



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



October 1, 2023
18th Sunday after Pentecost
World 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

We All Believe In One True God

J.S. Bach

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us. We praise God's name! Amen!

†HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

CALL TO CONFESSION

Faced with God's goodness, we recognize our failings.
Knowing God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.
In the confidence of God's children, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess to you:
We are not of the same mind. We do not share the same love.
In your generosity, you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.
We have not looked to the interests of others.
We do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us. Continue to be at work in us, that we might serve each other as you served us and reflect your glory in this world.
In Christ, we pray. Amen.**
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we lift up our souls to God, God does not put us to shame.
God forgives us, leads us in the truth, and leads us in what is right.
Thanks be to God! 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

Lead Me Out of the Wilderness

*Like a deer who longs for water, and the desert yearns for rain,
I am longing for your spirit. I am weary. I am faint.
And the heart that beats within me is a dry and barren land.
Lead me out of the wilderness. I am lost and alone.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 pg. 468 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 17:1-12 pg. 56 O.T.

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

SERMON Testing the Water Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†HYMN 529 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY Tiento Jose Lidon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF 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 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE The People Respond Amen! Dan Locklair



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

USHERS

11:00-Darlene Bannister, Angela Greene, Ralph Kutzer, Nancy Mallory, 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:

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Sr. Pastor/
Head of Staff
Rev. Susan Montoya, Parish Associate
Eldon Sheffer, Commissioned Ruling Elder

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Mary Stone, Business Administrator
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Dr. Sabrina Adrian, Organist
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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, October 1

- World Communion Sunday
- Peace & Global Witness Special Offering
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour—Room 206
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 5:00 Combined Youth—FLC Youth Room

Monday, October 2

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 1:00 Juniper Extended Communion—Juniper

Tuesday, October 3

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Pastor Jasiel—Sanctuary
- 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, October 4

- 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
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, October 5

Friday, October 6

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, October 7

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, October 8

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Friendship Bible Study—Ryan Hall
- The Neighborhood Church Study—Room 208
- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour—Room 206
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 10:00 Youth Sunday School—Family Life Center Youth Room
- 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

Liturgy from the *Peace and Global Witness website & The Call to Worship*.

The communion elements are gluten free and grape juice.

*The cover artwork titled *The Well of Miriam* is by Yoram Raanan.



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!



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Announcements

- **Sunday, October 1:** We invite everyone to join us in Ryan Hall for the second class of Neighborhood Church. This will be the only Sunday School class that day. A special guest, Krin Van Tatenhove, co-author of The Neighborhood Church, will join us. The following Sunday, October 8, both Adult Sunday School classes will resume and return to their scheduled rooms.
- **Wednesday, October 11, The Men's Group:** Will meet at the El Jimador Café at 11:30 for lunch. Contact Don Priour to RSVP at 830-896-4842 or dpriour2@stx.rr.com.
- **Sunday, October 15, Youth Lasagna Fundraiser:** Join us after the 11:00 am service in the FLC for this great event. The youth will host their annual Lasagna Fundraiser. There will be to-go meals available. We will use all donations (cash, checks, and credit cards) to fund youth camps.
- **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.
- **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. Hotel 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.

YAKRZ (pronounced 'yackers') is a group of women from FPC who gather monthly to have lunch. But, as the name implies, we do a lot of talking. It is a time when we learn about each other, share joys & concerns about the world and our church and do a lot of laughing. We hope you will consider joining us on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If you have question or want to say you'll come, just call or text Clarice Amann (830.739.7803 c// 830.792.4179 h -Ciebeam@Yahoo.com)