



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

7:00 PM

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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Christmas Intrada

David Conte

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world.

We gather to light the Christ Candle on this Christmas Eve.

We kindle this light, proclaiming that God is with us.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a time when those who walked in the shadows would see a great light. A light would shine, and a child would be born to us. The evangelist Luke painted the nativity sky and repeated the heavenly song of the angels, "Glory, peace on earth, and goodwill!" John declared that this great light is Christ, the Word made flesh. This great light lives among us. By it, we behold God's glory—full of grace and truth. At Christ's nativity, we now rejoice.

God has been born among us! Come to us, O Christ the Light.

Glory be to God and peace on earth. Christ is born! Alleluia!

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming to us tonight. Thanks for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. May your light shine bright in every corner of the world with your peace. May your light illumine every corner of our hearts. You are with us. We are not alone. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lo, How A Rose

Sarah Davis

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

CAROL #114

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2: 6-7

CAROL #86

The People Who Walked in Darkness

THIRD LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

CAROL #82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-18

CAROL #113

Angels We Have Heard on High

FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 2:7-12

CAROL #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

SIXTH LESSON

John 1:1-18

CAROL #134

Joy to the World

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night

*Seth Lafler, Tenor
Sarah Davis, Soprano*

†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.***

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

BREAKING AND POURING

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CAROL # 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain!

†PASSING OF THE LIGHT

†CAROL # 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

†BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel

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



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Eldon Sheffer, Gini Norris-Lane,
the Norris-Lane Family, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Jacob Barnes

USHERS

7:00-Steve and Linda Phillips, Laura Batchelder, Angela Greene, Hilary Mosty
Jean Weber

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
Sarah Davis, Soprano



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
Alysse 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.fpckerville.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://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.



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
missions, visit our website at
www.fpckerville.org. If you would like to be contact-
ed by phone or email, please submit a contact re-
quest 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.