley Schmerbeck

September 20, 1946~March 31, 2023

Shirley has been a member since 1976.



Worship Notes

The *Assurance of Forgiveness* was written by Thom Shuman.

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!

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

Sunday, April 2 Communion Sunday

Palm Sunday

Youth Return From Mo-Ranch

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:00 Fundraiser Brunch for Camp Scholarships—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 209, 210, 211
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
Congregational Meeting After Worship

Monday, April 3

- 1:00 Juniper Extended Communion—Juniper
- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 4:00 Planning & Training—Room 206

Tuesday, April 4

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel With Audrey—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner
Chapel Choir Room
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, April 5

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 Service of Shadows With Communion—Sanctuary

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall
- 6:30 Camerata String Concert—Sanctuary
- 7:00 Good Friday Service—Sanctuary

Saturday, April 8

- 10:00 Worship Team To Decorate Chancel—Sanctuary
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—FLC

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Easter Sunday Family Celebration—FLC Gym
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed



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Announcements

- **Palm Sunday, April, 2, Fundraiser Brunch for Camps and Conferences Fund:** Please join us from 9:00 -9:45am in Ryan Hall for our fundraiser brunch benefitting summer camps. Children's Sunday School will start at 9:45 in the upstairs children's classrooms.
- **Only one week left to order your Easter Lily** in honor or memory of loved ones. Pick up a form on the narthex table or church office. You can also go online to place your order. Easter Lilies are \$12.50 each. Don't forget to take your lily home! All lilies left after the 11:00 am service will be donated to hospice.
- **Wednesday, April 12-The Greet, Eat & Meet (GEM) Ladies Lunch** group gathers every second Wednesday of the month at the Y.O. Hilton. 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.
- **Wednesday, April 19, 11:30 pm, Men's Luncheon:** Join us for lunch at The Bayou Cajun 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.
- **Wednesday, April 26 , All Church Dinner, Family Life Center, 5:30-7:00pm:** The Adult Discipleship, YAYA and Children's Ministry teams invite you to help us celebrate and honor our graduating High School Seniors. Please bring something to share for this "Potluck" event. But most important, please come ready to have great food and fellowship with others from our church family.
- **Wednesday, April 26-The Yakrz Lunch Group** will meet at Pier 27 for our next lunch gathering. To sign up, please contact Clarice Amaan at 830-739-7803 or e-mail ciebeam@yahoo.com.
- **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.
- **Habitat for Humanity Lunch Bunch**—We have some available dates in May and June for lunch volunteers. Lunch is served at 12:00 and needs to feed 15 to 20 people. Lunch volunteers could do it individually or in teams. Please contact Alicia or Susan at 830-257-3310 for sign-up information.
- **FPC Grief Support Group**—Grief affects us in different and varied ways, and the path towards healing is never smooth or predictable. Sharing stories in a safe and welcoming environment can be one way to navigate this challenging time. Our Grief Support Group is led by a skilled professional, in a safe, confidential and supportive environment. Participants are encouraged to attend according to need, with no fixed time commitment or agenda. The group meets on the first and third Fridays of every month in Ryan Hall at 10:00am. Please call Pastor Susan Montoya or the church office at 830-257-3310 for more information.