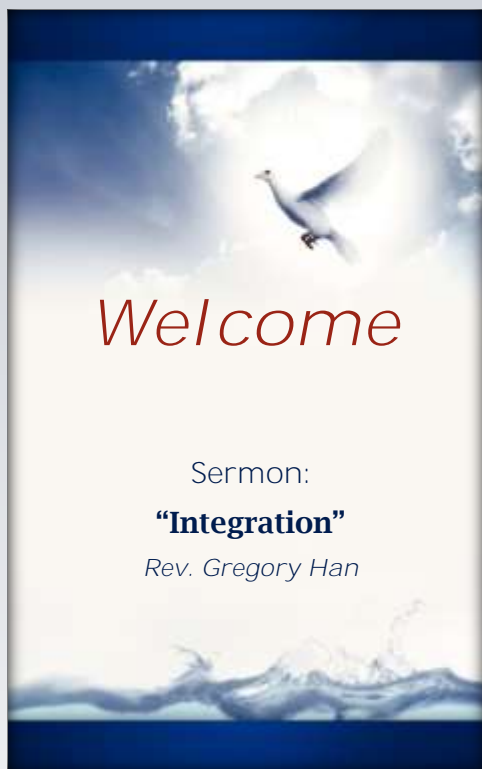


# First Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2024



8:30 Worship with Communion	Page 2
11:00 Worship Service	Page 6
Scripture Reading	Page 11
The Connection	Page 12
Calendar	Page 14
Prayer List	Page 16
Visitor Form	Page 17
Ministry Leaders	Page 19

Communion Sunday

## **8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION**

### Preparation

Prelude

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them when they pray.

## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,  
and Christ died for us,  
Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life  
has begun! Friends, believe in the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

## Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

**“Integration”**

*Rev. Gregory Han*

## Dedication

The Litany for Baptism of the Lord

O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness  
of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way  
of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children  
of your Father. Give us the grace of being a child of God to all who seek  
you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the **voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit** descended upon you like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AMEN.

## The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #265

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

1. Great God, we sing that mighty hand  
By which supported still we stand;  
The opening year Your mercy shows;  
That mercy crowns it till it close.
2. With grateful hearts the past we own;  
The future, all to us unknown,  
We to Your guardian care commit,  
And peaceful leave before Your feet.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

### *Copyright Information*

The Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version.  
Used by permission.

†

# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

## Preparation

Opening Music

## Adoration

Introit

*Safely Through Another Year*

*Newton*

Call to Worship

*Psalms 36*

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

People: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

\*Hymn #446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them when they pray.

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,  
and Christ died for us,  
Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us,  
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun! Friends, believe in the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*The Holly and the Ivy*

*Broughton*

\*Doxology

**\*Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer**

\*Choral Response

### Proclamation

## Scripture Readings

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

**"Integration"**

*Rev. Gregory Han*

### Dedication

## The Litany for Baptism of the Lord

O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give us the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the **voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove.** Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

Lord, have mercy.



Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AMEN.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

**The Lord's Prayer**

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn #265

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

1. Great God, we sing that mighty hand  
By which supported still we stand;  
The opening year Your mercy shows;  
That mercy crowns it till it close.
2. With grateful hearts the past we own;  
The future, all to us unknown,  
We to Your guardian care commit,  
And peaceful leave before Your feet.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Response

May the Love of God Be With You

May the love of God be with you,  
**May He warm your ev'ry waking hour.**  
May His presence fill your longing spirit,  
May He bless you with his healing power.  
Even though you may be weary,  
His strength is mighty as a rock.  
**He'll keep you and abide with you,**  
As long as on this earth we walk.  
Amen.

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

## ***This Week's Scripture Readings***

---

### Acts 19:1-7

<sup>1</sup> While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup> Then he said, “Into what, then, were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup> Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, <sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.

### Mark 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup> so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now **John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist,** and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> **He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. <sup>11</sup> **And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”**

# *Notes*



*Wednesday Night Live Menu - January 10<sup>th</sup>*




Sheet pan chicken fajitas  
Charro beans  
Guacamole, chips, etc.  
Coco Lopez cake

Please plan to join us for a festive and flavorful meal at 5:00 p.m.

# Does Anyone Know What Times It Is?

Team registrations needed by 1/22/2024 to get the word out in time!



**It's  
Chili  
Time!**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup>  
5-7 PM**

Teams of all levels are invited to enter, or you can be a judge!

Cast your votes for your favorite team at the event.  
Each vote is only \$1.

**\*\*Prior registration for To-Go orders required by calling the FPC office by 02/01/24  
Contact Dena Sewden with any questions or to register your team 929-255-2096 or  
DSewden@FPCCoree.org**

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Chili Cook-Off

## Good Things to Know

### *Attendance*

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 15

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 129

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 169

### ***Today's Worship Leader***

Martha Haines

### ***Today's Flowers***

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Janet & Chuck Pohla, in celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and by Pat Hudson, in honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday of great-granddaughter, Kennedy Grace.

### *Visitors, Welcome to FPC*

First Presbyterian Church of Conroe welcomes you. If you are interested in learning more about our church, or wish to become active in our ministry teams and activities, please visit our website at [fpcConroe.org](http://fpcConroe.org). There you can fill out the visitor form online, or you can do so now, on page 17 of this bulletin. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>January 7</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd <b>(Rm. 105): "The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet."</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) <i>Holy Disruption</i> - an Advent study using the gospel of Mark, by Tracy S. Daub.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Rm. 207) <b>"Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or <a href="http://YouTube.com/fpcConroe">YouTube.com/fpcConroe</a>)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>January 8</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>January 9</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Parlor)</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Lydia Circle (Youth area)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>January 10</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Bible Study with Gordon Juhl (Rm. 206)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal (Gym)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Rm. 206)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

<p><i>Sunday January 14</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd <b>(Rm. 105): "The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet."</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) <i>Holy Disruption</i> - an Advent study using the gospel of Mark, by Tracy S. Daub.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Rm. 207) <b>"Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or <a href="http://YouTube.com/fpcConroe">YouTube.com/fpcConroe</a>)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
-------------------------------------	---

## Save the Date

January 15	PDS & CISD Holiday (MLK Day)
February 4	Chili Cook-off
February 14	Ash Wednesday Service
February 17	Go Texan Parade in Downtown Conroe
February 19	<b>PDS &amp; CISD Holiday (President's Day)</b>
February 24	Sew-a-Thon

## Prayer List

Members: Leigh Green, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Nedra Murphy, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, David Green, Ron Bailey, Joanne Deaver, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Jean Ball, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, Flem Keathley, Paul Ivison, Don Myer, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Byer family and Tony N. (Spinks), Gloria L. and Merri H. (Amoneno), Buddy H. (Hayter), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Mary T. (Nichols), Linda S., Larry B., Janie M. (Harrison), Genevieve W. (Morton), Lindsey W. (Walker), Karl W. (Watt), Lisa J. (Miller), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J., Sydney H. and Martha K. (Juhl), Michael R. (Dwyer). Harry S., Jr. and family (Havens), Joy D. (Rose), Beth D. (Davis), Lynn G. (Shepherd), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), Wendy C. (Harshbarger), Wendy C., Christy V. (Massey), Cherlyn R., Carrie U., Gloria S. (Ganek), John R. (Hethershaw), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), William W. (Weinburger), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tucker H. (Hudson)



## Visitor Form

*Thank you for coming! We would love to get to know you.*

Please complete this form by tearing it off and dropping it in the offertory plate. Or, if you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website at [www.fpcConroe.org](http://www.fpcConroe.org).

### Contact Information

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

### Children's Information

Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting Involved in the Life of the Church

(Please check all that apply)

- ☐ I would like more information about membership.
- ☐ I would like information about baptism.
- ☐ I would like to be contacted by a Stephen Minister.
- ☐ Contact me about getting involved in the church.

### Please contact me regarding:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Sunday School

\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Studies

\_\_\_\_\_ Children & Nursery

\_\_\_\_\_ Men's groups

\_\_\_\_\_ Women's groups

\_\_\_\_\_ Greeters

\_\_\_\_\_ Handbells

\_\_\_\_\_ Choir

Other:

### How did you first hear about us? (Please circle one)

Facebook

Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other

## Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Stephan Tibbetts (2025, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2024, Chair) Dena Sowden (2023) Jeselyn Graham (2024) Alex Williams (2024)
Fellowship	Audrey Christie (2024, Chair)
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair) Catherine Scheffler (2025)
PDS	Sharon Walker (2025, Chair)
Worship	Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs)

*For Pastoral Care, Contact Rev. Callie Candee*

**Greetings from Reverend Callie Candee! I'm so grateful to have been asked to assist with pastoral care duties here at First Presbyterian Church-Conroe. I'll be available for phone and home visits. I'm carrying the church's emergency phone and can be contacted directly at (936) 290-4535.**



## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

Rev. Callie Candee, Pastoral Care  
Rev. Greg Han, Temporary Pulpit Pastor  
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications  
Stephanie Cooke, Music Director  
Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist  
Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping  
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager  
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse



### First Presbyterian Church

#### *Physical Address:*

2727 N. Loop 336 W., Conroe, TX 77304  
Church Office (936) 756-8884 Fax (936) 756-8842  
Website: [www.fpcConroe.org](http://www.fpcConroe.org)

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

#### *Mailing Address:*

2257 N Loop 336 W  
Suite 140, # 349, Conroe, TX 77304