



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



October 8, 2023

19th 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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come to learn.

Let us come to witness.

Let us come to change.

Let us come to repent.

Let us come to worship.

†HYMN 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's law is right and just,
offering us wisdom and enlightenment.
Yet, we ignore the importance of God's law in our lives
and persist in our own ways.
In humility, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the law and the prophets,
we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken.
We worship idols of money, success, and power.
We use your name to justify whatever we do.
we do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others.
Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us.
Speak to us, and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom
and deliverer. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love;
God's grace is unending. Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for such graciousness!

†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

The Heavens Are Telling
*The Heavens are telling the glory of God,
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.
The night that is gone to following night,
the heavens are telling the glory of God.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10, 14 pg. 433 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-21 pg. 58 O.T.

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

SERMON Law and Love: Susan Montoya
Living into the promise

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

†HYMN 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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 Amazing Grace arr. Andrew Dodson

†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 394 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Susan Montoya, Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Pam Cooper, Jane Ragsdale, Audrey Mitchell, Seth Lafler, Sabrina Adrian, Bill Swart.

USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

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

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Andrew Dodson, John Mallory, Audrey Mitchell, Todd Vaughan



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

- Use the green giving envelope located in the pews. Drop the envelope in the offering plate.
- Use secure 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

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, October 8

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 208
- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Hour—Room 206
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 5:00 MS/HS Youth Group & Dinner—FLC Gym

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 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
- 5:30 Yoga For Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, October 11

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga For Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 11:30 Men's Luncheon—El Jimador Cafe
- 3:00 Adult Discipleship Committee—Library
- 4:00 Hospitality & Fellowship—Room 207
- 5:15 Officer Training—Room 208
- 5:30 Diaconate Meeting—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, October 12

- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Presbyterian Women Night Circle—Ryan Hall

Friday, October 13

Saturday, October 14

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, October 15

- 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, Room 208
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 12:00 Lasagna Lunch—FLC Gym



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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 Brief Statement of Faith." The cover artwork is titled *The Ten Commandments* by Jen Nort



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 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."

Announcements

- **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.
- **Saturday, October 21 — Food Bank Pop Up Market-**FPC has partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to help distribute food to over 100 Kerr County families. We will gather at 8:00am at the YES Center for the next food distribution. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sharon Tuschak, stuschak@fpckerrville.org.
- **Wednesday, October 25, All Church Dinner, Family Life Center, 5:30-7:00pm:** The Stewardship and Communication and Budget & Finance committees invite you to our All Church Dinner. We ask that you bring food to share according to last names, A-H-Side Dish, I-Q-Main Dish, R-Z-Dessert. Please come ready to enjoy great food and fellowship with others from our church family.
- **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)