



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

11:00 AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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

Christmas Intrada

David Conte

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We gather to light the fourth candle of Advent.

We kindle this light, embracing God's love for us.

God's love is the only thing that can change the world because this love has the power to change us. Love has come to us as a God who became one of us, lived and died for us, and lives again. Love has come to us as a God who risked everything to make us understand that nothing is impossible. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

We will never give up because God's love is real. God's love in us is a fire that never dies.

ADVENT PRAYER

God of love, remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. May your steadfast love continue to mold us into the people we should become as we bear good news to a weary world. Renew our commitment and let your Holy Spirit rest in our lives as we seek to love one another. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tambourine Solo

Keaton Mitchell

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25
Mary and Joseph

CAROL #82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
All Verses

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1-7
The Birth of Jesus

CAROL #115

Away in a Manager
All Verses

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-14
The Shepherds Hear

CAROL #136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain!
First Two Verses

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:15-20
The Angels Sing

CAROL #113

Angels We Have Heard on High
All Verses

FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12
The Wise Men Visit

CAROL #151

We Three Kings
1 & 5 Verses

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Hayes

†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

CAROL # 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful
1 & 4 Verses

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

†CAROL # 134

Joy to the World
All Verses

†BLESSING

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Miller



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Emily McAllister, FPC Youth and Children, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Jacob Barnes

USHERS

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

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
Keaton Mitchell, Piano



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
Emily McAllister, Dir. Of Family Ministry
Alyse O'Brien, Children's Music Director
Scott Russell, Children's Corner Director
Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director
Shannon Tuschak, Care Coordinator
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, December 24

9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall
11:00 Family Worship Service—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
7:00 Traditional Candlelight Service—Sanctuary & Live Streamed

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day
Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27

Church Offices Close at Noon
9:00 Prayer Group—Online

Thursday, December 28

Church Offices Closed
High School Winter Retreat/Ski Trip

Friday, December 29

Church Offices Closed
High School Winter Retreat/Ski Trip

Saturday, December 30

12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center
High School Winter Retreat/Ski Trip

Sunday, December 31

11:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
High School Winter Retreat/Ski Trip

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day
Church Offices Closed
High School Winter Retreat/Ski Trip

Building a Community of Disciples Growing Towards
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.



Worship Notes

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional*
Sequence are taken from "Call to Worship." The
cover artwork is titled "*Nativity*" by *Cristina Gosserez*.



Let Us Pray

...for our troops, especially for those serving in
war-torn countries, and for refugees all over the world.



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.