



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



October 15, 2023

20th 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 in the pew so that we might welcome you.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

The God of Abraham Praise

Mark Hayes

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Now is the time to worship!

We come to worship God, who invites us.

When the Israelites worshiped the golden calf,
God listened to Moses and chose to correct instead of destroy.

**God persistently invites us to return to God,
making right what we have done wrong.**

Let us praise God, who restores us!

†HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

From ancient times to now,
God's people have turned away.
We are no different: we let fear take hold of us,
and try to go our own way.
Let us now confess our sins before God and another.
Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**True God from True God,
we have not built a golden calf, but we have worshiped idols. We have put our
trust in what we build with our own hands. We find security in what we can
hoard instead of trusting your provision. We listen to lies that spread hatred and
Division instead of the radical truth of your word. Forgive us.
Melt down our idols until we see only you and fix our sight on your way alone.
Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God shows us a different way— a way of truth, honor, justice,
purity, and excellence. This path is open to all of us if we reach out and
accept God's forgiveness.

Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people, forgiven and freed.

†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 106:1-6, 19-23 pg. 485 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 32:1-7, 9-11, 19-20, 33-35 pg. 69 O.T.

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

SERMON An Invisible God Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us the courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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. Amen.

†HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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 Largo Antonio Vivaldi

†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 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Exodus arr. Gene Roberson



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, William Jackson, Raleigh Priour, Devynn Martinez, Audrey Mitchell, Seth Lafler, Sabrina Adrian, Bill Swart.

USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

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

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

- 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 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

Monday, October 16

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 4:00 Budget and Finance Committee—Room 204

Tuesday, October 17

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 10:15 Encouraging One Another—Room 208
- 5:00 Worship & Music Committee—Room
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner
Chapel Choir Room
- 5:30 Yoga For Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, October 18

- 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, October 19

Friday, October 20

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, October 21

- 9:00 Pop Up Market—FLC Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, October 22

- 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
- 10:00 Youth Sunday School—FLC 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



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

...We borrow the words from the Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney,
"I pray for the dead. I pray for the dying. I pray for the
hurting. I pray for the raging. I pray for the unjust. I
pray for the opportunists. I pray for the children. I pray
for the future. I pray for justice. I pray for peace."



Worship Notes

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional*
Sequence are taken from "Call to Worship". *Affirma-
tion of Faith* from "A Brief Statement of Faith." The
cover artwork is titled *The Golden Calf* at the Com-
munion Bar.



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, 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 Shannon 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.
- **Sunday, October 29, Halloween Organ Concert:** Dr. Sabrina Adrian will perform a Halloween concert "Phantoms and Fairy Tales," at 4:00 pm in the main sanctuary. The Phantom, Hall of the Mountain King by Greig, and Hansel and Gretel by Humperdinck are just a few of the pieces she will play. Free admission.
- **Sunday, November 5, 3:00 p.m.:** Pastoral Installation Service for Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia will take place in the main sanctuary. There will be a reception to follow in Ryan Hall. Everyone is invited to join the celebration.
- **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)