



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

August 13, 2023
11th 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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. David S. Abramsky

†CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord!

Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!

Remember all the things God has done!

We rejoice in God's holy name!

Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

we come to be in God's presence.

Let us worship the living God!

†HYMN 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come seeking God's voice,
a voice that loves us, cares for us,
but also challenges us to do better,
to love more fully, and believe more wholeheartedly.
Let us be honest with God about where we are on our journey.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord,
but it is much harder to believe with our hearts,
to live in a way that puts you first.
We are quick to trust in idols.
We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,
instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.
Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief,
so that what we confess with our lips
we may truly believe in our hearts. Amen**
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.
We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed!
Hallelujah! 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 & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (11:00 am)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

pg. 284 O.T.

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Acts 9:1-22

pg. 893 N.T.

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

SERMON

Character, Knowledge, Faith, Action

Eldon Sheffer

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†HYMN 410

God is Calling Through the Whisper

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.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Cello Suite No. 3, Sarabande

Audrey Jellett

†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 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Eldon Sheffer, Dick Junkin, Lucy Cunningham, Devynn Martinez, Raleigh Priour,
Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane, Jacob Barnes

USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Paulette Graves, Donna Brewton, Angela Greene, Ralph Kutzer, Ed and Nancy Wallace

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Audrey Jellett, Cello



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. 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
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, August 13

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
Blessing of the Backpacks
- 12:00 All Congregation Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social
celebrating back to school—Family Life Center
- 5:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner
Chapel Choir Room
- 5:30 Yoga For Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, August 16

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga For Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 5:30 Children's Ministry Team—Room 210

Thursday, August 17

Friday, August 18

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, August 19

- 9:00 Pop Up Market—Family Life Center Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, August 20

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
Congregational Meeting after the 11:00 service
for the purpose of electing new officers.
- 5:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room



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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

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional*
Sequence are taken from "Call to Worship".

In life and in death we belong to God

Bob Finch

January 22, 1927 ~ August 1, 2023

Bob has been a member since 1980.



Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its mis-
sions, 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."

Announcements

- **Today, after the 11:00am worship service in the FLC-**Please join us for a hot dog lunch and ice cream social as we celebrate the end of summer and back to school.
- **Congregational Meeting, August 20, 2023 after the 11:00 am service for the purpose of electing new officers. The elders & deacon bios are available in our weekly eblast or you can pick up a printed copy in the narthex or church office.**
- **Saturday, August 19 — Food Bank Pop Up Market-**FPC has partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to help distribute food to over 100 Kerr County families. We will gather at 8:00am at the YES Center for the next food distribution. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Shannon Tuschak, stuschak@fpckerville.org.
- **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.
- **Transportation Ministry Volunteers Needed:** 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.
- **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.