



First Presbyterian  
Church | Kerrville

April 16, 2023  
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Blessed Assurance

*Dale Wood*

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

The tomb is empty!

**Christ Is Risen!**

The soldiers have returned home.

**Christ Is Risen!**

The anger of the crowds is gone.

**Christ Is Risen!**

The time of grieving has ended.

**Christ Is Risen!**

Violence, fear, and death have disappeared!

**Christ Is Risen!**

Come, let us go to the house of the Lord!

**Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed!**

## †HYMN 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love, and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People," people of the Resurrection, people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb? Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you uncomfortable here?

**Our wounds are deep, we have turned away from that man, we have broken with him and seek his fellowship.**

Do not dwell on your wounds any longer.

For Christ the Physician has risen to heal you,

Jesus the Lamb of God has risen to forgive you,

Jesus the Light and Life has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

Jesus the Savior and Lord has risen to forgive us and make us whole.

**Thanks be to God.**

## †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

Genesis 50:18-20

.pg 42 O.T.

Romans 8:28-38

.pg 919 N.T.

Hebrews 11:6

.pg 977 N.T.

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

SERMON

Mottoes That Matter: There IS A God

Jack Haberer

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

If God is for us, who is against us?

**He who gave us his Son, now gives us the Spirit in power!**

The Holy One is in our midst:

**equipping us for life in the service of Christ.**

In Christ we are more than conquerors,

**for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!**

May the all surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And the unshakable love of God be with you.**

The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you!**

†HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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 & OFFERTORY

Christ Lag In Todesbanden

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

†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

†HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation-Toccata: "The Strife Is O'er"

*Alfred Fedak*

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



## Thank You for Serving Today

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Ed Wallace, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler,  
Wes Lane, Bill Swart

### USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Laura Batchelder, Sue Bratcher, Mike Brunsvold, Mike and Nancy Wilson

### 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](http://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

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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  
Alyse 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](http://www.fpckerrville.org) and click on "Calendar".

### Sunday, April 16

- Youth Lock-In
- 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, April 17

- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 3:30 Property Meeting—Room 208
- 6:00 Session Meeting—Ryan Hall

### Tuesday, April 18

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey Mitchell—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner Chapel Choir Room
- 5:00 Worship & Music Committee—Room 208
- 5:30 VBS Planning Meeting—Room 210

### Wednesday, April 19

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:15 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 11:30 Men's Luncheon—The Bayou Cajun Cafe
- 5:30 Children's Ministry Team—Room 210
- 6:00 Pastor Nominating Committee—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

### Thursday, April 20

### Friday, April 21

- 10:00 Grief Group—Ryan Hall

### Saturday, April 22

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

### Sunday, April 23

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed  
Congregational Meeting following the service.
- 12:00 Lunch Reception—Ryan Hall
- 5:00 Youth Group—FLC Youth Room



## 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.

***In life and in death we belong to God***  
**Bobby Sieker**

*January 31, 1945 ~ April 8, 2023*  
*Bobby has been a member since 2012.*



## Worship Notes

The *Prayer of Confession* is written by Nancy Townley. The *Affirmation of Faith* is based on Romans 8:31-39. It is taken from *Keeping in Step with the Spirit*, posted on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby Sieker by his family.

## 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.

**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

- **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.
- **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 26-The Yakrz Lunch Group** will meet at Pier 27 for our next lunch gathering. To sign up, please contact Clarice Amann at 830-739-7803 or e-mail ciebeam@yahoo.com.
- **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.
- **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**—There are only 2 spots left to volunteer to help take lunch to the crew. 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. **Dates available: June 14 & 21.**
- **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.