



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

July 30, 2023
9th 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

Toccata in C Major, BWV 564

J.S. Bach

†CALL TO WORSHIP

There is so much we do not understand, so many mysteries in the life of faith.
But some things are certain. We do know:

The Spirit of God intercedes for us.

God helps us in our weaknesses.

And all things work for the good

of those who love and follow God's commandments.

Let us worship God!

†HYMN 401

Here In This Place (Gather Us In)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We love God, and yet . . .

We are Christ's disciples, and yet . . .

We are guided by the Spirit, and yet . . .

There are many ways we do not live this reality.

Let us call upon the Spirit to intercede for us

in our time of confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit, intercede . . .

**when we fall short of your glory, when we do not deserve your promises,
when we do not act like those who have been called your children.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**when our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes,
when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**break forth into our lives,
forming us into the image of the one who justifies us. Amen.**

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, hear the good news of the gospel: God is for us!

God redeems us and justifies us through Jesus Christ.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Not even our sins, for we have been forgiven.

Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

†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 1 Kings 3:5-12 pg. 266 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:26-30 pg. 919 N.T.

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

SERMON Justified Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that in a free act of righteous grace God justifies the ungodly by faith alone apart from works, pardoning their sins, and reckoning them as righteous and acceptable in God's presence. Faith is thus the sole instrument by which we, as sinners, are united to Christ, whose perfect righteousness and satisfaction for sins is alone the ground of our acceptance with God. This acceptance happens fully and permanently at the first instant of justification. We believe, nevertheless, that the faith, which alone receives the gift of justification, does not remain alone in the person so justified, but produces, by the Holy Spirit, the fruit of love and leads necessarily to sanctification. Amen.

†HYMN 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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 "Unknown Peace" Keaton Mitchell

†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 435 There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major, BWV 564 J. S. Bach

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Cheryl Sieker, Sally Peterson, Emily McAllister, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane, Jacob Barnes

USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Emily McAllister, Youth

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Keaton Mitchell, piano



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.fpcckerrville.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. 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

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

For a full listing of church events, log on to www.fpckerrville.org and click on "Calendar."

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

Monday, July 31

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office

Tuesday, August 1

- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner Chapel Choir Room

Wednesday, August 2

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 5:00 Mr. Gatti's Youth Trip—Fredericksburg
- 5:30 Children's Ministry Team—Room 210

Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 4

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, August 5

- 10:00 Middle School Service Day—TBD
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, August 6

- 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 Group—FLC Youth Room

Sunday, August 13

- 11:00 Blessing of the Backpacks—Sanctuary
- 12:00 Hot Dog & Ice Cream Lunch—FLC Gym

Sunday, August 20

- 12:00 Congregational Meeting after the 11:00 service for the purpose of electing new officers.



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

This Sunday's affirmation of faith comes from the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith, or the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith. This is a Reformed confession of faith that was written by English Baptists who subscribed to a Calvinistic soteriology as well as to a covenantal systematic theology.



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



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Announcements

- **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.
- **Do you like to cook or pick-up a take-out order?** The youth of FPC meet almost every Sunday evening for a time of fellowship, an important part of this is sharing a meal together. We are looking for adults who would be willing to provide these Sunday meals. Our youth will happily eat just about anything, homemade or picked up. If you are interested in providing a meal don't hesitate to get in touch with Emily McAllister, emcallister@fpckerville.org, to find the perfect Sunday.
- **Would you be willing to give the gift of prayer this year?** We are looking for adults in our congregation who are eager to keep our middle school and high school youth in prayer. Each of our youth will be matched with an adult prayer partner from our congregation and that adult is asked to keep that specific youth in their prayers, weekly. That is the only commitment - that you keep your youth in your prayers. Their name and basic information, along with any specific prayer requests they have for the upcoming school year will be given to you. Please let Emily McAllister, emcallister@fpckerville.org know if you are willing to join in this ministry.
- **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
- **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@fpckerville.org.
- **HOPES Kitchen** greatly appreciates your donations of time, money and supplies! We are a giving congregation INDEED! At this time, we have plenty of resources, but would still love your participation. If you are inclined to help at all - even as a fill-in now and then - please give Cheryl Smith a call at (830) 739-6971, or email cheryl@lajunta.com. Thank you so much!!