

First Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2024



Welcome

Sermon:

“Naked”

Rev. Gregory Han

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8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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 Reading

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

John 1: 43-51

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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 #438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
3. We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

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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. 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.

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.



11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

Safely Through Another Week

Newton

Call to Worship

Leader: I bless God every chance I get; my lungs expand with God's praise.

People: I live and breathe God; if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:

Leader: Join me in spreading the news; together let's get the word out.

People: God met me more than halfway and freed me from my anxious fears.

Leader: Look at him; give him your warmest smile. Never hide your feelings from God.

People: When I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot.

Leader: God's angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray.

People: Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—how good God is. Blessed are those who run to God.

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*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all
Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life
Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

(A time for silent confession)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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AMEN.

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Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

The Glory of the Father

Hovland

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1. Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live,
Myself to Thee entirely give.

3. O Love, how gracious is Thy way!
All fear before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away,
Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
Nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

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And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

*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

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together **in my mother's womb.** ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

John 1: 43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and **said to him, "Follow me."** ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ **Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."** ⁴⁶ **Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"** Philip said to him, **"Come and see."** ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, **"Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"** ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, **"Where did you get to know me?"** Jesus answered, **"I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."** ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, **"Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"** ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, **"Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."** ⁵¹ And he said to him, **"Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."**

Notes



For Your Attention

Over the past couple of years, a significant number of our members, who mail their donation checks to the church, have had checks stolen. Giving online via credit card is one convenient way to avoid stolen checks. However, there is a small fee involved in this option. The church now has another option for avoiding stolen checks that has no fee associated with it. This option would be the **electronic fund transfer of money from your bank directly to the church's bank.** It can be set up on either a one-time or recurring basis. If you are interested in giving to the church via this method, please contact Fred Kate by email fhkate@yahoo.com or telephone (936) 521-9428 for details.

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 4th
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 Sowden with any questions or to register your team 929-255-2096 or
DSowden@FPCCentre.org**

14th Annual Youth Chili Cook-Off

Dessert Competition judges are needed for the Chili Cookoff.
Volunteers please contact Dena Sowden (info above).

Wednesday Night Live Menu - January 24th

Hamburger vegetable soup Yeast rolls
Spinach-mandarin orange salad Chocolate sheet cake

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



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First Presbyterian Church Conroe on Friday, March 1, 2024.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>January 21</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 (Rm. 105): "The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet."</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) "Knowing the Bible – A Study of Romans", by Jared Wilson</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) "Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</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 www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>January 22</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>January 24</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: <i>Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life</i> (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 with Rev. Candee: <i>Fasting & Feasting In This Season Of Lent</i> (Rm. 207)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Ron Massey: <i>Faith and Prayer</i> (Rm. 206)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

<p><i>Sunday January 28</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 (Rm. 105): “The Book of Habakkuk - A Very Different Prophet.”</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) <i>Knowing the Bible – A Study of Romans</i>, by Jared Wilson</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Seekers’ Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) “Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community”</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 www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
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Save the Date

February 4	Chili Cook-off
February 14	Ash Wednesday Service
February 17	Go Texan Parade in Downtown Conroe
February 19	PDS & CISD Holiday (President’s Day)
February 24	Sew-a-Thon
March 1	Life Line Screenings

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 Iverson, Don Myer, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), 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 14th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 22

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 121

Online Worship Attendance - 30

Total Attendance – 190

Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden

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.

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)

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
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