



# First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

July 16, 2023  
7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Come, Thou Fount

*Joseph Martin*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us offer our praise to God, for we come to learn God's ways:

**O God, your word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path;  
we lift our hearts to you as we seek to worship, adore and follow you.**

†HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CALL TO CONFESSION

As much as we try not to stray, we do.

As much as we try to follow God's word, we don't.

As we continue on this journey, let us seek God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we are quick to say,**

**"We didn't know."**

**"We didn't mean to."**

**"We didn't expect that to happen."**

**We have not tended the soil of our lives.**

**We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning  
from the experience of others.**

**We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices.**

**Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil.**

**Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn,  
so that your word will take root and bear fruit in our lives.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

There is no condemnation for us:

God has forgiven us so that we might live according to the Spirit.

**The Spirit of God dwells within us.**

**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)

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Genesis 32:22-31                      pg. 26 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23                      pg. 794 N.T.

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

SERMON                      More Than We Deserve                      Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe:**

**that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;  
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,  
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,  
that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**We believe:**

**that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,  
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

†HYMN 367                      Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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                      There Is a Place of Quiet Rest                      *Cleland Boyd McAfee*

†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 546                      Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      Count Your Blessings                      *Dan Miller*

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



## Thank You for Serving Today

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Jane Pickett, Bruce Story, Audrey Mitchell, Seth Lafler, Sabrina Adrian, Bill Swart, Wes Lane, Jacob Barnes

### USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Paulette Graves, Dayton Baublitz, Donna Brewton, Steve and Betty Clyburn, Deda Garlitz, Cheryl Sieker

### MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Bruce & Connie Story, Violins



## 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. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Sr. Pastor  
Head of Staff

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



## 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

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional Sequence* are taken from the "Call to Worship". The *Affirmation of Faith* is from the *Belhar Confession* 10.5.



## Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at [www.fpckerville.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.fpckerville.org) and click on "Calendar".

### Sunday, July 16

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 5:00 Youth Pool Party—The Ryes' Residence

### Monday, July 17

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 5:30 Budget & Finance Committee—Room 204

### Tuesday, July 18

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner Chapel Choir Room
- 5:00 Worship & Music Committee—Room 208
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

### Wednesday, July 19

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Youth go to Schlitterbahn—New Braunfels
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 11:30 Men's Luncheon—Bayou Restaurant
- 5:30 Children's Ministry Team—Room 210

### Thursday, July 20

### Friday, July 21

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

### Saturday, July 22

- 8:00 River Clean Up Mission Day—TBD
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

### Sunday, July 23

- Middle School Camp Eagle (July 23-27)
- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed



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# Announcements

- **Wednesday, July 19, 11:30 am, Men's Luncheon:** Our Men's Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, at 11:30 am at The Bayou restaurant. For reservations, please contact LeRoy Schlechte at [leroy02@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leroy02@sbcglobal.net), 830-792-7039, or the church office at 830-257-3310.
- **Wednesday, July 26, All Church Dinner, Family Life Center, 5:30-7:00pm:** The Visitors/New Members, Hospitality/Fellowship and PNC teams invite you to help us show our Texas hospitality as we welcome Jasiel and Jessie back to the Lone Star State. We ask that you bring food to share according to last names, A-H-Dessert, I-P-Side Dish, Q-Z-Main Dish. But most important, please come ready to have great food and fellowship with others from our church family.
- **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.
- **Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)** is in desperate need of donations of breakfast cereal. All donations are greatly appreciated. You may drop off your donation in the narthex CAM basket or at the church office.
- **Yoga for Community classes led by Cheryl Smith, Ryan Hall.**  
All classes include a scripture-based meditation, breathing practice, gentle warm-up movements, classic yoga postures and final meditation.  
  
**Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Beginner/Gentle Yoga** -for any level of participant who is comfortable getting down and up off the floor.  
  
**Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga** -for any level of participant. This practice takes place on and standing near a chair, for support. church office.
- **Music-All Guitar Lessons:** FPC Music Outreach Program with music instructor and musician Andrew Dodson. Join us on Tuesday nights in the Choir Room below Schreiner Chapel. No experience required. All material provided. All are welcome. Contact Andrew Dodson at [andrew@andrewdodsonmusic.com](mailto:andrew@andrewdodsonmusic.com) or 832.244.9175.
- **Mid-Year Giving Statements:** Your Mid-Year Giving Statement has been emailed if you have an email address on file with FPC. Check your spam folder if you do not receive it. Contact Mary Stone if you have questions about your statement or prefer a hard copy.