



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



January 7, 2024
Epiphany and
Communion 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

I Wonder As I Wander

Robert Hebble

†CALL TO WORSHIP

This little light of mine

I'm going to let it shine.

This little light of ours

we're going to let it shine.

This little light of the world

has overcome the darkness.

We have followed the light to this place,

and the glory of God's presence is among us!

Let us worship God!

†HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

CALL TO CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

Like a great light in a land of deep darkness,
the mercy of the Lord shines upon us.

May we be so bold as to confess our sins and shortcomings
before God and one another.

Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, God of night, you are holy light in dark places.

Forgive us, O God, when we turn away from your light:

when we follow our own ambitions instead of your call,

when we respond to your presence with fear rather than joy.

Forgive us, O God, when we do not comprehend the depth of your

Christmas love, the meaning of your powerful story, or the call you

place on each of our lives. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness,

empower us to follow the star once more.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come!

You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people! **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)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

pg. 602 O.T.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

pg. 783 N.T.

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

SERMON

Beyond Resolutions

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†HYMN 145

What Child Is This?

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

How Lovely Shines The Morning Star

Paul Manz

SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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

†HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Love Has Come

Keith Chapman



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Emily McAllister, Heather Cunningham, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane

USHERS

11:00-Darlene Bannister, Angela Greene, Ralph Kutzer, Nancy Mallory, Ed and Nancy Wallace

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

- Join the members who are using online giving to First Presbyterian. Sign up today at www.fpckerville.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

Support Staff:

Mary Stone, Business Administrator

Alicia Martin, Asst. Administrator

Roy Jones, Facilities Manager

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

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Ministers — All Our Congregation



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Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

Sunday, January 7 Communion Sunday

- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 204, 208
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary & Live Streamed
- 4:00 Parent Meeting—FLC Youth Room
- 5:00 Youth Group—FLC Youth Room

Monday, January 8

- 1:00 Juniper Extended Communion—Juniper
- 4:00 Planning & Training Committee—Room 204
- 5:30 Personnel Committee—Room 204

Tuesday, January 9

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 4:00 Missional Outreach Committee—Zoom
- 4:30 Children's Corner Preschool Committee—Room 204
- 10:15 Encouraging One Another—Room 208

Wednesday, January 10

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 3:00 Adult Discipleship Committee—Library
- 4:00 Hospitality & Fellowship—Room 207
- 5:30 Diaconate Meeting—Ryan Hall
- 6:00 Children's Ministry Team
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, January 11

- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Ryan Hall

Friday, January 12

- Midwinters (Youth)—Mo-Ranch
- 4:00 Camerata Concert and Reception—Sanctuary, Ryan Hall

Saturday, January 13

- Midwinters (Youth)—Mo-Ranch
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center
- 3:00 Memorial Service for Jeanne West—Columbarium Courtyard

Sunday, January 14

- Midwinters (Youth)—Mo-Ranch
- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour—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 204, 208
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary & Live Streamed Ordination/Installation of Officers



Bulletin Notes

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

† Please rise as able in body and spirit.

Bold type indicates unison response.

Please take time to silence your cell phones so we may all be fully present in this time and space.

To view past worship services please visit (<http://fpckerrville.org/worship/video-archive>).



Let Us Pray

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



Worship Notes

The communion elements are gluten free bread and grape juice.

Both the *Call to Worship* and the *Confessional Sequence* are taken from "Call to Worship."

*The cover artwork "The Three Wise Men" on



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 sanctuary 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!

Building a Community of Disciples Growing Towards
God-centered Worship
Christ-centered Service
Spirit-led Lives

Announcements

- **Sunday, January 7, 4:00pm, FLC Youth Room: Parent Youth Meeting:** At this meeting we will discuss the upcoming events for our youth program and confirmation.
- **Wednesday, January 10, 11:30pm, Men's Lunch Group:** The men's lunch group will meet on January 10, 2024, at 11:30 at the 5D Steakhouse (much more than steak) at 2132 Sidney Baker. Come enjoy fellowship and good food. Contact Sam Begeman at srbegeman1@outlook.com, or the church office at 830-257-3310 to RSVP with Alicia Martin.
- **Music-All Guitar Lessons:** Beginning on Thursday, January 11, Andrew Dodson will begin offering free guitar lessons in the Schreiner Choir Room on a weekly basis.
 - 5:00-6:00 PM—Children's Lessons
 - 6:00-7:00 PM—Adult Lessons
- **Wednesday, January 24, All Church Dinner, Family Life Center, 5:30-7:00pm, What's New at FPC!:** The Hospitality and Planning and Training committees invite you to our first All Church Dinner for the New Year. Come learn about the results of the FPC officer's retreat and how you can be a part of the exciting new plans for 2024. We ask that you bring food to share according to last names, **A-H-Main Dish, I-Q-Side Dish or Salad, R-Z-Dessert**. Please come ready to enjoy great food and fellowship with others from our church family.
- **New Sunday School Classes Beginning January 7:**
 - Friendship Bible Study, Ryan Hall-** Romans, a Continuation - Most Biblical scholars would agree that Paul's letter to the young Christian community in Rome is the apex of Paul's theological thought. Scholars also seem to agree that the high point, or summit, of this theological thought process is contained in what was later labeled as "Chapter 8." As one Bible study leader once expressed, a good way to better understand Christian thought is to read Romans 8, eight times! We will therefore resume our study of the Book of Romans with Chapter 8. We are the Friendship Bible Study, where no one is a stranger for long. We will gather in Ryan Hall at 9:30am on Sunday mornings for coffee fellowship, with class beginning at 9:45. Please consider joining us.
 - Highlights from the Gospel of John, led by Eldon Sheffer, Room 204:** The gospel of John is thought to have been written last, written as an eye witness, and containing a large amount of material found in no other gospel. During this seven week class we will consider passages from this unique document seeking new insights into the person of Jesus. As recorded in this gospel, Jesus said: I am the bread of life; I am the light of the world; I am the good shepherd; I am the resurrection and the life; I am the way, the truth, and the life; I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener; I am the vine, you are the branches. While the class will move through the gospel in sequence, individuals are encouraged to come to any individual class as they are able.
 - Return of The Wired Word—2024, led by Sonny Payne, Room 208:** For those of you who have not encountered The Wired Word before now, it is a curriculum of study relating scripture to current news events. Every week the WW editorial board prepares a Christian based interdenominational study guide that they distribute on Thursdays for the following Sunday School classes. We have offered this class at FPC in the past, but not in recent years. If you would like to participate, please send me your email address and I will add you to the class distribution list. You may learn more by visiting the website at thewiredword.com or by contacting me at 830-343-7108 or buckwood.sonny@gmail.com.