



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

April 23, 2023
3rd 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

Paraphrase on Judas Maccabaeus

Alexandre Guilmant

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are met in the presence of God

And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in the highest heaven

We gather to worship the Lord.

With Abraham and Sarah

We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age

We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith

God's Holy name be praised.

God makes of us a great people

God's Holy name be praised.

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

God's Holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God.

And we do not journey alone.

†HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of the love that knows no boundaries, we crowd our lives with so much activity, that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, that we overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word.

God of abundant Mercy, please forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our hands, so we may pour your love out as abundantly and graciously as you have given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, through whom we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying: "I will write my law on your hearts; I will forgive your wrong doing and remember your sins no more."

Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven. Be at peace.

Thanks be to 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)

ANTHEM (11:00)

Lead Me Lord
*Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
Make my way plain before Thy face,
For it is Thou Lord, Thou Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-33

pg. 642 O.T.

I Peter 2:9-10

pg. 984 N.T.

Revelation 21:1-7

pg. 1007 N.T.

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

SERMON

Mottoes That Matter: Don't Miss the Big Picture

Jack Haberer

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are the church that lives into God's future today.
A church united across space and time.
A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.
A church that lives by the work of God in Christ
that was, is now, and is still to come.
The one who is seated on the throne says to us:
"Behold, I am making all things new!"
A new heaven and a new earth,
where the home of God is among God's people.
Across the centuries and continents,
We ARE God's people, and God is OUR God.
And God's future is epic,
And its good news has broken into the Now of our lives.
Let us live into God's future, for God's story is our story!
Thanks be to God.**

†HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

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

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Manz

†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 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Susan Montoya, Becca Huchton, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane, Bill Swart

USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Don Priour, Laura Batchelder, Matt Priour, Jean Weber

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.fpkerrville.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

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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, April 23

- 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
- 12:00 Congregational Meeting With Reception To Follow In Ryan Hall
- 5:00 Youth Group—FLC Youth Room

Monday, April 24

Tuesday, April 25

- 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 Yoga For Community (Beginner Yoga)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, April 26

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga For Community (Chair Yoga)—Ryan Hall
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 5:30 All Church Dinner—Family Life Center
- 7:00 Choir Practice—Choir Room

Thursday, April 27

- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Room 204

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, April 30

- Youth Sunday
- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 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.



Worship Notes

The *Call to Worship* is inspired by Genesis 12:1-4. The *Affirmation of Faith* is inspired by Revelation 21:1-6.

Correction to last week's bulletin:

The flowers for Sunday, April 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob and Elinor Ross by their son and his wife, Tom and Laura Ross, granddaughter and husband, Lauren and Erik Nielsen, and their daughter and son-in-law, Marsha and Clay Burnham.

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

- **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.
- **Please join us to celebrate Elaine Scogin's birthday.** Elaine is turning 100 on **Sunday, April 30, 2023.** We will drive over to Elaine's house right after church to bring our cards, good wishes, and hugs! Feel free to honk, wave and stop by after church to help this very special lady celebrate her big day.
- **Attention Newcomers and Old Friends:** Are you open to making it official? Becoming a member of the FPC-K family? We would love to tie the knot with you. Join us on **Sunday, May 7, at 12:00 noon** in Ryan Hall, for a two hour lunch and conversation, concluding with an opportunity (if you're so inclined) to join the church. No pressure of any kind to make that decision. Please call the church office during regular business hours to reserve your seat at the table. (830-257-3310).
- On Sunday April 2, 2023, you voted your support for the recommendation that we serve as your Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) for 2023. Thank you for expressing such confidence in us. We pledge to you our intent to fulfill our charge to the best of our abilities. We will be seeking six Elders, seven Deacons and one Trustee for the Class of 2026.

To get started, we ask for your nominees for this class. Beginning on April 14 and each week after that through several mediums, nomination forms will be available for your input in the Narthex and in your bulletin on Sunday. Simply complete the form and place it in depositories which will be identified. Some of us have continued to worship remotely, so our church directory, found on our website, can be an invaluable tool to remind you of some of our members you might not have seen recently.

Please return your form no later than May 4th.

Your participation in this process is needed and important, so please help us get off to a strong start with your suggestions.

Thank you and Blessings,
Your ONC for 2023

Sam Begeman, Hilary Mosty, Joyce Schlechte, John Mallory, Ron Peterson, Carole Swart,
Sharon Richardson