



First Presbyterian  
Church | Kerrville



April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Love Made Known*

Sermon Series

## 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

Wondrous Love

*Dale Wood*

## †CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM ISAIAH 55)

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.”

The Lord declares: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my way.”

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.”

“You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

The mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”

“This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.” Let us worship God.

## †HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Friends, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. God will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us now pray:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, during our time in Sunday School, Bible Studies, or Sunday morning worship, we think about you a lot. When we think about you, we know that you love us, and we know that we love you. When we think about you, we praise you for creation, and all you have done for us. But frankly, we don’t think about you often enough. We are easily distracted by many things in our lives. There are times when we care a lot about others. But frankly, we don’t care about them often enough. We let our self-interests interfere with our caring for others. Guide us to think about you more frequently. Guide us to be sensitive to the needs of others more often. Guide us into the joy that comes from loving you and loving our neighbors. Amen.

*Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

Jesus said: “For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. My Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## †RESPONSE

Hymn 587

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

## CHILDREN’S TIME (11:00 AM)

ANTHEM

The Lord of Love Who Shepherds Me

*Lynne German*

*By rod and staff guides tenderly.*

*Through every tempest, storm and gale, His love for me will never fail.  
When I am weak, He strengthens me, and feeds my soul by stream and tree.  
When I lose my way and fears prevail, His love for me will never fail.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 136:1-9 pg. 501 N.T.

SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:1-5, 11 pg. 863 N.T.  
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Children of God Eldon Sheffer

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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 at 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 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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 Sonata K. 159 *Domenico Scarlatti*

†RESPONSE Doxology 606

*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 300 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Improvisation-Toccata: "The Strife Is O'er" *Alfred Fedak*



# Thank You for Serving Today

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Eldon Sheffer, Susan Montoya, Barbara Sheffer (8:30am), Jeff Cunningham (11:00am),  
Jessie Putnam, 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](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.

## First Presbyterian Church

### Staff and Worship Leaders

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## Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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



### 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



### 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



### Worship Notes

The cover artwork is titled "Blessing the Children" by Jorge Cocco.



### Welcome, Visitors!

For more information about our church and its missions, visit our website at [www.fpckerrville.org](http://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](http://www.fpckerrville.org) and it will go to our prayer team, which meets on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

**To join the membership of FPC:** Contact the church office or email an inquiry online. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to be part of this church family!

### Sunday, April 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 208
- 10:00 Youth Sunday School—Youth Room, go to Rita's
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 5:00 Youth Group—FLC Youth Room

### Monday, April 29

### Tuesday, April 30

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel—Schreiner Chapel

### Wednesday, May 1

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 11:00 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

### Thursday, May 2

- 5:00 Music For All—Schreiner Choir Room

### Friday, May 3

- 10:00 Grief Support Group, Ryan Hall
- 4:00 Camerata Concert, Sanctuary

### Saturday, May 4

- 10:30 Youth Led Worship Practice, Sanctuary
- 12:00 HOPE's Kitchen—FLC

### Sunday, May 5

- 9:30 Fellowship Coffee Hour—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall, Room 208
- 10:00 Youth Sunday School—Rita's Tacos
- 11:00 Worship-Sanctuary and Live Streamed

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