



February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Communion Sunday

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 On Eagle's Wings Charles Callahan

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship to find:

- a time set apart;
- a time to come together;
- a space where silence is welcomed;
- a space filled with joyful songs.

We come to worship to find:

- a place where our hearts find comfort;
- a place where our souls find joy.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us worship God!

†HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

We come before God not as despised sinners but as beloved children. With the confidence of knowing that we belong to God despite our mistakes and imperfections, let us humbly confess our sins before God and one another. Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share our gifts with the world, but we keep our resources close and our minds closed. You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust. Forgive us, O God, by your grace, and free us to be agents of your healing.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The psalmist reminds us that God does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who trust God. Remember that through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

†RESPONSE Hymn 43

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

†Passing of the Peace

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

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (11:00 AM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 pg. 931 N.T.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:29-39 pg. 813 N.T.

SERMON What Are You Praying For? Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†HYMN 793 O Christ, the Healer

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Teach Us To Pray Choplin

When we sense your holiness, when our hearts we can't express, teach us to pray. By your goodness we are fed.

From your table comes our bread, When words of thanks we forget to say, teach us to pray.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF 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 and Pouring

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

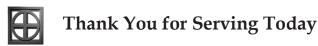
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†HYMN 295 Go to the World!

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

You may remain seated and enjoy the postlude or politely exit and visit with friends in the Narthex.

POSTLUDE Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine Christopher Tambling



WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Gini Norris-Lane, Bruce Story, Emily McAllister, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane.

USHERS

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

MUSICIANS

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. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Sr. Pastor/ Head of Staff Rev. Susan Montoya, Parish Associate

Support Staff:

Mary Stone, Business Administrator Alicia Martin, Asst. Administrator Roy Jones, Facilities Manager Wes Lane, Media Specialist

Ministry Staff:

Dr. Sabrina Adrian, Organist
Seth Lafler, Choir Director
Emily McAllister, Dir. of Family Ministry
Alysse O'Brien, Children's Music Director
Scott Russell, Children's Corner Director
Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director
Shannon Tuschak, Care Coordinator
Ministers — All Our Congregation



First Presbyterian Church

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

Sunday, February 4

- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour—Ryan Hall
- Children's Sunday School—Room 210 9:45
- 9:45
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 5:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

Monday, February 5

Planning and Training Committee—Room 206

Tuesday, February 6

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:15 Encouraging One Another—Room 204
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Beginners/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, February 7

- Staff Training—Room 208 (9:00-12:00) 9:00
- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair Yoga)—Ryan Hall
- Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room 7:00

Thursday, February 8

- 1:00 Memorial Service for Ann Brunsvold—Sanctuary Reception—Ryan Hall
- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Room 204
- Presbyterian Women Night Circle—Ryan Hall 7:00

Friday, February 9

Camerata Concert and Reception—Sanctuary, 4:00 Ryan Hall

Saturday, February 10

- 11:00 Clarice Amann's Birthday Celebration—Ryan Hall
- 12:00 HOPE's Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, February 11

5:00

- Worship—Sanctuary 8:30
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 204, and 208 9:45
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed Souper Bowl of Caring
 - Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

Building a Community of Disciples Growing Towards God-centered Worship Christ-centered Service Spirit-led Lives



Bulletin Notes

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

† Please rise as able in body and spirit.

Bold type indicates unison response.

Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 204, and 208 Please take time to silence your cell phones so we may all be fully present in this time and space.

> To view past worship services please visit (http://fpckerrville.org/worship/video-archive).



Let Us Pray

...for our troops, especially for those serving in war-torn countries, and for refugees all over the world.

In life and in death we belong to God Nina Opland Wright

June 20, 1929 ~ January 29, 2024 Nina has been a member since 2008.

In life and in death we belong to God Ann Brunsvold

October 29, 1939 ~ January 30, 2024 Ann has been a member since 2006.



Worship Notes

Both the Call to Worship and the Confessional Sequence are taken from "Call to Worship."

*The cover artwork is titled "Christ in the Wilderness" by Briton Riviere.



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 sanctuary 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.

Announcements

- Sunday, February 11, Souper Bowl of Caring: Help tackle hunger this Super Bowl Sunday by bringing non-perishable food items or monetary donations. Youth will be collecting these items following the 8:30 am service and before and after the 11:00am service on Sunday February 11th. All donations will stay in our community to help make sure no one goes without!
- Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary, 12:00pm or 6:00pm Join us for a service of contemplation, repentance, sacred music, and imposition of ashes. Both services will be held in the Sanctuary. Livestream at 6:00 p.m.
- Dinner for Eight: Have you ever wanted to get better acquainted with friends in the congregation but don't know how? Then Dinner for Eight (formerly Date for Eight) is for you! Sign up to enjoy meals with eight members of your church family. You can choose whether you would like to dine in homes or restaurants. Each group of eight REALLY NEAT people will be meeting once a month in March, April, and May. Also, a special invitation goes out to our new members whom we are eager to meet. We think this is a MUST that you won't want to miss! This fun group is not just for couples, everyone (singles, couples, young, old, and in between) is welcome! Complete the Dinner for Eight form (available in the Narthex or office) and turn in to the office or Dinner for Eight basket in the Narthex by Sunday, February 18, 2024. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Jeanette Vaughan at 936-825-4887 or ivaughan9741@aol.com.
- Saturday, February 17 Food Bank Pop Up Market-FPC has partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to help distribute food to over 100 Kerr County families. We will gather at 8:00am at the YES Center for the next food distribution. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Julie Dunlap, dun-lapjulia@gmail.com.
- Wednesday, February 21, Men's Lunch Group: The men's lunch group will meet on February 21, 2024, at 11:30 at the 5D Steakhouse (much more than steak) at 2132 Sidney Baker. Come enjoy fellowship and good food. Contact Don Priour at dpriour2@stx.rr.com or the church office at 830-257-3310 to RSVP with Alicia Martin.
- Wednesday, February 21, Lenten Soup and Study Supper, Lent in Plain Sight, Ryan Hall

Take the night off from cooking and focus on faith, family, and fellowship during our Wednesday night Lenten Soup and Study Series. Our first evening begins Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm in Ryan Hall and will continue for five weeks through March 20th. We will begin our time together by sharing a homemade soup and bread dinner. After dinner, children will go to the FLC for fun activities and adults will stay in Ryan Hall for communal learning as we read and reflect on the book, "Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects" by Jill Duffield. Please feel free to bring friends, family and kids, all are welcome!

• Magazines needed! Do you have a stack of old magazines laying around that you'd like to find a new home? The confirmation class is starting soon and we need magazines to use as visual aids during the class. Bring them by the church office or find Emily before or after worship to pass them off. Thanks!