



# First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

Resurrection of the Lord  
Easter Sunday  
April 9, 2023

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

*Carillon de Westminster*

*Louis Vierne*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

~ from the Mennonite Church Canada

We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:

**"I have seen the Lord!"**

We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:

**"Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."**

We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:

**"My Lord and my God."**

We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus:

**"I'm going fishing."**

We're here this morning because of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face:

**"Do you truly love me?"**

We gather here to whisper timidly.

**"Yes, Lord, you know that we love you."**

We are here as a congregation only

because many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus' words:

**"Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid!**

**Go and tell, 'Jesus has been raised!'"**

†HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb  
you have given us the sure sign of your power  
to deliver us from sin and death  
and to renew our whole creation.**

**We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear.**

**We continue to cling to selfish ways  
and doubt your power to make all things new.**

**Forgive our lack of faith.**

**Have mercy on our weakness.**

**Raise us from the death of sin**

**that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection,  
now and forever. Amen.**

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out,  
"I have seen the Lord!"

**We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in  
every choice to restore life in this world.**

You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and  
desires great joy for your life.

**We will walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing that we march  
ahead in the promises of Jesus, and the power of Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**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.**

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

ANTHEM-II

A Resurrection Declaration

*Lift high your voice, Jerusalem, proclaim the glory of the Lamb!  
Rejoice for hope has been restored and death is conquered evermore.  
Christ is risen! See the stone is rolled away, rolled away.  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ the Lord is risen today.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:62-66; 28:1-20

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

SERMON

It's for Real!

Jack Haberer

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

**Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

I do not see him. I don't believe you.

**Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!**

Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

**We are Christ's body. We are Christ's hands and feet.**

You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

**We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.**

Let us go together, let us partner with others.

**For we are the body of the risen Christ, the temple of empowering Holy Spirit,  
the family of the loving God: let us share the Good News!**

†HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

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.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Michael Bedford

†RESPONSE

Hymn 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from Symphony No. V

Charles Marie Widor

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

## Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

For a full listing of church events, log on to [www.fpckerrville.org](http://www.fpckerrville.org) and click on "Calendar"

### Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

One Great Hour Of Sharing

- 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

### Monday, April 10

FPC Offices Closed

### Tuesday, April 11

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey Mitchell—Sanctuary
- 4:00 Missional Outreach Committee—Room 206
- 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, April 12

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga For Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 3:00 Adult Discipleship Committee—Library
- 4:00 Hospitality & Fellowship—207
- 5:30 Diaconate Meeting—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

### Thursday, April 13

- 10:30 Presbyterian Women Day Circle—Room 206
- 7:00 Presbyterian Women Night Circle—Ryan Hall

### Friday, April 14

- 4:00 Camerata (Postcards)—Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 15

- 9:00 Pop Up Market—FLC Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPE'S Kitchen—FLC Gym

### Sunday, April 16

- 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



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## Bulletin Notes

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

†Please rise as able in body or spirit.

**Bold** type indicates unison response.



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 at FPC 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**

*Jean Sanford*

**September 7, 1930~April 2, 2023**

**Jean has been a member since 1983.**

### Worship Leaders:

Jack Haberer, Bruce Story, Susan Montoya, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Jane Ragsdale, Heather Cunningham, Wes Lane, Bill Swart

### Ushers:

8:30—Bill and Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin  
11:00—Paulette Graves, Donna Brewton, Steve and Betty Clyburn, Deda Garlitz

### Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at [www.fpckerrville.org](http://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](http://www.fpckerrville.org) and it will head right to our prayer team, which meets on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

## **Easter Lilies, to the glory of God, are given by:**

Laura Batchelder	In memory of my grandparents Warren and Alice Bessellieu.
Merrie Cavanaugh & Family	In memory of Otis Moore.
Steve and Betty Clyburn	In honor of Dirk & Susan Kestner. In memory of Frank & Cleo Prestwood.
Gary and Priscilla Crozier	In honor of Brice Crozier, Emily Crozier, Anson Ret, and Rosemary "Ducky" Ret.
Paulette Graves	In memory of Vannie Graves. In memory of Lorene and Joel Reitzer, Sr.
Jack and Barbie Haberer	In honor of the many friends and members of FPC-Kerrville for so warmly embracing, loving and growing with us over these past three years.
Amy and Bubba Havis	In memory of Billie Havis. In memory of Carolyn Jones. In memory of Scott Ball.
Kim Keller	In memory of my parents Bill and Mary Keller. In memory of Carl Korges.
John and Nancy Mallory	In memory of Diana Hurst. In memory of Shirley Schmerbeck.
HD and Martha Maxwell	In memory of our parents, Carl, Mary, HD, and Gladys.
Emily McAllister	In honor of all my kids. In honor of Dayton & Sam Baublitz. In memory of Barb McAllister.
Susan Montoya	In memory of Kathleen Jones.
Jane Ragsdale	In memory of the FPC saints who helped form my faith.
Jerry and Linda Ransom	In memory of Bill and Mary Flake. In memory of Wenford and Florence Ransom.
George and Nannine Reynolds	In memory of Tom Gee. In memory of Emmaline Gee. In memory of Prichard Reynolds. In memory of Leta Reynolds.
Mark and Shannon Tuschak	In memory of Michael Tuschak. In memory of Alex Wallace.

## **First Presbyterian Church Staff and Worship Leaders**

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### **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

## Announcements

- **Sunday, April 23, at 12 noon—Called CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to hear and act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. We will ask you to vote your support of a candidate to serve as the next installed Pastor, Head-of-Staff. A reception will follow in Ryan Hall.**
- **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](mailto:joyceleroi@hotmail.com).
- **Saturday, April 15, 8:00am, YES Center-Pop Up Market**-In partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank we gather the 3rd Saturday of 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. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Dunlap, [dunlapjulia@gmail.com](mailto:dunlapjulia@gmail.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](mailto: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.