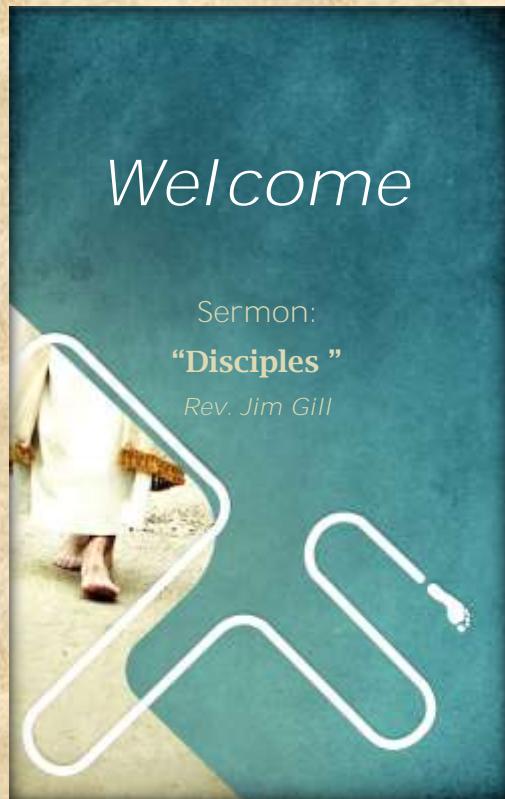


# First Presbyterian Church

## January 14, 2024



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

### *Preparation*

Prelude

### *Adoration*

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #306

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God to earth come down,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe in the Good News.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

### Proclamation

Scripture Reading

John 1:29-42

Sermon

**“Disciples”**  
Rev. Jim Gill

### Dedication

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 #525

Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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## **11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

### Preparation

Opening Music

### Adoration

Introit

*Safely Through Another Year*

Newton

Call to Worship

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## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. We confess that we always want more and that we never share as freely as you give. Forgive our stubborn greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us enjoy your goodness and to thank you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

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\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem

*He's Still the King of Kings*

Gaither/Lane

## Proclamation

### **Children's Time**

\*Hymn #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

\*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 Reading***

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John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “**Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**” <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

# Notes

# Your Weekly Connection

January 14,  
2024

## Wednesday Night Live Menu - January 17<sup>th</sup>



Pulled pork sandwiches  
Cole slaw  
Baked Beans  
Cobbler and ice cream

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 970-255-2696 or  
[DSewden@FPCCares.org](mailto:DSewden@FPCCares.org)

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



## *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>Sunday January 14</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): <b>"The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet."</b> 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. 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) <b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Rm. 207) <b>"Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</b> 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or <a href="https://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe">YouTube.com/fpcConroe</a>) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p>Monday January 15</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p>Wednesday January 17</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 3:30 p.m. Bible Study with Gordon Juhl: <i>Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life</i> (Rm. 206) 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal (Gym) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Rev. Candee: <i>Fasting &amp; Feasting In This Season Of Lent</i> (Rm. 207) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Ron Massey: <i>Faith and Prayer</i> (Rm. 206) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

*Sunday  
January 21*

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9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)  
9:00 a.m. Praise band (Gym)  
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11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live  
[www.com/fpcConroe](http://www.com/fpcConroe) or [YouTube.com/fpcConroe](https://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe))  
12:30 p.m. Session Meeting  
5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)

## 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:** Bill M. (Browder), the Lee family (Corbit), 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)

## Good Things to Know

### Attendance

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 26

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 136

Online Worship Attendance - 28

Total Attendance - 190

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Candeel*

**Greetings from Reverend Callie Candeel!** 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



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