



First Presbyterian
Church | Kerrville

October 27, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday



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

Intrada on "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"

Paul Fey

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 46

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
Though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge!
Let us worship the living God!

†HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *A Prayer by Reformer Martin Luther*

Behold me, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.
My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times, I doubt and cannot trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you, I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you...
Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.
Hear and believe this 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)

The Lord Is Our Refuge

J. S. Bach

*The Lord is our refuge and song (repeats),
So therefore we fear not though trouble be near.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-13, 39-40

pg. 977 N.T.

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

SERMON

What is Promised?

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

†HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

Praise to the Lord

Max Drischner

†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: *By Reformer John Knox*

O heavenly Father, you are the fountain and full treasure of all goodness, we give thanks for all the mercies you show to us your children, and we pray that you would sanctify these gifts which we have received from your merciful generosity and now bring before you, granting us the grace to use them well and purely, according to your blessed will; so that we may in doing so acknowledge you to be the author and giver of all good things; and above all, that we may remember continually to seek the spiritual food of your Word, which nourishes our souls. Amen.

†HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Craig Phillips



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

8:30 & 11:00—Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Susan Shaw-Meadow, Pam Cooper, Sam Begeman, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30—Bill and Pam 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

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 27

- 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
- 5:00 Youth Group Gathering—FLC Youth Room

Monday, October 28

- 5:30 Session Meeting—Room 208

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

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

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall
- 4:00 For All the Saints Organ Concert—Sanctuary

Saturday, November 2

- 12:00 HOPE's Kitchen—FLC

Sunday, November 3rd—Communion Sunday

- 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
- 12:30 Schreiner Diner—Schreiner University Cafeteria
- 5:00 Youth Group Gathering—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



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

Liturgy from the *Presbyterian Outlook Weekly* Liturgy.

The cover artwork is entitled, "Stained Glass" (artist unknown).



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.

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!

Announcements

Sunday, October 27

- **Midweek Manna Series, 5:30pm, Ryan Hall:** Our Wednesday night series this Fall dives deeper into the different stages of faith following the book of Job. Various speakers share their testimonies while guiding these conversations at our tables. We also have music, prayers, and moments of meditation. Children are welcome to stay using crafts/activities at our tables, or we will have childcare available.

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

Rev. Dr. Dongwoo Lee

- **Friday, November 1, 4:00pm-For All the Saints Organ Concert, Sanctuary:** Join us for a pipe organ concert given in honor of all saints, past and present. The concert will contain uplifting music by Leo Sowerby, George Shearing, JS Bach and Maurice Durufle. It will be played on the 3,439 pipes of the Jehmlich pipe organ by Dr. Sabrina Adrian. All are invited!
- **Sunday, November 3,** Schreiner Diner Sunday, 12:30: Come enjoy fellowship and food after church at the Schreiner Diner, Schreiner University campus, the first Sunday of each month, cost is \$15 per person, credit or debit card only.
- **Thursday, November 7, 5:00pm, Sacred Sips Social Hour, Tailchasers Dog Park and Pub:** Join us for a time of fellowship at Tailchasers Dog Park and Pub, 1834 Junction Highway, Suite B. Come and go as you are able, beginning at 5pm. Feel free to bring any family members and friends (including your four legged ones!) Can't wait to see you there!

- **Saturday, November 9, 9:00am-4:00pm, All Church Retreat-Mo-Ranch:** Come and celebrate the life of the church with fellowship, bible study, worship and games. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the church office. Transportation is provided, if needed, just let the office know.
- **Wednesday, November 13, Men's Lunch Group:** The men's lunch group will meet at 11:30am at the Bella Sera Restaurant, 2124 Sidney Baker. Come enjoy fellowship and good food. Contact Don Priour at dpriour2@stx.rr.com or the church office at 830-257-3310 to RSVP.
- **Supplies for Hope's Kitchen:** As the winter months approach, our Hopes Kitchen ministry needs supplies to pass on to those who walk through our doors Saturday mornings. If you can help, please contribute any:
 - Men's socks and underwear (new, in packages)
 - Women's socks and underwear (new, in packages)
 - New toiletry items
 - Individually, commercially packaged snacks for backpacks
 - Refillable water bottles (new please)
 - Gently used or new coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarfs, and small blankets.

Items should be brought to the church office; and monetary donations earmarked for the Hopes Kitchen fund may be made by check, cash or via the church website. If you would like to volunteer to serve, please contact Cheryl Smith, cheryllajunta@icloud.com or (830) 739-6971. Thank you for your support of this important ministry to our community!