



First Presbyterian
Church | **Kerrville**



November 26, 2023
Reign of Christ Sunday

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

God, You Rule with Royal Bearing

Ralph Vaughan

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God of all creation,
maker of heaven and earth, who crafted the seas and mountains and yet cares for each of us!

We gather to worship God, Lord of the universe,
who rules our lives with love and compassion, who delivers us from sin and death and gives us eternal life!

Let us worship God who is, and was, and is to come!

†HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CALL TO CONFESSION

People of God, let us remind one another that we are part of the kingdom of God. Our work, prayers, and love are tangible expressions of what God desires for this world.

However, we have failed one too many times to make this kingdom visible in our midst. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess that we do not give as much attention to your voice and those things that come from you. We often listen to rumors, gossip, and divisive words instead of paying attention to what is true and honorable. We have failed to uphold your justice and peace. Teach us, once again, how to live and love in a way that reflects your everlasting grace. Forgive us and change us. And may we become grateful and kind people.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is in a position to condemn, to blame? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ was raised for us. Christ advocates for us. Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Here and now, know we are forgiven people!

Thanks be to God!

†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 King Shall Come

The kind shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
Oh brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race.
The day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see his face.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

pg. 942 N.T.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

pg. 787 N.T.

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

SERMON

Savoring the Here and Now

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day, he arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

†HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

Christians Rejoice

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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Plymouth Suite

Percy Whitlock



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Jane Pickett, Emily McAllister, Seth Lafler, Sabrina Adrian, Jacob Barnes, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30-Bill and 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 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
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, November 26

- 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 Hour—Room 206
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 5:00 Middle & High School Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

Monday, November 27

- 5:30 Session Meeting—Room 208

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207

Wednesday, November 29

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, November 30

- 7:00 Tivy High School Concert—Sanctuary, Ryan Hall

Friday, December 1

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, December 2

- 9:00 All Church Retreat—Mo-Ranch
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, December 3

- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Advent Craft Time—Family Life Center
- 9:45 Parents' Fellowship Time—Room 206
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 12:00 Regular Visitors Orientation—Ryan Hall

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God-centered Worship

Christ-centered Service

Spirit-led Lives



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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.



A Stewardship Update

As of Monday, Nov. 20th, we have received 100 pledges totaling **\$600,050.00**. If you have not submitted your pledge yet, there is still time! We are counting on your support and generosity.



Worship Notes

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional Sequence* are taken from "Call to Worship".
Affirmation of Faith is The Apostles' Creed. The cover artwork is titled *Psalms 85 by August Swanson*.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Don Blair Sr by his children Richard and Don Blair.



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 go 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

- **December 3:** Reminder-we will only have one service at 11:00am for 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.