



November 19, 2023
25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Let All Things Now Living

Martin

†CALL TO WORSHIP

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry:

our Living God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need:

our Living God invites us to step into the land of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

the Living God invites us to dwell in God's never-ending grace.

Come, let us worship our Living God together!

†HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**When we come to the edge of your holiness, constant love,
we know how we have not lived as your children. We dam up
for ourselves your rivers of love while our lives turn into
deserts of loneliness. All too quickly, we place our feet on
the quicksand of fear, not wanting to step across into faith.
We get tied up in our anger and worries and are burdened
by their weight.**

**Forgive us, O God. By your patient grace, set our feet upon
the path of your will so that we may walk into your promise of
forgiveness. Help us to remember you are our Living God,
who is still in the business of leading your people into
freedom. Inspire us by your grace so we may walk boldly
in faith together.**

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, this is the good news: God hears you, forgives you,
and is with you as you journey into that land called Promise.

**Let us accept God's word of joy and grace. We will live as God's
children in all the days to come. 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)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 pg. 960 N.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 3:1-8; 12-17 pg. 170 O.T.

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

SERMON "You're Still the One" Gini Norris-Lane

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has self revealed as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged, and that God calls the church to follow in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against any power and privilege that seeks to control and harm others. This we believe.

†HYMN 340 This Is My Song

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 We Gather Together Gerald Kemner

†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 643 Now Thank We All Our God

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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.

In life and in death we belong to God

Donald Clinton Morris Sr.

May 24, 1933 ~ November 12, 2023

Don has been a member since 2017.



Worship Notes

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional Sequence* are taken from "Call to Worship".
Affirmation of Faith is from the Confession of Belhar.
The cover artwork is titled "*Desert Colors*" 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 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."

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

Sunday, November 19

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 12:00 Youth Angel Tree Shopping—San Antonio
- 3:00 Schreiner University Music Department "Fall Showcase"

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel—Sanctuary
- 5:00 Worship & Music Committee—Room 208

Wednesday, November 22

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 12:00 Church Offices Close at Noon

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day—FPC Church Offices & CCP Closed

Friday, November 24

FPC Church Offices & CCP Closed

Saturday, November 25

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, November 26

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Time—Room 206
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 5:00 Middle and High School Youth Group
—FLC Youth Room



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Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Gini Norris-Lane, Susan Montoya, David Williams, Emily McAllister, Seth Lafler, Sabrina Adrian, Bill Swart.

USHERS

8:30-Bill and 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

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

- **Sunday, November 19, 3:00, Sanctuary —**

Schreiner University Music Department "Fall Showcase"

Come enjoy Schreiner University music department's semester ending student performance. You will hear the string orchestra, choir, band, and the Outstanding Student Recitalist Award Winners.

- **Monday, November 20, 4:00pm, FLC Parking Lot**

Hill Country Youth Ranch Thanksgiving Dinner

All volunteers are welcome, we will meet at the church and then travel to the Hill Country Youth Ranch to serve the youth dinner.

- **November 26 and December 3:** Reminder we will only have one service on those days due to the holiday and Communion Sunday.

- **Thursday, November 30— 7:00pm, Sanctuary, Tivy High School Fine Arts Performance**

Come enjoy the Tivy High School Band, Choir and Orchestra's concert "Sounds of the Season".

- **Saturday, December 2-Sunday December 3 - All Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch**

Check-in is Saturday morning at 9:00am. There will be activities for all on Saturday during the day (Advent crafts from 2:00-4:00). Staying overnight is not required but if you choose to stay, there is plenty of room. We will all return for worship at 11:00am in the FPC sanctuary. For those that aren't able to make it to the All Church Retreat, we will have Advent crafts set up in the FLC during the Sunday School hour. For more information, contact Emily at emcallister@fpckerrville.org.

- **Tuesday, December 5, 5:30p.m. Kerrville Ministerial Alliance Christmas Walk:** Make plans to celebrate this Christmas season by joining us on a unique night of Christmas services in five downtown Kerrville churches beginning at First Baptist Church on Washington Street. Walking paths to and from each church will be illuminated for visibility and safety. There is no cost for this event.
- **Wednesday, December 6th, 11:30a.m.** Men's Luncheon: Join us at the Lake House restaurant. Please RSVP to LeRoy Schlechte at leroy02@sbcglobal.net, or joyceleroi@hotmail.com, or the church office amartin@fpckerrville.org.
- **Thursday, December 14, 6:00pm, Sanctuary, Children's Corner Christmas Program:** Please join us for a very special Christmas program celebrating our wonderful CCP children, followed by a reception in the Family Life Center.
- **December 3, 9:45, Advent Sunday School Class, Ryan Hall:** Pastor Jasiel will lead a four-week class following the book "Honest Advent" by Scott Erickson. This book powerfully reflects on what it means to be human (and how we make sense of the messiness, beauty, and complexities we all encounter in this world) as we seek to encounter a God who gave up everything to become flesh and bones in order to understand our humanity and redeem us. You may purchase your own book via amazon or your preferred bookstore. If you need help getting it, let the church office know.

Advent Family Devotionals: The Adult Education committee is providing 75 Advent devotionals for households to take home. "Come, Emmanuel" includes daily devotions for the first Sunday of Advent (December 3) through Epiphany (January 6). The devotional booklet also offers household blessings and prayers to enrich your preparations and celebrations. We also have a very limited supply of Large Print ones. These are first-come-first-serve and will be available at the church office and in the Narthex on Sundays.

Advent Publication: FPC's latest seasonal publication, "First Press," will be available after Thanksgiving break. This first issue will include the various fellowship activities, worship schedule, resources, and theme for the Advent season. These will be available in the Narthex, church office, digitally, and will be mailed out to our home-bound members.