



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Centennial Weekend Celebration

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

Cantata BWV 51

J.S. Bach

We worship in the House of God, with steadfast faith imbued,
Which, every day, he doth repay by grace again renewed.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We observe this day as the Lord's Day, giving thanks to God,
Through storms, fearful nights, and clouds of doubt

God leads us into the ways of peace!

Through dips of despair and painful days,

God hears our prayers and lifts us up!

Through deserts and valleys, mountains and sea,

God guides us with hope and nurtures our souls!

Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

†HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved church, we are not here to pass judgment on each other:
all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

We acknowledge we have not always lived up to
who we have been called to be.

But we are children of God, and we are invited to bring these
confessions before God and one another.

Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Judge and Redeemer, we admit we have double standards.

We seek forgiveness for ourselves but fail to forgive others.

We seek relief for ourselves but fail to seek relief for others.

We seek leniency for ourselves but fail to show that mercy to others.

**Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same
grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us.**

In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, hear and believe the good news: God does not deal with us
according to our sins but according to God's own steadfast love for us.

As far as the East is from the West, so far, God has removed our sins from us.

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

SOLO

Primordial Light

Gustav Mahler

*O red rose, man lies in direst need, man lies in direst pain,
I would rather be in heaven. I then came upon a broad path, an angel came and
sought to turn me back, ah no! I refuse to be turned away. I am from God and to
God I will return, dear God will give me a light,
will light my way to eternal blessed life.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 114

pg. 491 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14:23-31

pg. 53 O.T.

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

SERMON

Signs and Wonders

Rev. Dr. Trace Haythorn

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right. Amen

†HYMN 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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

Christians Rejoice

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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful

Bish



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Trace Haythorn, Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Shannon Tuschak, Audrey Mitchell, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane, Bill Swart

USHERS

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

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
Sarah Joanne Davis, Soprano



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, September 17

- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Schreiner Chapel
- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour—Room 206
- 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 18

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 1:30 Property Committee—Ryan Hall
- 4:30 Budget and Finance Committee—Room 204

Tuesday, September 19

- 9:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 10:15 Encouraging One Another—Ryan Hall
- 5:00 Music For All—Schreiner Chapel Choir Room
- 5:00 Worship and Music Committee—Room 208
- 5:30 Yoga For Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, September 20

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga For Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 10:30 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 5:15 Officer Training—Room 208
- 5:30 Children's Ministry Team—Room 210
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

Youth Main Event—John Knox Ranch

Saturday, September 23

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, September 24

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour—Room 206
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 6:00 Combined MS & HS 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".
The *Affirmation of Faith* is from section 4 from the
"The Confession of Belhar". Artwork on the cover by
Tanya ZC Design.



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."



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Announcements

- **Sunday, September 24-Adult Sunday School Classes Begin:**

The Friendship Bible Class gathers 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.

The Neighborhood Church Class led by Andie Silguero-Valles and Susan Montoya will meet in Room 208 at 9:45 AM. Come and share how we can embody the values of love, justice and grace not only in our life together but out into, and with the community around us. Copies of the book by the same title are available in the church office.

- **Tuesday, September 19, Men's Bible Study** will return. This fall we will begin studying the book of Romans. We will meet each Tuesday in Room 207 at 7:00 am.
- **Wednesday, September 27, All Church Dinner, Family Life Center, 5:30-7:00pm:** The Missional Outreach committee invites 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. As fall approaches and the growing season ends, we welcome you to share your harvest with the community. There will be a table set up where you can share your produce.
- **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@fpckerrville.org.
- **FPC Grief Support Group:** Grief affects us in different and varied ways. Sharing stories in a safe and welcoming environment can be one way to navigate this challenging time. Our Grief Support Group is led by a skilled professional in a safe, confidential and supportive environment. Participants are encouraged to attend according to need, with no fixed time commitment or agenda. The group meets on the first and third Fridays of every month in Ryan Hall at 10:00am. Please call Pastor Susan Montoya or the church office at 830-257-3310 for more information.
- **HOPES Kitchen** greatly appreciates your donations of time, money and supplies! We are a giving congregation INDEED! At this time, we have plenty of resources, but would still love your participation. If you are inclined to help at all - even as a fill-in now and then - please give Cheryl Smith a call at (830) 739-6971, or email cheryl@lajunta.com. Thank you so much!!
- **Women's Fellowship Time**
Would you like to connect with your fellow women of the church, socialize, and eat some great food? Then FPC has some great opportunities for you!

The Greet, Eat & Meet (GEM) Ladies Lunch group gathers every second Wednesday at the Y.O. Hilton for lunch. This is a wonderful way for both new and existing members of our congregation to have fellowship and fun. If you are interested, please call Joyce Schlechte at 281-732-7670 or e-mail joycele-roi@hotmail.com.

The Yakrz Lunch Group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at various restaurants in Kerrville. To sign up, please contact Clarice Amaan at 830-739-7803 or e-mail ciebeam@yahoo.com.