



First Presbyterian  
Church | Kerrville



October 22, 2023

21<sup>st</sup> 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

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

God's glory is too much to comprehend, but we see God's face among us.

**When we come together as the church, God is present - within us and around us! Let us witness God's glory together!**

## †HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, God has chosen us, but we frequently fail to choose God's will for our lives. Let us go before God, seeking God's forgiveness, grace, and peace. Together, we pray:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not given you the things that are yours. We quibble over technicalities and argue over questions that do not lead us to love you, ourselves, or our neighbors well. We ignore your goodness that is all around us, and we do not allow ourselves to be filled with the Spirit who empowers us to live as people who glorify you. Forgive us; we pray. Free us to live in love and peace with you, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Beloved church, the good news remains true today:  
God has chosen us. God has forgiven us.  
God walks beside us and leads us to everlasting peace.  
There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has  
set us free from the law of sin and death.  
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 AM)

## ANTHEM

He Hideth My Soul

*arr. Brad Nix*

*A Wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me,  
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.  
He hideth my life in the depths of His love, and covers me there with His hand.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 99 pg. 480 O.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 33:12-23 pg. 70 O.T.

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

SERMON Walking with God Eldon Sheffer

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†HYMN 341 O God, Show Us Mercy

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.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Prelude and Fugue in F, BWV 556 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 836 Abide with Me

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Festival Postlude Domenico Zipoli



## 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://fpckerville.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."

***In life and in death we belong to God***

**Arthur "Art" Bell**

*October 22, 1931 ~ October 16, 2023*

*Art has been a member since 2005.*



## Worship Notes

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional Sequence* are taken from "Call to Worship".

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lois "Mimi" McHargue on what would have been her 100th birthday, October 21st, by the Huchton family.



## Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at [www.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.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.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.org) and it will head right to our prayer team, which meets on

## Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

For a full listing of church events,  
log on to [www.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.org) and click on "Calendar."

### 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—Rita's Tacos
- 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, October 23

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office
- 5:30 Session Meeting—Room 208

### Tuesday, October 24

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Music For All (Guitar Lessons)—Schreiner Chapel Choir Room
- 5:30 Yoga For Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall
- 6:00 Children's Ministry Team—Room 210

### Wednesday, October 25

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga For Community (Chair)—Ryan Hall
- 5:15 Officer Training—Room 208
- 5:30 All Church Dinner—FLC Gym
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

### Thursday, October 27

- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Ryan Hall

### Friday, October 28

### Saturday, October 29

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

### Sunday, October 30

- 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 Youth Lunch—Location TBD
- 4:00 Halloween Organ Concert with Dr. Sabrina Adrian—Sanctuary



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## Thank You for Serving Today

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Eldon Sheffer, Susan Montoya, Hilary Mosty, Linda Phillips, Audrey Mitchell,  
Seth Lafler, Sabrina Adrian, Bill Swart

### USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Don Priour, Laura Batchelder, Matt Priour, Jean Weber, Cheryl Sieker

### 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](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

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### 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

## Announcements

- **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](mailto:cheryl@lajunta.com). Thank you so much!!
- **Donations for Christian Assistance Ministry: Any help is appreciated. Current needs:** Grape Jelly, canned soups, fruits, green beans, boxed meals, and canned meats. These canned items are very helpful for our homeless clients. We are seeing more clients weekly. Donations maybe dropped of in the basket in the narthex or the church lobby.
- **Alternative Gift Market: Save The Date!**

**Saturday, Nov. 11 - 10:00-3:00**

**Sunday, Nov. 12 - 9:00-2:00**

The Alternative Gift Market is Back!! Our annual approach to holiday gift giving will take place on Saturday, Nov 11 and Sunday, Nov 12. The church's Ryan Hall will be filled with displays of beautiful, hand-crafted items made by 3rd world artisans. You will find ways to help nourish, educate and support people scattered all over the globe struggling to have a better life. Gifts purchased can be given to honor a friend or loved one, or purely be your generous way to help those who have little hope for a safe and healthy future.

All gifts are tax free with 100% going to the groups represented at the market. If you cannot attend the in-person market, you may find ways to give through the church website, [www.fpckerrville.org](http://www.fpckerrville.org) under the OUTREACH tab. There you will find more information on the missions represented at the Alternative Gift Market and ways you can donate to the work they do. The online market takes place from Nov. 2 to Nov 30.

If you would like further details, or can volunteer to help that weekend, please contact Carmen Sullivan ([ccsulli@ktc.com](mailto:ccsulli@ktc.com)).