



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent

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

Via Dolorosa

Kartsonakis

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We follow Christ,
Who says take up your cross!
We follow Christ,
Who bids us come and offer our lives!
We follow Christ,
Who summons us to new life!
Come, let us worship our Creator.

†HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, accept our mistakes, and acknowledge the ways sin has taken hold of our lives. May this season of Lent invite us to be honest and trust in the grace of God that washes away our sins. Together, let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you have made us your covenant people,
marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service.
Forgive us when we live as if success were life's worthiest aim.
Forgive us when our independence becomes a reason for selfishness
and greed. Call us once more to take up our crosses, and show us how
to follow you. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.
Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends in Christ, hear this good news: surely God is our salvation.
We will trust in God's love and not be afraid. Let us remember that
through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people.
Alleluia! 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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

PRESENTATION

*Hendrix Hawkins, son of Amanda and Matthew Hawkins.
Oliver Umfress, son of Savannah and Ranen Umfress.*

QUESTIONS OF INTENT

Members of the congregation, do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, representing First Presbyterian Church, promise to guide and nurture *Hendrix and Oliver* by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

We do.

THE RENUNCIATIONS

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

THE WELCOME

ANTHEM

Come to the Cross

Martin

*Come to the Cross, kneel in its shadow,
Come to the lonely place where teardrops turn to grace,
behold the dying Lamb of God.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10

pg. 436 O.T.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:34-38

pg. 820 N.T.

SERMON

Pick Up Your Cross

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(See the side section for wording)

The Apostles' Creed

†HYMN 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

†RESPONSE

Doxology 606

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 846

Fight the Good Fight

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Behnke



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Cheryl Sieker, Jane Ragsdale, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Jacob Barnes, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30 - Pam and Bill Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00 - Don Priour, Laura Batchelder, Hilary Mosty, Matt Priour, Jean Weber

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

Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director

Shannon Tuschak, Care Coordinator

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, February 25

- 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 Youth Sunday School—Rita's Tacos
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 5:00 Youth Group—Family Life Center Youth Room

Monday, February 26

- 5:30 Session Meeting—Room 208

Tuesday, February 27

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Beginners/Gentle)—Ryan Hall
- 5:30 Confirmation Class—Room 206

Wednesday, February 28

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair Yoga)—Ryan Hall
- 6:00 Lenten Soup and Study Supper—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, February 29

Friday, March 1

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, March 2

- 12:00 HOPE's Kitchen—Family Life Center
- 3:00 Youth Lock-In—Family Life Center

Sunday, March 3

- 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

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

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.



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 those who are sick, hospitalized or in
care facilities,

for those who are grieving,

for those who are suffering from memory loss and their
caregivers,

for those undergoing significant life transitions,

for our troops, especially those in war-torn areas,

for refugees all over the world and for those living in the
midst of war.

In life and in death we belong to God

Debora Groot

February 3, 1921 ~ February 15, 2024

Rev. David Tritenbach

May 3, 1930 ~ February 21, 2024



Worship Notes

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

*The cover artwork is titled "Untitled" by
WenderFarms on Etsy.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of those being baptized this Sunday.*

Announcements

- **Wednesday, February 28, 6:00pm, 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. We begin our time together by sharing a homemade soup and bread dinner. After dinner, children go to the FLC for fun activities and adults 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!
- **Thursday, March 7, 5:00pm, 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, March 7th we will meet at Pint and Plow, come and go as you are able, beginning at 5pm. Childcare will be provided at the church from 5-7pm. Questions- contact Emily, emcallister@fpckerrville.org
- **Summer Camp Registration:** It's time to sign up for camp! Let Emily know by February 29th what camps your child would like to attend.
 - **Middle School (current 6-8):**
Junior High Jubilee, July 7th-11th, \$150
Dallas Mission Trip, July 28th-August 2nd, \$210
 - **High School (current 9th-12th):**
Youth Celebration, June 23rd-28th, \$150
Montreat, July 13th-21st, \$400
- **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
- **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
- **Women's Fellowship Time**
Would you like to connect with your fellow women of the church, socialize, and eat some great food? Then FPC has some great opportunities for you!

The Greet, Eat & Meet (GEM) Ladies Lunch group gathers every second Wednesday at the Y.O. Hilton for lunch. This is a wonderful way for both new and existing members of our congregation to have fellowship and fun. If you are interested, please call Joyce Schlechte at 281-732-7670 or e-mail joycele-roi@hotmail.com.

The Yakrz Lunch Group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at various restaurants in Kerrville. To sign up, please contact Clarice Amaan at 830-739-7803 or e-mail ciebeam@yahoo.com.



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