



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



March 24, 2024
Palm 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

March Religieuse on "Lift Up Your Heads"

Handel/Guilmant

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lenten journey has been long and sometimes very difficult.

However, we have seen God through the ordinary and witnessed the good news of his love in our everyday lives.

Now the Lord comes to us in victory!

Jesus humbly enters into Jerusalem and makes way into our broken hearts.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!

Hosanna in the highest!

†HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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

Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord. Save us from ourselves, when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear. Save us from the systems that keep us bound, when we cannot see the way out. Save us from our sins, when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts. Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting "Hosanna" will soon be screaming "Crucify him." Save us, we pray, O Lord, and do not let us be among them.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

But now thus says the Lord, the One who created you, O Jacob, and the One who formed you: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." May we remember today that we belong to God. Our sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ, our hope and redeemer.

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)

ANTHEM

One Thousand Hosannas

And together we sing one thousand hosannas!

We worship the King with one thousand hosannas! Jesus is riding by!

We raise up our banners lifting our voices to the sky.

And together we sing one thousand hosannas.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Mark 14:1-11

pg. 826 N.T.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

pg. 854 N.T.

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

SERMON

Coats on the Road

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

†HYMN 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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.**

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Barbara Harbach

†RESPONSE

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

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Final from Symphonie No. 1

Louis Vierne



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Hilary Mosty, Lucy Cunningham, Emily McAllister, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Bill Swart, 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 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/
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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 24 Palm Sunday

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 208
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 209, 210, 211
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 12:15 Confirmation Class—Room 206
- 5:00 Youth Group—FLC Youth Room

Monday, March 25

- 5:30 Session Meeting—Room 208

Tuesday, March 26

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 Children's Corner Preschool—Schreiner Chapel
- 5:30 Yoga for Community (Beginners/Gentle)—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, March 27

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Yoga for Community (Chair Yoga)—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday

- 5:00 Music For All—Schreiner Choir Room
- 5:30 Maundy Thursday Service—Ryan Hall

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

- 10:00 Grief Group—Ryan Hall
- 6:40 Camerata String Concert—Sanctuary
- 7:00 Tenebrae Good Friday Service—Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

- 12:00 HOPE's Kitchen—FLC

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

- 7:00 Easter Sunrise Service—Neal Courtyard
- 9:30 Easter Brunch—FLC Gym
- 11:00 Festival Service of Easter —Sanctuary and Live Streamed



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 cover artwork is titled "Hosanna!" by *Mike Moyers*.



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.

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

Announcements

- **Holy Week Worship Schedule:**

- Maundy Thursday (March 28), 5:30pm, Ryan Hall
Light sandwich supper followed by a service of Holy Communion
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service (March 29), 7:00pm, Sanctuary
- Easter Sunday (March 31)
7:00am Sunrise Service (informal), Neal Courtyard Garden
9:30am Easter Brunch, Family Life Center
11:00am Festival of Easter, Sanctuary

- **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 and narthex table or you may order online.
- **Friday, March 29, 10:00am, Ryan Hall FPC Grief Support Group:** Due to the anticipated influx of people into Kerrville for the eclipse weekend, **the next meeting of the Grief Group will be on Friday, March 29**, during the normal time and location, 10:00am in Ryan Hall. This meeting will replace the usual "first Friday of the month" meeting on April 5.
- **Easter Sunday, The Flowering of the Cross:** This Easter we hope to revive a tradition formerly celebrated at FPCCK: The Flowering of the Cross. This tradition can be traced back as far as the 6th century. The empty cross representing death and sadness gives way to the miracle and hopefulness of new life as evidenced in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We invite worshipers to bring fresh flowers (from your yard or grocery store) to be inserted into an empty cross covered in damp moss. To keep your flowers fresh, please wrap them in damp paper towels or bring in a disposable cup filled with a small amount of water. We will have clippers for trimming and helpers to assist you in placing the flowers on the cross. You may also leave your flowers in a bucket of water anytime Sunday morning and we will insert them for you. After celebrating Easter Sunday at worship you may return to take pictures with your family or friends in front of the Flowered Cross. We will have helpers to snap pictures with your phones.
- **Thursday, April 4, 5:00pm, Sacred Sips Social Hour, Trailhead Beer Garden, Schreiner University:** Join other adults from your church family for a time of fellowship on the first Thursday of the month. On Thursday, April 4th we will meet at Trailhead Beer Garden, Schreiner University. Come and go as you are able, beginning at 5pm. Childcare will be provided at the church from 5-7pm. Questions- contact Emily, emcallister@fpcckerrville.org.
- **All Church Picnic, Saturday, April 13, 1-3pm, Heart O' the Hills Camp, 2430 Hwy 39, Hunt:** Please join us for great food, fun, fellowship and games at our All Church Picnic. The church is providing fried chicken for the event. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to supplement based on the first letter of your last name (A-P: side or salad, Q-Z-dessert). Please call the church office to RSVP and provide a headcount for your family.