



# First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

July 23, 2023  
8th 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

Gaelic Air

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

We've come to worship God:

**who always finds us.**

**who loved us before we were yet born,**

**who knows us even better than we know ourselves,**

**and whose presence never leaves us.**

Friends, this is our God - an ever present God!

Let's worship together!

## †HYMN 702

Christ Be Beside Me

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved church, nothing can be hidden from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth,  
whose mercy is endless and whose mercy is great.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever-present God,**

**there is no place where you are not with us.**

**You see us at our worst and our best.**

**There is so much we could hide from you--**

**the ways we harm your creation,**

**the ways we mistreat others,**

**the ways we turn away when we should run toward.**

**Even as you know us, forgive us.**

**Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, hear the good news of the gospel:

God knows us and forgives us.

God leads us in the way of everlasting life.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**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 am)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

pg. 503 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:9-13

pg. 919 N.T.

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

SERMON

To Know and Be Known

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God**

†HYMN 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Andrew Dodson

†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 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19:

Benedetto Marcello

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

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



## 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 a *New Creed* from the United Church of Canada.

...the flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frances Blair by her sons Richard and Don Blair.



## 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! Members of the Session meet with prospective members each second Sunday of the month in Ryan Hall immediately after the 11 o'clock service."

## 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 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

### Monday, July 24

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

### Tuesday, July 25

- 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 26

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 5:30 All Church Dinner—Family Life Center

### Thursday, July 27

- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Ryan Hall

### Friday, July 28

### Saturday, July 29

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

### Sunday, July 30

- 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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## Thank You for Serving Today

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Cheryl Sieker, Betty Clyburn, Bruce Story, Audrey Mitchell, Seth Lafler, Sabrina Adrian, Bill Swart, Wes Lane, Jacob Barnes

### USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

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

### MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Andrew Dodson, Guitar



## 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

## Announcements

- **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.
- **Save the Date:** The Blessing of the Backpacks will be on **August 13** during the 11:00 am service. There will be a hot dog lunch in the Family Life Center after the service.
- **Donate Your Glasses Here:** Did you know we have a eye glass donation stand by the mailboxes in the church office? As soon as it fills up Don Priour sends them out for medical missionary work. Don will go on another medical mission trip to San Vicente, Coahuila in Sept, and Boquillas in November. Your donations greatly help others that are in need prescription glasses.
- **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.
- **Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)** CAM serves 25-40 clients (families) 5 days/week. Each of these families receives various items, including a box of cereal. Please consider donating one of the following items to CAM. You may drop off your donation in the narthex CAM basket or at the church office. Thanks for your generosity.

### Items that are needed:

- Boxed Cereal
  - Peanut Butter
  - Jelly
  - Canned Soup
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- **Transportation Ministry Volunteers Needed:** At FPCK, we share our gifts of time, food and mission, just to name a few. We now have the opportunity to share the gift of transportation. The **Transportation Ministry** seeks to provide transportation for our homebound saints to continue their Sunday worship experience at First Presbyterian when they are no longer able to drive themselves. We would love for you to join a growing list of volunteers on whom we can call as the need arises. We will rotate as many as possible during the month to help us help one another. If you are interested in being a driver for this ministry or have any questions, please call Shannon Tuschak at the church office 830-257-3310 or e-mail her at [stuschak@fpckerrville.org](mailto:stuschak@fpckerrville.org).