



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

August 20, 2023
12th 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Cindy Berry

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come.

God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people.

God gathers all the outcasts together, and makes us joyful!

†HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

We seek the will of God,

but still find ourselves conformed to this world,

instead of being transformed into God's image.

Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned
away from justice and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all goodness,

We do not want to face all that is in our own hearts.

We want to focus on the good—

on the love, the compassion, the care.

and ignore the bad—

the greed, the envy, the cruelty.

But before you, God, we must face it.

Forgive all the ways we have let sin take hold of our hearts.

Cleanse us. Help us face our failures and shortcomings.

Empower us to live a Christlike life.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

Friends, know that your sins have been forgiven and be at peace!

Alleluia! 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 (11:00 am)

ANTHEM

I Will Sing of Thy Mercies

Mendelssohn/Young

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord my Savior,
And of thy faithfulness evermore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

pg. 599 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

pg. 797 N.T.

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

SERMON

Who Are We to Say "No"?

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a man involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of all people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on people's inhumanity and the awful consequences of their own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of people's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

†HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

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

Voluntary in G Major

Maurice Greene

†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 372

O for a World

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00 am)

Please remain seated as we vote and elect the new class of Deacons and Elders.

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Tim Summerlin, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane, Bill Swart, Jacob Barnes

USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Linda and Steve Phillips, Sue Bratcher, Mike Brunsvold, Mike and Nancy Wilson

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir



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.fpckerville.org and click on "Calendar."

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

Monday, August 21

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 1:30 Property Committee Meeting—Room 208
- 5:30 Budget and Finance Committee—Room 204

Tuesday, August 22

- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Worship and Music Committee—Room 208
- 5:30 Yoga For Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, August 23

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga For Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 3:30 Centennial Committee—Room 208
- 4:00 Hospitality Committee—Room 204
- 4:30 Security Committee—Ryan Hall

Thursday, August 24

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, August 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
- 5:00 Bring Your Grownup to Evening 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://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 "Call to Worship". The
Affirmation of Faith comes from *The Confession of*
1967, sections 32 and 33.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in
celebration of HD and Martha Maxwell's 65th
wedding anniversary from Dixie Williams and Sue
Bratcher.



Welcome, Visitors!

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

- **Congregational Meeting after the 11:00 am service for the purpose of electing new officers.**
- **Encouraging One Another:** A new women's Bible Study will be offered beginning on September 5th in Room 210 of the church. We will use a study book, *Encouraging One Another*, along with our Bibles. Just as God encourages us in our faith and in our daily challenges, so are we to encourage one another. The study involves some homework, and regular attendance is requested. This 12-week class will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10:15-12. June Begeman and Peggy Curlis will be leading the study. Call June (830-377-9227) or Peggy (830-928-7421) to receive further details and how to obtain the study book.
- **Friday, September 8, 2023, 9:00am, 128 Glen Court.** Please join us as we dedicate and bless the Schreiner University/FPCK Habit House for Carolina and Jackie.
- **Presbyterian Women's Night Circle** will resume its monthly meetings on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Ryan Hall. Our Bible study this year is *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts*. The study books are available in the Church office and are \$11.00 each.
- **Save The Date: Schreiner Chapel Centennial Weekend:**
Friday, September 15, Schreiner Chapel – 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Worship service with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Currie.
Saturday, September 16, Schreiner Chapel – 9:30am-12:30
9:30 – Coffee and Breakfast Tacos
11:00-11:30 – Coffee and Pastries
11:30-12:30 – Currie Lecture continued
Saturday night, 6:00pm, CCAC Ballrooms – Purposeful Lives Dinner at Schreiner University
NOTE: RSVP for the dinner by Sept. 8 to snash@schreiner.edu or 830-792-7214.
Sunday, September 17, Schreiner Chapel
9:45-10:45am – Sunday School in chapel – Sara Hamilton
11:00 – Worship, Main Sanctuary
- **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.
- **Do you like to cook or pick-up a take-out order?** The FPCK youth 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, please contact Emily McAllister, emcallister@fpckerville.org, to find the perfect Sunday.