



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

Building a Community of Disciples

Growing toward

God-centered worship

Christ-centered service

Spirit-led lives

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome! We count it all joy to have you worshiping with us today.
Please fill out the black Friendship Pad so that we might welcome
you to our FPC community.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Lord, Be Glorified
In the Setting by Pachelbel's Canon in D

Reimer

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant...
it will not be like the old covenant:

written on stone.

This will be a radically new covenant,
my laws will be within you

written on our hearts.

And God added these wonderful words—

"I am your God and you are my people."

**Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God,
so that we know you in all your fullness,
love you as you love us,
and worship you as you deserve.**

Let us worship God.

†HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us in our lives to be like the grain of wheat which dies in one form
in order to be transformed into new, fuller life. And yet we often fear the risk
and change which new growth involves. Let us ponder for a moment the
places of our lives where we may be resisting God's call. (*silence*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For our resistance to your call to change our hearts
and allow a deepening of relationship:

God have mercy.

For our nursing of our wounded hearts
and the withholding of forgiveness which may transform relationship:

Christ have mercy.

For the fear for our own security that leads us
to close our hearts from those who are in need:

God have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The One who makes a covenant on our hearts is faithful to forgive us our
sins and failures. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a
community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy
of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us saying,
"The peace of Christ be with you."

The peace of Christ be with you.

**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

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

pg. 938 N.T.

Hebrews 8:8-13

pg. 975 N.T.

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

SERMON

Mottoes that Matter:

Jack Haberer

The Letter Kills. The Spirit Gives Life.

†HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Kevin Olson

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. Anthony Chorale

Franz Joseph Haydn

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jack Haberer, Julie Dunlap, Susan Montoya, Audrey Mitchell, Verna Benham, Seth Lafler,
Bill Swart, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30 - Bill and Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

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



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
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



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://fpckerville.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* was written by Moira Laidlaw and based on Jeremiah 31:31-34. The *Assurance of Forgiveness* was written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain.

Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at www.fpckerville.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.fpckerville.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.fpckerville.org and click on "Calendar".

Sunday, May 7

- 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 Newcomers Class—Ryan Hall
- 5:00 Youth Group—FLC Youth Room

Monday, May 8

- 1:00 Juniper Extended Communion—Juniper
- 1:30 Property Committee—Room 208
- 2:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 5:00 Personnel Committee—Room 207

Tuesday, May 9

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey Mitchell—Sanctuary
- 3:30 YES Center Splash Pad Party—Louise Hayes Park
- 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, May 10

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

Thursday, May 11

- 10:30 Presbyterian Women Day Circle—Room 207
- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Ryan Hall
- 5:00 CCP Graduation and Reception—Sanctuary, FLC Gym
- 7:00 Presbyterian Women's Night Circle—Ryan Hall

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center
- 4:00 Organ Concert with Dr. Sabrina Adrian—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day

- 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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Announcements

- **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 **today, at 12:00 noon** in Ryan Hall, for 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.
- **A Pipe Organ and Piano Concert Featuring Dr. Sabrina Adrian:**
May 13, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! This concert is given in gratitude for the ministry and friendship of Jack and Barbie Haberer. The program will be varied with selections from Bach to The Beatles and Vivaldi to The Rolling Stones with a little Sousa and Mercy Me and the Yellow Rose of Texas in between.
- **FPC has nine graduating seniors this year:** Robert Jackson, Emilia Graham, Beth Cunningham, Keaton Mitchell, Jacob Barnes, Joey Rodriguez, Benjamin Lohmeyer, Caroline Daschel, and Simon Silvias. As we prepare to wish them well for the next steps in their lives, we will be sending them with a bible. These bibles will be in the front office for the next couple weeks and will be in the narthex **Sunday May 14th and Sunday May 21st**. Please stop by and underline your favorite passage and/or add a note of encouragement for these youth as they continue their lives after high school graduation. Thank you for helping us fill these bibles with the love of their church family.
- **Wednesday, May 17, 12:00 pm, Men's Luncheon:** Join us for lunch at The Bayou 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, May 24 , All Church Dinner, Family Life Center, 5:30-7:00pm:**
The Hospitality/Fellowship & Personnel Committee teams invite you to help us wish Jack and Barbie Haberer well in their new adventures. A fajita dinner will be provided by the church, feel free to supplement with an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Please come enjoy great food and fellowship with our church family!
- **Summer Registration Is Now Open:**
 - **Vacation Bible School —June 5-8, 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**
Rising kinder—rising 5th graders. The "I AM" Statements of Jesus. A light supper will be provided.
 - **Creative Camp —June 26-30, 9:00 am-12:00 noon.**
Rising kinder-rising 6th graders. Come experience art and fun as we create together.
 - **Mission Kerrville —July 10-14, 9:00 am– 2:00 pm.**
2nd grader-rising 6th graders. God's Gift of Animals, we will learn about the many different types of God's creatures through field trips, special speakers, activities, and service projects. Space is limited. **This camp includes swimming.*
- **Name tags-**If you are missing your name tag, please let the Office know so that one can be ordered for you. This will be so helpful to our new pastor Jasiel as we welcome him and Jessie to FPC.
- **More Ushers Needed-** We have a 'positive problem'! With the anticipated increase in worshippers, more ushers are needed for both services. Please help us welcome our new pastor with our wonderful hospitality and service. If you are interested in this special ministry, please call the Office or Linda Phillips (303 929-2704).



While our news cycle moves on to other topics, as many as 23 million people in Turkey and Syria continue to struggle to recover from the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck near the Turkey-Syria border on February 6. Efforts have been made through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to organize resources already in Turkey and Syria. PDA is working to provide shelter and the basic needs of those who have lost their homes, their employment, their schools and desperately needed medical services.

The Missional Outreach committee has committed to send \$3,000 to help with these projects. May we challenge you to make that gift even larger? If you would like to help, please give by check to the church with PDA Earthquake in the memo line.