



September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

*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

Go Down, Moses

Mark Hayes

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,

**We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.**

When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,

**We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.**

When we struggle to pay attention to how God is at work all around us,

**We remember God's call to sit, eat, and tell one another the stories of God's faithfulness. Let us worship God!**

†HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved church, the act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us confess our sins and shortcomings. Together, we pray:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our deliverer, you have made your law clear:**

**Love one another. Do no wrong to a neighbor.**

**But we have not mastered what it is to love.**

**We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action.**

**Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law, and fulfilling your will.**

**In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news:

Christ does not judge us harshly but forgives all our sins.

God delivers us and leads us into new life.

**We will not take this forgiveness for granted but will let it transform how we live and love.**

**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)

ANTHEM

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-11

pg. 51 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:12-14, 24-30

pg. 44 O.T.

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

SERMON

At What Cost?

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ, we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight; to hope for what we have not seen. Amen.**

†HYMN 686

God of Our Life

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

The Plague of Frogs/The Plague of Flies

Larry Visser

†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 52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*You may remain seated and enjoy the postlude or politely exit and visit with friends in the Narthex.*

POSTLUDE

The Plague of Hail, Thunder, and Lightning/ The Passover

Larry Visser



## Thank You for Serving Today

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Sam Begeman, Timothy Huchton, Rebecca Huchton,  
Elyse Houdeshell, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane, Jacob Barnes

### USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Paulette Graves, Donna Brewton, Steve and Betty Clyburn, Deda Garlitz, Dayton Baublitz

### 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](http://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

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#### **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  
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#### **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](http://www.fpckerrville.org) and click on "Calendar."

### 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 Teacher Appreciation/Adult Sunday School Kick Off—Ryan Hall
- 10:00 Youth Sunday School—Family Life Center Youth Room
- 11:00 Worship—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

### Monday, September 11

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 1:00 Juniper Extended Communion—Juniper
- 1:30 Property Committee—Ryan Hall
- 5:00 Personnel Committee—Room 204

### Tuesday, September 12

- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 4:00 Missional Outreach Committee—Zoom
- 4:30 Children's Corner Preschool Committee—Room 204
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner Chapel Choir Room

### Wednesday, September 13

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 11:30 Men's Luncheon—Bayou Cajun Restaurant
- 3:00 Adult Discipleship Committee—Library
- 5:15 Officer Training—Room 208
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

### Thursday, September 14

- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Ryan Hall

### Friday, September 15

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall
- 6:30 Schreiner Chapel Centennial Celebration—Schreiner Chapel, Rev. Thomas Currie with a cake & coffee reception in the Chapel Atrium after the service.

### Saturday, September 16

- 9:00 Pop Up Market—Family Life Center Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center
- 12:00 Light Lunch Reception—Ryan Hall
- 12:30 Schreiner Chapel Centennial Celebration—Schreiner Chapel, Rev. Dr. Trayce Haythorn

### Sunday, September 17

- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour—Room 206
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School (Sacred Art w/Sara Hamilton)—Schreiner Chapel
- 11:00 Worship—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



## 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". *Affirmation of Faith* from "A Declaration of Faith."

...the flowers are given by Paulette Graves to the glory of God and in memory of Vannie Graves (11/17) and Tiffeni A. Graves (8/23) by Paulette Graves.



## Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at [www.fpckerrville.org](http://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](http://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

- **Next Friday, September 15** the church offices will be closed in preparation for the Centennial Weekend. **Sunday, September 17** join us for Sunday School, Sacred Art in Schreiner Chapel with Sara Hamilton, followed by the 11:00 worship service in the main Sanctuary. ***\*There will only be one worship service on September 17th.***
- **Men's Luncheon: Wed., September 13, at 11:30 AM**, at "The Bayou Restaurant." Contact Don Priour, at [dpriour2@stx.rr.com](mailto:dpriour2@stx.rr.com)/830-896-4842 or the church office at 830-257-3310.
- **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.
- **Sunday, September 24-Friendship Bible Class begins:** We gather in Ryan Hall at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings 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.
- **Wednesday, September 27, All Church Dinner, Family Life Center, 5:30-7:00pm:** The Mission & Outreach committee invite you to the All Church Dinner. We ask that you bring food to share according to last names, A-H-Main Dish, I-P-Dessert, Q-Z-Side Dish. But most important, please come ready to have great food and fellowship with others from our church family.

### 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 was required by Sept. 8.

***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.