



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



January 21, 2024
Third Sunday After Epiphany

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

O God Beyond All Praising

Tom Trenney

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our rock and salvation.

We wait to hear from God; our souls wait.

We depend on God alone;

we release what will pass away and rest in God's enduring mercy.

Though God calls us down difficult paths,

we answer, relying on God's help, for God keeps calling us to the work.

Let us worship God!

†HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Let us find rest in the loving embrace of the Lord, our God, once again as we confess our sins and shortcomings. Together, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you, yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives.

We distract ourselves from your call with busyness, stress, and worry.

We tangle ourselves in unnecessary drama as we seek to make sense of our brokenness. Remind us that your grace is greater than any

wrong and mistake. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness,

open our ears to hear your voice saying to us, "Follow me."

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God is our rock and our salvation! God's unfailing love comes to us through Jesus Christ, who teaches us how to love one another and calls us to "follow him" in his ways of grace and mercy.

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 AM)

ANTHEM

Answer to the Call

Mary McDonald

*What shall we bring to the Lord? How shall we bow before our God?
Will the Lord be pleased with our sacrifice, or with offerings of purest gold?*

*We come to you with gratitude to offer to you our all;
Wherever you lead we will follow you in answer to the call.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

pg. 930 N.T.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-21

pg. 812 N.T.

SERMON

Why Should I Follow?

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba,

Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere, the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

†HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

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

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

J. S. Bach

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 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata on How Firm A Foundation

Craig Phillips



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

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

*The cover artwork is titled "Come, Follow Me" by Jorge Cocco Santagelo. More information at: <https://jorgecocco.com/category/religious-art/bible-art/>.



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!

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

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—Family Life Center Youth Room

Monday, January 22

- 5:30 Session Meeting—Room 208

Tuesday, January 23

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Beginners/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, January 24

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair Yoga)—Ryan Hall
- 5:30 All Church Dinner—Family Life Center
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, January 25

- 2:00 Stephen Ministry—Ryan Hall

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

- 12:00 HOPES Kitchen—Family Life Center

Sunday, January 28

- 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
- 10:00 Rita's Sunday School (Youth)
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 5:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center 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, Steve Clyburn, Mary Ellen Summerlin, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Jacob Barnes, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30 - Pam and Bill Cooper, Susan Junkin

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

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

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Announcements

- **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.
- **Thursday, February 1, Sacred Sips Social Hour:** Join other adults from your church family for a time of fellowship on the first Thursday of the month. On Thursday February 1st we will meet at Wine-O-Bout-It (215 Earl Garret St) come and go as you are able, beginning at 5pm. Childcare will be provided at the church from 5-7pm. Questions- contact Emily, emcallister@fpckerville.org
- **Sunday, February 11, Souper Bowl of Caring:** Help tackle hunger this Super Bowl Sunday by bringing non-perishable food items or monetary donations. Youth will be collecting these items following the 8:30am service and before and after the 11:00am service on Sunday February 11th. All donations will stay in our community to help make sure no one goes without!
- **Wednesday, February 21, Lenten Soup and Study Supper, Lent in Plain Sight, Ryan Hall**

Take the night off from cooking and focus on faith, family, and fellowship during our Wednesday night Lenten Soup and Study Series. Our first evening begins Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm in Ryan Hall and will continue for five weeks through March 20th. We will begin our time together by sharing a homemade soup and bread dinner. After dinner, children will go to the FLC for fun activities and adults will stay in Ryan Hall for communal learning as we read and reflect on the book, "Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects" by Jill Duffield. Please feel free to bring friends, family and kids, all are welcome!
- **Childcare:** FPC is looking for childcare workers for the ever-growing list of events held at the church. If you or someone you know is interested in taking on some flexible work hours, please contact Emily McAllister, emcallister@fpckerville.org.
- **Music-All Guitar Lessons:** Andrew Dodson's free guitar lessons have returned on Thursday nights in the Schreiner Chapel Choir Room. Please contact the church office if you have any questions at 830-257-3310.
 - 5:00-6:00 PM—Children's Lessons
 - 6:00-7:00 PM—Adult Lessons
- **Yoga for Community classes led by Cheryl Smith, Ryan Hall.**

All classes include a scripture-based meditation, breathing practice, gentle warm-up movements, classic yoga postures and final meditation.

 - Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Beginner/Gentle Yoga
 - Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga