



September 3, 2023 14th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday

*Sermon Series* Exodus: Faithful Living Amid Doubt

#### 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

The Burning Bush

Heman Berlinski

**†**CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us each by name as we gather on holy ground. We come to this place seeking to know the great I AM. Let us worship God.

**†**HYMN 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, though we live in a culture that is reluctant to admit guilt, assume responsibility, or ask for forgiveness, we are so bold as to pray the words of the psalmist who said:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Search us, O God, and reveal anything in our lives that stands between us and your love.

Search us, O God, show us our sins so that we might confess them. Search us, O God, show us places where we have neglected Christian responsibility and then teach us how to live on this earth with each other.

Search us, O God, show us the faces of those we have wronged so that we might seek their forgiveness. In Christ, we pray. Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still. This is the good news that prevails! In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection we are forgiven people! **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)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

pg. 484 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-12

pg. 44 O.T.

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

Who am I? **SERMON** Jasiel Hernandez Garcia SILENT REFLECTION **†**HYMN 406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY **OFFERTORY** Lord, Here Am I John Ness Beck Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey. Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed to me, what is my labor and where it shall be? Master, Thou callest and this I reply: Ready and willing, Lord here am I. SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. 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. BREAKING AND POURING COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **†**HYMN 49 The God of Abraham Praise **†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION You may remain seated and enjoy the postlude or politely exit and visit with friends in the Narthex.



# Thank You for Serving Today

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Ed Wallace, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane, Jacob Barnes

#### <u>USHERS</u>

11:00-Darlene Bannister, Angela Greene, Ralph Kutzer, Ed and Nancy Wallace

#### **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:

#### Ministry Staff:

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 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://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.

Bethany and Andrew Dodson welcomed Levi Andrew Dodson on August 21, 2023. He weighed 7lbs, and 20 inches long.



# Worship Notes

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

The communion elements are gluten free and grape juice.

\*The cover artwork is by Mikayla Ragsdale.



# 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 sanctuary 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!

#### Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

## Sunday, September 3—Communion Sunday

- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour—Room 206
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- Monday, September 4 Labor Day

CCP & Church Offices Closed

## Tuesday, September 5

- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey
- 10:15 Encouraging One Another—Room 208
- 5:00 Music For All—Schreiner Chapel Choir Room
- 5:30 Yoga For Community (Beginner/Gentle) Ryan Hall

## Wednesday, September 6

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

## Thursday, September 7

#### Friday, September 8

9:00 Centennial Habitat House Blessing & Dedication 128 Glen Court

## Saturday, September 9

12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

## Sunday, September 10

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour-Room 206
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 10:00 Youth Sunday School—Family Life Center Youth Room
- 11:00 Worship—Blessing of the Backpacks Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 4:00 Middle School Youth Group—FLC Youth Room
- 5:30 MS/HS Youth Dinner—FLC Gym
- 6:00 High School Youth Group—FLC Youth Room



# **First Presbyterian Church**

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# Announcements

- Encouraging One Another: A new women's Bible Study will be offered beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Friendship Bible Class: We gather in Ryan Hall at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings (starting <u>Sept</u>. <u>24th</u>) for coffee fellowship, with class beginning at 9:45. This year we're starting with a new notebook and fresh pages! The class format, however, will remain the same; lecture, sharing and discussion. Our study will be on the book of Romans.

# DISCOVER FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrate 100 years of ministry with us!

## Friday, September 15—Schreiner Chapel: 6:30–8:00 p.m.

A special worship service commemorating Schreiner Chapel's 100th anniversary. Former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Currie, will share a reflection. Refreshments following the worship service.

# *Saturday morning, September 16—Main parking lot* Pop-Up Market: 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Come and serve the community with us during our monthly Pop-up market in collaboration with the San Antonio Food Bank. Call the church office at 830-257-3310 to sign up or more information.

## Saturday afternoon, —Ryan Hall

Fellowship with Light Snacks - 12:30 p.m.

#### The Currie Lecture Series, the Rev. Dr. Trace Haythorn : 1:00-2:45 p.m.

Theme: Keeping Faith During Challenging Times

#### Saturday night, 6:00pm —CCAC Ballrooms, Schreiner University Purposeful Lives Dinner at Schreiner University

You are invited to a recognition dinner of those individuals who exemplify the spirit of service to Schreiner University and its extended community. NOTE: RSVP for the dinner by Sept. 8 to snash@schreiner.edu or 830-792-7214.

## Sunday, September 17—Schreiner Chapel Sunday School: 9:45-10:45

Sara Hamilton will lead a tour and presentation of sacred art within the chapel.

# Main Sanctuary

#### Worship: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Current sermon series, Exodus: Faithful Living Amid Doubt The Rev. Dr. Trace Haythorn preaching. His sermon will be based on Exodus 14:19-31 – the crossing of the Red Sea.