



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville



August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

A Summer with 1 & 2 Samuel

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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:
Let our joy be complete!
Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:
Love one another! Be Kind!
Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:
No longer servants but friends!
Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,
Rejoicing in the love of God.

†HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand?
We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see.
We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness. We try to do good but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil and sometimes succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely. Without you, we have no hope. Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith. Wash us in your mercy, and make us imitators of your compassion.
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven people! May the God of mercy forgive all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

†RESPONSE

Hymn 698

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

BACK TO SCHOOL: BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Lessons on Kindness

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Confession of 1967:2

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in people as sin in God's sight. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow men, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.

Wise and virtuous people through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness... God's love never changes.

†HYMN 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

Church Sonata in Eb Major, KV 67

W. A. Mozart

†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 739

O for a Closer Walk with God

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Chrissy Stevens, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane, Jacob Barnes

USHERS

10:00—Paulette Graves, Donna Brewton, Steve and Betty Clyburn, Deda Garlitz, Dayton Baublitz, John Wehmeyer

MUSICIANS

Connie Story, violin
Bruce Story, violin



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

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 Emily McAllister at the church office with any questions.

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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

In life and in death we belong to God

Charles Clark

December 9, 1925—August 3, 2024

Charles has been a member since 2007.



Worship Notes

The cover artwork is entitled, "Kindness" by Corina Dragan.



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.

Calendar Highlights at First Presbyterian

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

Sunday, August 11

- 8:45 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:00 Adult Sunday School, "Faith And..." Summer Series—Ryan Hall
- 10:00 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 10:00 Worship—Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 11:00 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 11:00 Youth Lunch

Monday, August 12

- 5:30 Personnel Committee—Room 204

Tuesday, August 13

- 10:00 CCP Chapel—Schreiner Chapel
- 4:00 Missional Outreach Committee—Zoom
- 4:30 Children's Corner Preschool Committee—Room 204

Wednesday, August 14

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 11:00 Staff Meeting — Congregational Care Office
- 4:00 Hospitality & Fellowship Committee—Room 204

Thursday, August 15

- 5:00 Music For All—Schreiner Choir Room
- 6:00 Pickleball—FLC Gym

Friday, August 16

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, August 17

- 7:30 Pop-up Market—YES Center Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPE's Kitchen—FLC

Sunday, August 18

- 8:45 Fellowship Coffee Time—Ryan Hall
- 9:00 Adult Sunday School, "Faith And..." Summer Series—Ryan Hall
- 10:00 Worship—Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 11:00 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 5:00 Youth Group Gathering—FLC

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

Announcements

Sunday, August 11

- Saturday, August 17 — Food Bank Pop Up Market-FPC has partnered with the San Antonio Food Bank to help distribute food to over 100 Kerr County families. We will gather at 7:30am at the YES Center for the next food distribution. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Shannon Tuschak, stuschak@fpckerrville.org.
- Wednesday, August 21, The Men's Lunch Group: Join us at the Lakehouse Restaurant at 11:30 for lunch and fellowship. Contact Don Priour to RSVP at 830-896-4842 or dpriour2@stx.rr.com.
- Wednesday, August 21, 7:00pm, Choir Room: Chancel choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00pm in the choir room. We welcome all who are interested in singing to join us, come make a joyful noise! For more information, please contact Seth Lafler at slafler@fpckerrville.org.
- Wednesday, August 28, All Church Dinner, FLC, 5:30-7:00pm, Memories from Sunday School Join the Children's Ministry, Youth and Young Adult, and Adult Discipleship for a meal and walk down memory lane of favorite Sunday School memories, along with a look at what is to come this fall at FPC Sunday School. We ask that you bring food to share according to last names, A-I-Side Dish or Salad, J-P-Dessert, Q-Z-Main Dish. Please come ready to enjoy great food and fellowship with others from our church family.

- **Communication Survey:** If you haven't done so already please make sure you fill out the communication survey. You can do so by clicking on the prompts in the Friday Eblast or pick up a paper copy in the Narthex and turn it in to the office. This brief survey will help our communications team gain valuable insights on which communications methods work best for our congregation. We are also planning to develop a new marketing strategy in order to redesign our publications, website, and any other form of advertising. Your feedback is important to us!
- **Thursday, Pickleball, FLC, 6:00-7:30pm** Calling all Pickleball Enthusiasts! Come join us on the 2nd, 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month for our weekly session of pickleball from 6:00-7:30pm in the FLC. All skill levels and ages are welcome!
- **FPC Grief Support Group**—Grief affects us in different and varied ways, and the path towards healing is never smooth or predictable.

Sharing stories in a safe and welcoming environment can be one way to navigate this challenging time. Our Grief Support Group is led by a skilled professional, in a safe, confidential and supportive environment. Participants are encouraged to attend according to need, with no fixed time commitment or agenda. The group meets on the first and third Fridays of every month in Ryan Hall. Please call the church office at 830-257-3310 for more information.