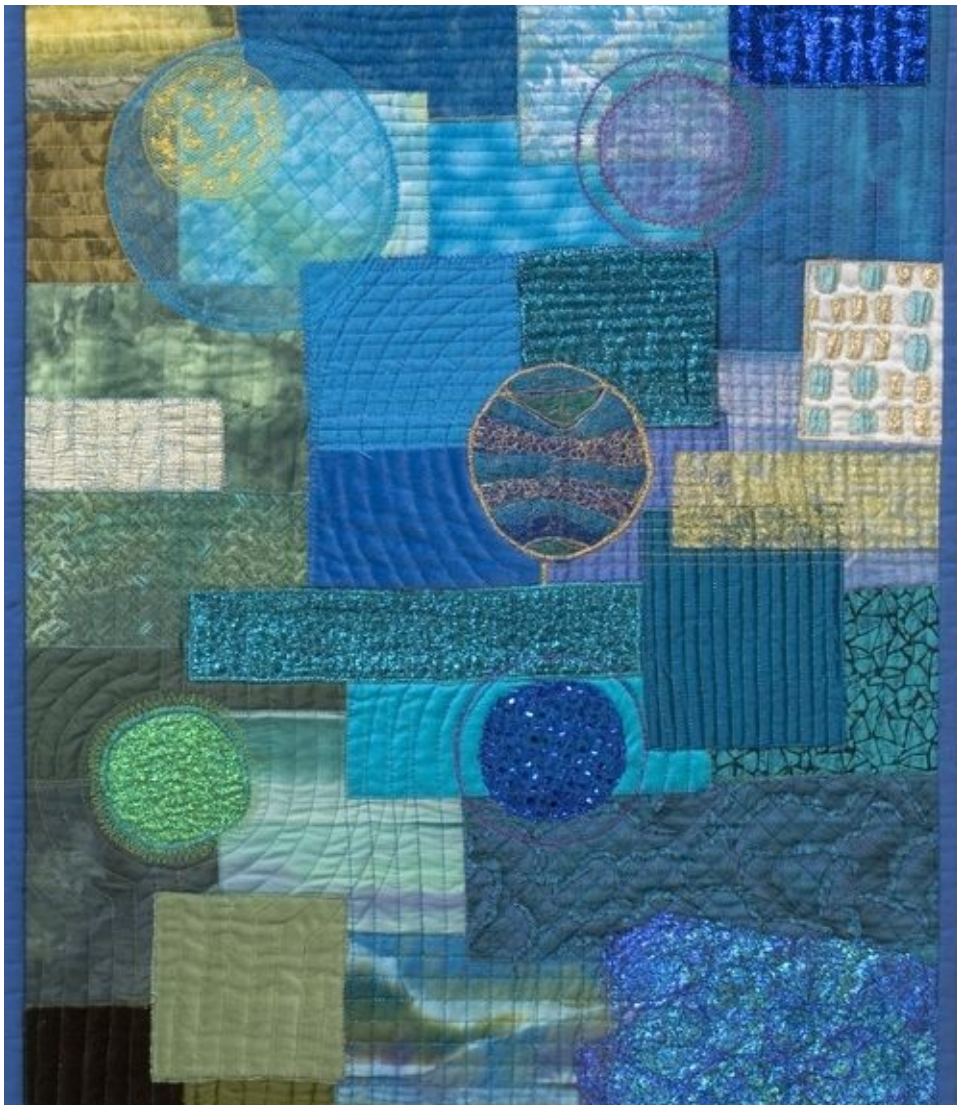




First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost



What Matters the Most

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

Preamble, Op. 31, No. 1

Louis Vierne

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 146

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.
The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts those bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
God upholds the orphan, the widow, and the destitute.
I will praise the Lord as long as I live
and sing praises to my God all my life.

†HYMN 806

I'll Praise My Maker

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in every age you have called your children to live by faith and compassion, seeking justice and doing what is right no matter the cost. We confess the times when we have been indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully and in generosity, but we are afraid. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our selfishness. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the joyful words from the psalmist: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia! 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

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

C. S. Lang

*My God and King, my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

I Kings 17:8-16

pg. 282 O.T.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:27—2:1-11

pg. 953 N.T.

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

SERMON

Unity is Not Uniformity

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

SILENT REFLECTION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From “Belhar Confession”

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

†HYMN 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

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.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025

OFFERTORY

Flute Piece

William Hine

†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

We Are One in the Spirit

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Carillon, Op. 31, No. 21

Louis Vierne



Thank You for Serving Today

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jasiel Hernandez Garcia, Susan Montoya, Susan Shaw-Meadow, Tom Richardson, Sabrina Adrian, Seth Lafler, Wes Lane

USHERS

8:30—Bill and Pam Cooper, Susan Junkin

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

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.

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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

John Michael Garcia

July 6, 1973—November 2, 2024

Mike has been a member since 2002.



Worship Notes

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

Art: Quilt titled “Water” by Ineke van Unen



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, November 10

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffeetime—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Children’s Sunday School—Room 210
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall Friendship Class
- Adult Sunday School—Room 208 (“Mind the Gap”)
- 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary and Live Streamed
- 3:00 Funeral Reception for Mike Garcia—Ryan Hall

Monday, November 11

- 1:30 Property Committee—Ryan Hall
- 5:30 Personnel Committee—Room 204

Tuesday, November 12

- 7:00 Men’s Bible Study—Room 207
- 10:00 CCP Chapel—Schreiner Chapel
- 3:00 Adult Christian Education Committee—Library
- 4:00 Missional Outreach Committee—Zoom
- 4:30 Children’s Corner Preschool Committee — Room 204
- 5:30 Gentle Yoga—Ryan Hall

Wednesday, November 13

- 9:00 Prayer Group—Zoom
- 10:00 Chair Yoga—Ryan Hall
- 11:00 Staff Meeting — Congregational Care Office
- 11:30 Men’s Luncheon—Bella Sera Restaurant
- 4:00 Hospitality and Fellowship—Room 204
- 5:15 Diaconate Meeting—Ryan Hall
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, November 14

- 2:00 Stephen Ministry Meeting—Ryan Hall
- 5:00 Music For All—Schreiner Choir Room
- 6:00 Pickleball—FLC Gym
- 6:30 Presbyterian Women Night Circle—Ryan Hall

Friday, November 15

- 10:00 Grief Support Group—Ryan Hall

Saturday, November 16

- 8:00 Pop-Up Market—YES Center Parking Lot
- 12:00 HOPE’s Kitchen—FLC
- 3:00 Youth Lock-In—FLC

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30 Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:30 Fellowship Coffeetime—Ryan Hall
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School—Ryan Hall (Friendship Class)
- Adult Sunday School —Room 204 (“Mind the Gap”)
- 9:45 Children’s Sunday School—Room 210

Announcements

Sunday, November 10

- New Office Hours: The office is now closed on Fridays. If you need access to any church property during the weekend, please make sure to get a key during our regular office hours Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm.
- Commitment Sunday: On November 17th, we encourage you to bring your pledge cards to worship so that we can give thanks to God for the generosity that abounds in this community of faith.
- 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.
- Saturday, November 16 — 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 8:00am at the YES Center for the next food distribution. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Julie Dunlap, dunlapjulia@gmail.com.
- Wednesday, November 20 — All Church Dinner Chili Cook-off!-FLC, 5:30-7:00pm Are you ready for some chili weather?? If so please join us for a chili cook-off. To register (either as an individual or committee entry), please call the office by Monday, November 18. For everyone not entering the cook-off, please feel free to bring cornbread or a dessert (or a salad if you are not a fan of chili). We look forward to sharing great food and fellowship with you!

- Monday, November 25, 4:30pm, Hill Country Youth Ranch Thanksgiving Dinner
The youth have been asked to serve the Thanksgiving dinner for all the children and staff at the Hill Country Youth Ranch. We would like to invite the whole church to join us in service and celebrate this holiday with them! If you would like to help, please meet in the church bus parking lot at 4:30 pm to car-pool to the Ranch and we should be back around 8 pm, happily fed. Please contact Emily at emcallister@fpckerrville.org if you have any questions.
- Yoga is back for November! Come join in a practice of gratitude, for the month of November (excluding Thanksgiving week). We will again meet in Ryan Hall on:
 - Tuesdays at 5:30 pm for Gentle Yoga (for all levels of practice up and down off the floor)
 - Wednesdays at 10:00 am for Chair Yoga (seated and standing poses for all levels of practitioners)

Donations will be taken to benefit CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry), here in Kerrville. Monetary or non-perishable, unopened food items will be collected. Email or call Cheryl Smith for more information: Cheryllajunta@icloud.com, (830) 739-6971.

- FPC Grief Support Group – Meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month, 10:00 am in Ryan Hall: As the holidays approach, grief can impact our lives in many different ways. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, we can help you through this difficult time, in a welcoming and non-judgmental environment. Our group is led by a skilled professional. Participants are encouraged to attend according to need, with no fixed time commitment or agenda. Please call Pastor Susan Montoya at the church office (830-257-3310) for more information.