



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

August 27, 2023
13th 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

We gather as the body of Christ.

**We are many individuals,
but together, we are one.**

Each of us has our own gifts,
our own calling, our own role,

**but all of us proclaim
Jesus Christ is the Messiah!
Let us worship God!**

†HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION

We call to God, saying, "Have mercy on us!"
We call to God, saying, "Lord, help us!"
We call to God even in the midst of our sins,
knowing that God is gracious and just,
Let us confess our sins before God and one another.
Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble.
We fear this world.
We fear losing our status, stability, and position more than we fear you.
Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you
when we take a risk for what we know is right.
Renew us and guide us in your truth.**
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If God was not on our side,
we could not stand in the judgment.
But God is with us, steadfast and faithful,
as we seek to live in peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
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 Jeremiah 17:7-8 pg. 628 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 124 pg. 498 O.T.

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

SERMON Gratitude...Hazards...and Help Susan Montoya

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Together we confess that God unites us in faith. Together we come to know the height, and the breadth, and the depth of the love of Christ. Together we are built up to the full stature of Christ. Together we know and bear one another's burdens. We admonish one another. We comfort one another. We suffer with one another. We need one another. We build up one another. Together we pray. Together we serve God in this world. Together we fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 330 Our Help Is in the Name of God

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 Cantata BWV 22 J.S. Bach

†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 410 God is Calling Through the Whisper

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Hilary Mosty, Jane Ragsdale, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Bill Swart

USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

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

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.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
 Alysse 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 "Call to Worship". The *Affirmation of Faith* is written by Barbara Hedges-Goetti and based upon the Confession of Belhar.



Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, 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."

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

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

Monday, August 28

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 6:00 Session Meeting—Ryan Hall

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga For Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, August 31

Friday, September 1

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall
- 4:00 Camerata Concert—Sanctuary

Saturday, September 2

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center
- 3:00 Youth Lock-In—FLC Youth Room

Sunday, September 3

- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour—Room 206
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Children's Corner Preschool and the church offices will be closed.



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Announcements

- **Camerata Concert:** Camerata San Antonio 23-24 Season. The 23-24 Camerata season is just around the corner! Camerata is returning with their opening concert next weekend **September 1 at 4:00 pm** right here in the sanctuary. Their first 2 programs are centered on the musically rich period between the World Wars (1919-1939) The September concert features music that carries forward the harmonic language and forms of 19th century. For more information about Camerata and for ticket information please go to CamerataSA.org or call 210-492-9519
- **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, Ryan Hall – 12:30pm*
 - 12:30 – Fellowship and Light Snacks
 - 1:00-2:00 – The Currie Lecture Series
 - 2:00-2:20 – Break/Table Discussion
 - 2:20-2:45 – Final Remarks
 - 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, Schreiner 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.