



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



March 17, 2024
Fifth 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

There is a Balm in Gilead

Martin

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us in, oh Lord!

We have come to this place in need of healing and hope.

Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.

We come here seeking guidance and strength.

Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.

We have come to witness your love and truth.

Let us worship the living God!

†HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

**Through the season of Lent, O God,
we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits.
Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words
but failed to pray with our actions.
Forgive us of what we have done
that has contributed to the suffering of another,
and forgive us of what we have failed to do
that could have lightened a neighbor's burden.
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

Do not be afraid! God's love is reaching out to you, to touch your hurt and heal your wounds. Receive God's blessing and be assured of God's eternal love for you. In 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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00 AM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 51:1-12 pg. 452 O.T.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:30-37 pg. 844 N.T.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Oil of Compassion Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

†HYMN 792 There Is a Balm in Gilead

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 The Old Rugged Cross *Bruce Story, violin*

†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 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Fugue in C minor J.S. Bach



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Pam Cooper, Tim Summerlin, Emily McAllister, Sabrina Adrian, Bill Swart, Wes Lane.

USHERS

8:30 - Pam and Bill Cooper, Susan Junkin

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

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir



Families in Worship

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. We have a special children's worship space on the balcony, and children's worship bags are available in the narthex. We encourage families to take advantage of these resources to include their children in worship. Nursery care is available for infants through kindergarten in Room 113 of the Education Building during Sunday school and the 11 am service. Many of our young children participate in worship until after the Conversation with Children. After the Conversation with the Children, a member of our childcare staff will meet the children in the narthex and escort them to the nursery.

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 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

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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, March 17

- 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 208
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 12:15 Confirmation Class—Room 206
- 5:30 Game Night—FLC Gym

Monday, March 18

- 1:30 Property Committee—Ryan Hall
- 4:00 Budget and Finance Committee—Room 204

Tuesday, March 19

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 Children's Corner Preschool—Schreiner Chapel
- 10:15 Encouraging One Another—Room 204
- 5:00 Worship and Music Committee—Room 208
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Beginners/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, March 20

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair Yoga)—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 11:30 Men's Luncheon—Bella Sera
- 6:00 Lenten Soup and Study Supper—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, March 21

- 5:00 Music For All—Schreiner Choir Room

Friday, March 22

- 10:00 Grief Support Group

Saturday, March 23

- 12:00 HOPE's Kitchen—FLC
- 4:00 Kid's Night Out—FLC Gym

Sunday, March 24

- 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 208
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 12:15 Confirmation Class—Room 206
- 5:00 Youth Group—FLC Youth Room

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



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.



Worship Notes

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from The Confession of 1967. The Good Samaritan by Jorge Cocco Santángelo.



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 go to our prayer team, which meets on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Announcements

- **Sunday, March 17, 2024, 5:30pm, Game Night, Family Life Center:**

Attention all game enthusiasts! You are invited to join us for dinner and a round of board games. We will serve a delicious taco salad bar and provide a wide variety of board games for everyone to choose from. You are welcome to bring your favorite game to share with the group. This is an all-ages event, so feel free to bring your family and friends along too!

- **Wednesday, March 20, 11:30am, Men's Luncheon:** Join us for the upcoming Men's Luncheon at Bella Sera. Don't miss the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations over a delicious meal. To RSVP, please contact Don Priour 830-896-4842, dpriour2@stx.rr.com or the church office.

- **Wednesday, March 20, 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!

- **Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM):** Our local CAM branch is in need of breakfast cereal. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex or the church office.

- **Easter Lilies:** The Worship Committee invites you to participate in a special decoration of our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Live Easter Lilies will be provided by interested donors in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Names of donors and those remembered will be printed in the bulletin. Your Easter Lily will be ready for pick up following the 11:00am Easter service on March 31. Lilies left after the service will be donated to Peterson Hospice. The cost of each Easter Lily is \$12.50, the deadline for placing an order is **Monday, March 25**. Order forms may be picked up at the church office or on the narthex table.

- **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 Tuesday, at 11:30 every month at Inn of the Hills. To sign up, please contact Clarice Amaan at 830-739-7803 or e-mail ciebeam@yahoo.com.

- **Music for 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