



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville

October 13, 2024



Hoping Against Hope

October 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

Aria (Cathedral Suite)

Gordon Young

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 136

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God!

†HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do.
O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love: when we have food and food leftover, yet we do not share with any in need; when we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way.
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Children of God, hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†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 (11:00 AM)

Abide With Me

Arr. by Gilbert Martin

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

pg. 746 O.T.

SECOND LESSON

Job 23:1-17

pg. 409 O.T.

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

SERMON

The Problem of Evil

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From "A Declaration of Faith"

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements
in serving and helping our neighbor,
to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,
to care passionately for the other's good,
to share what we have.

It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity,
avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival.

We are obligated to speak the truth in love,
to listen with patience and openness,
to love our enemies,
to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

†HYMN 370

This Is My Father's World

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

Sarabande (Cathedral Suite)

Gordon Young

†RESPONSE

Hymn 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 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Sortie (Suite Liturgique)

Denis Bedard



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

8:30 & 11:00—Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Shaw-Meadow, Susan Montoya, Mary Ellen Summerlin, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30—Bill and Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

11:00—John Wehmeyer, Paulette Graves, Donna Brewton, Steve & Betty Clyburn, Deda Garlitz, Dayton Baublitt

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

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.

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 and click on "Calendar".

Sunday, October 13

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffeetime—Ryan Hall
- 9:30 New Officer Class—Room 204
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall (Friendship Class)
Adult Sunday School—Room 208 ("Mind the Gap")
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 5:00 Youth Group Gathering—FLC Youth Room

Monday, October 14

- 5:30 Personnel Committee—Room 204

Tuesday, October 15

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel—Schreiner Chapel
- 5:00 Worship and Music Committee—Room 208

Wednesday, October 16

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 11:00 Staff Meeting—Congregational Care Office
- 11:30 Men's Luncheon—Lakehouse Restaurant
- 5:30 Mid-Week Manna—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, October 17

- 10:00 Women of Faith Daytime Bible Study—Room 208
- 5:00 Music For All—Schreiner Choir Room
- 6:00 Pickleball—FLC Gym

Friday, October 18

- Mission Presbytery Meeting—Brownsville
- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, October 19

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

Sunday, October 20

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 New Officer Class—Room 204
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffeetime—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall (Friendship Class)
Adult Sunday School—Room 208 ("Mind the Gap")
- 9:45 Children's Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Youth Sunday School—Room 206
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 12:00 Visitors Luncheon "First Steps"—Ryan Hall
- 5:00 Youth Group Gathering—FLC Youth Room



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



Worship Notes

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adele Junkin by her family.

Liturgy from the *Presbyterian Outlook Weekly Liturgy* and the *Call to Worship*.

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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, October 13

- Wednesday, October 16, Men's Lunch Group: The men's lunch group will meet at 11:30am at the Lakehouse Restaurant, 1655 Junction Highway. Come enjoy fellowship and good food. Contact Don Priour at dpriour2@stx.rr.com or the church office at 830-257-3310 to RSVP.
- Saturday, October 19 — 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 Julie Dunlap, dunlapjulia@gmail.com.
- Sunday, October 20 — Visitors Luncheon- Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about FPC and how to become a member? Please join us for a “First Steps” luncheon Sunday, Oct. 20, Ryan Hall after the 11:00 am worship. Reservations are required, please call the church office to RSVP.
- **An Invitation to Prayer Ministry**— Have you ever felt the power of prayer in your own life? Or perhaps you are seeking a way to minister to others? The FPC Prayer Group is a place where you can faithfully pray for others and share your own prayer requests. We meet on Wednesdays, 9:00am via Zoom, all prayers and requests are strictly confidential. The mission is to simply lift those in the church community and wider world up in prayer. For more information please contact the church office or Alice Lerp at alice_lerp@hotmail.com or 830-890-1918.
- **The YES Center** is in need of a few people who are willing to substitute on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Who knows—you may like our adorable students so much you'd want to stay on !! Please contact Ann Reynolds at: yescenter@fpckerrville.org or my cell at 830 822-0445.

Thursday, October 17—Women of Faith Daytime Bible Study: The focus for this study is: “Living Above Worry and Stress” and meets in Room 208 in the Education Building at 10am. For more info, contact Peggy Curlis, Pegsea58@outlook.com. All are welcome!

Midweek Manna Fall Bible Study Series

For our Wednesday night series this Fall, we will dive deeper into the different stages of faith following the book of Job. Our program will start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner provided and conclude by 6:50 p.m. in Ryan Hall. Various speakers will share their testimonies while guiding these conversations at our tables. We will also have music, prayers, and moments of meditation. Children are welcome to stay using crafts/activities at our tables, or we will have child-care available.

One of the biggest misconceptions about faith is that it is a trajectory, meaning that from one particular place, one’s faith can move upwards to another level to produce a stronger, more fruitful, and more stable relationship with God. While that may happen to some of us, the truth is that faith is much more complex than that.

Since faith is deeply grounded in our relationship with God, we must treat it like any other relationship. There are some joyful, full of adventure, life-giving days. But there are also moments of despair, pain, and disappointment. All of those moments and experiences of faith can be true simultaneously. The Book of Job will provide us with the appropriate words, thoughts, and theological statements for this Fall series. Journey with us as we explore our faith together.

Oct. 16 - Why do bad things happen to people of faith?

Rev. Gini Norris-Lane

Oct. 23 - How can we have an honest faith?

Susan Shaw-Meadow

Oct. 30 - How can I express and use my faith today?

Rev. Dr. Dongwoo Lee