



First Presbyterian  
Church | Kerrville



January 14, 2024  
Baptism of The Lord 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

Christ was Baptized in the Jordan, BWV 684

*J. S. Bach*

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

**God's speech is God's action.**

When God creates, the creation is good.

**God, our maker, has done it again. God has brought us to a new dawn.**

**Let us worship God!**

## †HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.**

*Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will rise up to fly like eagles; they will run and not be weary;

they will walk and not grow faint. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people!

**Thanks be to God! We will live as God's people, forgiven and freed.**

## †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

Genesis 1:1-5

pg. 1 O.T.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

pg. 784 N.T.

## SERMON

Pleasing to God

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Spirit Song

Wimber

*O let the son of God enfold you with his spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you, and his spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

RESPONSE

***Praise God from who all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Hymn 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 480

Take Me to the Water

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS (11:00 AM)

**Ruling Elders:** Gary Crozier\*, Jeff Cunningham, Melaine Houdeshell\*, William Jackson\* Pam Jucknies\*, Jeanette Vaughan, and Tom Richardson.

**Deacons:** Verna Benham\*, Donna Jewell\*, Don Priour, Donna Tait\*, Bryce Umfress\*, Todd Vaughan\*, and John Wehmeyer\*.

**Trustee:** Bill Matthews\*

\*indicates to be ordained.

LITANY OF GIFTS

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift by the Spirit to use for the common good.**

**Together we are the body of Christ.**

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

(See right side for wording)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN 697

Take My Life

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

*John Dunstable*

## QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of this church, accept them as trustees, ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we?

### **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church? Do we?

### **We do.**



## Worship Notes

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

\*The cover artwork is titled *Prepare the Way* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity. Please visit <https://sanctifiedart.org> for more information.



## Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at [www.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.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.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.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!

## Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

For a full listing of church events, log on to [www.fpckerville.org](http://www.fpckerville.org) and click on "Calendar".

### Sunday, January 14

- Midwinters (Youth)—Mo-Ranch
- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 204, and 208
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed Ordination/Installation of Officers

### Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Church Offices and CCP Closed

### Tuesday, January 16

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 4:00 Budget and Finance Committee—Room 204
- 5:00 Worship and Music Committee—Room 208

### Wednesday, January 17

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

### Thursday, January 18

### Friday, January 19

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

### Saturday, January 20

- 9:00 Pop Up Market—FLC Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center
- 1:00 Memorial Service for Sylba Storm—Sanctuary

### Sunday, January 21

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 204, and 208
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 5:00 Youth Group—FLC Youth Room

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



## Thank You for Serving Today

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Pam Cooper, Melanie Houdeshell,  
Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Bill Swart

### USHERS

11:00-Paulette Graves, Dayton Baublitz, Donna Brewton, Steve and Betty Clyburn, Deda Garlitz  
John Wehmeyer

### 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.fpckerrville.org](http://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

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#### **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  
Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director  
Shannon Tuschak, Care Coordinator  
Ministers — All Our Congregation



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## Announcements

- **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
- **Pop Up Market:** On Saturday morning, January 20, volunteers will once again gather to meet the Food Bank truck and begin distributing thousands of pounds of food to those who will come. In less than 2 hours the pallets will be empty and families all over Kerr County will have nutritious food to help through the month ahead. January temperatures are not everyone's favorite, so we can definitely use more volunteers. Pastries, hot coffee and hand warmers will be waiting for you at the YES Center. Please contact the church office or send an email to [dunlapjulia@gmail.com](mailto:dunlapjulia@gmail.com) if you would like to be part of this worthwhile event.
- **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:**

**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 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 moves 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](http://thewiredword.com) or by contacting me at 830-343-7108 or [buckwood.sonny@gmail.com](mailto:buckwood.sonny@gmail.com).