



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



October 29, 2023
Reformation Sunday

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

Amazing Grace

Martin

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God speaks to us today: Set up a tabernacle - a tent of meeting.
Bring the ark of the covenant and shield it with a curtain.
Build an altar for burnt offerings.

We do these things because we trust God.

We build spaces where God can dwell among us.

We create new things with hope and conviction.

Let us worship the living God!

†HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our hearts long for God, and we recognize we fall short of God's glory.
Let us now acknowledge our faults and shortcomings by confessing our sins before God and one another. Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages. You have been faithful to us, but we have not been faithful to you. You have established a new covenant with us, but we have not upheld our part on different occasions. Help us to remember what it means to be your disciples. Help us to embody your love even during the hard days. And help us to be good stewards of your grace and resources. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, it is true: we are beloved of God.
The God who loves us does not condemn us but offers us forgiveness today and every day. Let us live in God's truth, way, and light.
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 (11:00 AM)

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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*If you but trust in God to guide you, with hopeful heart,
through all your ways, you will find strength, with God beside you,
to bear the worst of evil days. For those who trust God's changeless love,
build on the rock that will not move.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 2:1, 6-13 pg. 959 N.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 40:1-9, 33-35 pg. 76 O.T.

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

SERMON Why do we Build? Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that, is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him, all things were made... We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we confess one baptism for the remission of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†HYMN 187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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.**

A MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP: EXPERIMENTAL HOPE Tim Huchton

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY A Mighty Fortress Johann Walther

†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 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Toccata Leon Boellmann



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Cheryl Sieker, Heather Cunningham, Tim Huchton, Audrey Mitchell, Emily McAllister, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Bill Swart, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30-Bill & Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00-Emily McAllister, Youth

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.fpcckerrville.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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Alfred Valero, Facilities Manager
Wes Lane, Media Specialist

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Ministers — All Our Congregation

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

For a full listing of church events,
log on to www.fpckerville.org and click on "Calendar."

Sunday, October 29

- 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

Monday, October 30

- 11:00 Congregational Care Meeting—Pastor's Office

Tuesday, October 31

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel with Audrey—Sanctuary
- 5:30 Yoga For Community (Beginner/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, November 1

- 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, November 2

Friday, November 3

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, November 4

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, November 5

- 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 Angel Tree Shopping—San Antonio



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."



Worship Notes

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional*
Sequence are taken from "Call to Worship". The *Affir-
mation of Faith* is from The Nicene Creed. The front
artwork is call "The Tabernacle of Jehova" by Norbert
McNulty.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in
honor of Dr. Sabrina Adrian's Phantoms & Fairy Tales
Halloween organ concert.



Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its mis-
sions, visit our website at 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 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 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!!
- **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 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).

- **FPC Grief Support Group – Meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month, 10:00 am in Ryan Hall:** As the holiday approach, grief can impact our lives in many different ways. The path towards healing is never smooth or predictable, and connecting with others in a safe and confidential environment can lend support as we navigate this time. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, we can help you through this difficult time, in a welcoming and non-judgmental environment. Our group is led by a skilled professional. Participants are encouraged to attend according to need, with no fixed time commitment or agenda. Please call Pastor Susan Montoya at the church office (830-257-3310) for more information.