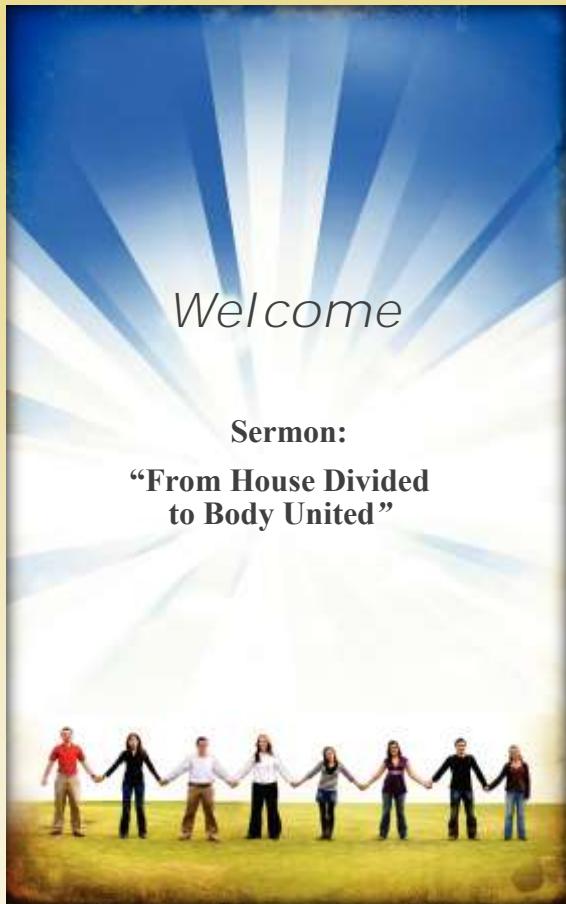


# First Presbyterian Church

## January 26, 2025



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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 by visiting our welcome desk. We appreciate you joining us for services today.

### *~ Good Things to Know ~*

#### *Today's Worship Leader*

Masen Stuntz

#### *Today's Flowers*

There is no flower dedication today.

#### *Last Week's Attendance, January 19*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 21

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 134

Online Worship Attendance - 43

**Total Attendance – 198**

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

### *Preparing to Receive God's Word*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**May our worship reflect God's glory.**

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise proclaim the love of God.

**Let our worship tell the story of God's amazing love.**

\*Hymn #467

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin: (Refrain)

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great  
Thou art! (Refrain)

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\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not remember our sins forever but will forgive us and give us new life.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**Because of Christ's great love for us, we are forgiven!**

\*Gloria Patri

*The Word*

Scripture Readings

Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-14, 27

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**“From House Divided to Body United”**

Rev. Seth Saathoff

*Responding to the Word*

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of God's grace!
2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,  
And sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,  
Christ's blood availed for me.
4. My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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## 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

### Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit (Hymn #411)      *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Call to Worship

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God our Father, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. In Jesus Christ, you come into our lives, calling us to repent of our sin, believe the good news of the gospel, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom.

Forgive us for preferring to live with the way things are, in the world and in ourselves. Forgive us for wanting to remain captive to our sin, our anger, and what is comfortable and predictable. Come among us this day, forgive what we have been, anoint us anew with your Spirit, and enable us to become the new creations we are in Christ, so that we may proclaim your gospel with joy and know our true freedom in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

## The Word

## Children's Time

## Anthem                    Jesus Is All the World to Me                    Larson

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn #293 This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears,  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world,  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so st  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world,  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one.

## Scripture Reading | I Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-14, 27

Sermon **“From House Divided to Body United”**  
Rev. Seth Saathoff

## Responding to the Word

### Prayers of the People

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#### Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Refrain:

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.**  
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

#### \*Postlude

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

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### **Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> **But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.** <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

### **I Corinthians 12:4-6, 12-14, 27**

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

# Notes



### ***What's For Dinner?***

Next week's Wednesday Night Live meal will be sheet pan fajitas. We hope you will join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

### ***73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Men's Conference at Mo Ranch***



**WHEN:** **May 2-4, 2025 (Enrollment open)**

**DETAILS:** **The cost is \$375 per participant.**

All men 18+ are invited to attend.

Youth between 13-17 may attend if they register with an accompanying adult sponsor. ***If we get a large enough group we can take the church bus.***

If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Seth Saathoff at [ssaathoff@fpcconroe.org](mailto:ssaathoff@fpcconroe.org).

### ***2025 Flower Calendar***

Please keep in mind that our 2025 flower calendar is now on the Welcome Desk. Be sure to write in your dedications for the times of year that are significant to you and your loved ones. Flower arrangements are \$45.

## Directory Changes

The Membership Committee is working on an updated listing/supplement for the recently printed Member Directory. If your information (address, phone #, email, etc.) was incorrect or needs to be updated,

please send your information to Steve Scheffler at [scscheffler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scscheffler@sbcglobal.net) BY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31.

We will print an updated page or pages that will be made available to all church members.

## *A Thank You from Callie Candee*

I cannot tell you how touching it was to be honored in worship recently; know that the backpack will be filled with trip essentials when I venture out on the road again, and the fly-fishing equipment will get a tryout this coming summer. The beautiful quilt will adorn a wall somewhere in my home, as well as the ceramic heart cross. But none of these material gifts measure up to the gifts of love, compassion and appreciation you have poured out on me.



As mentioned last Sunday, there are many opportunities that lie ahead for me: I'll continue to serve as pulpit supply in our presbytery, and I'm looking forward to continuing serving God and God's people as a spiritual director... and of course, going on more road trips!

## *Spiritual Direction with Rev. Callie Candee*

Christians have sought out silent prayer retreats for centuries; driven by a hunger for closer communion with God, we choose times of silence, of meditation of Scripture, to hear God more clearly and to follow Jesus' invitation to 'come away with me to a quiet place and rest.' In our ever too busy world, such an invitation is a blessing, as we enter stillness, reflection upon God's Word, and open ourselves to hearing more fully God's response to us. Rev. Callie Candee is offering one-on-one Spiritual Direction sessions for our congregation. Please contact the church office to schedule a session with her at (936) 756-8884.

# Youth Chili Cook-Off

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

**5-7 pm**

**Family Life Center**

## **BRING THE HEAT!**

**Think you make the best chili this side of the Pecos??**

**Then bring your best chili recipe and fixins**

**and let us decide!**

**Trophies for 1st-3rd Place**

**&**

**People's Choice Best Table**

**Not a chef but like to eat??**

**Bring your appetite and plenty of \$\$ for voting ~ Each vote is \$1**

**Vote early and vote often!**

**(Padding your friend's voting bucket is highly encouraged!)**

**For more information visit [FPCCConroe.Org](http://FPCCConroe.Org)**

*Proceeds support our FPC Youth Missions and Activities*

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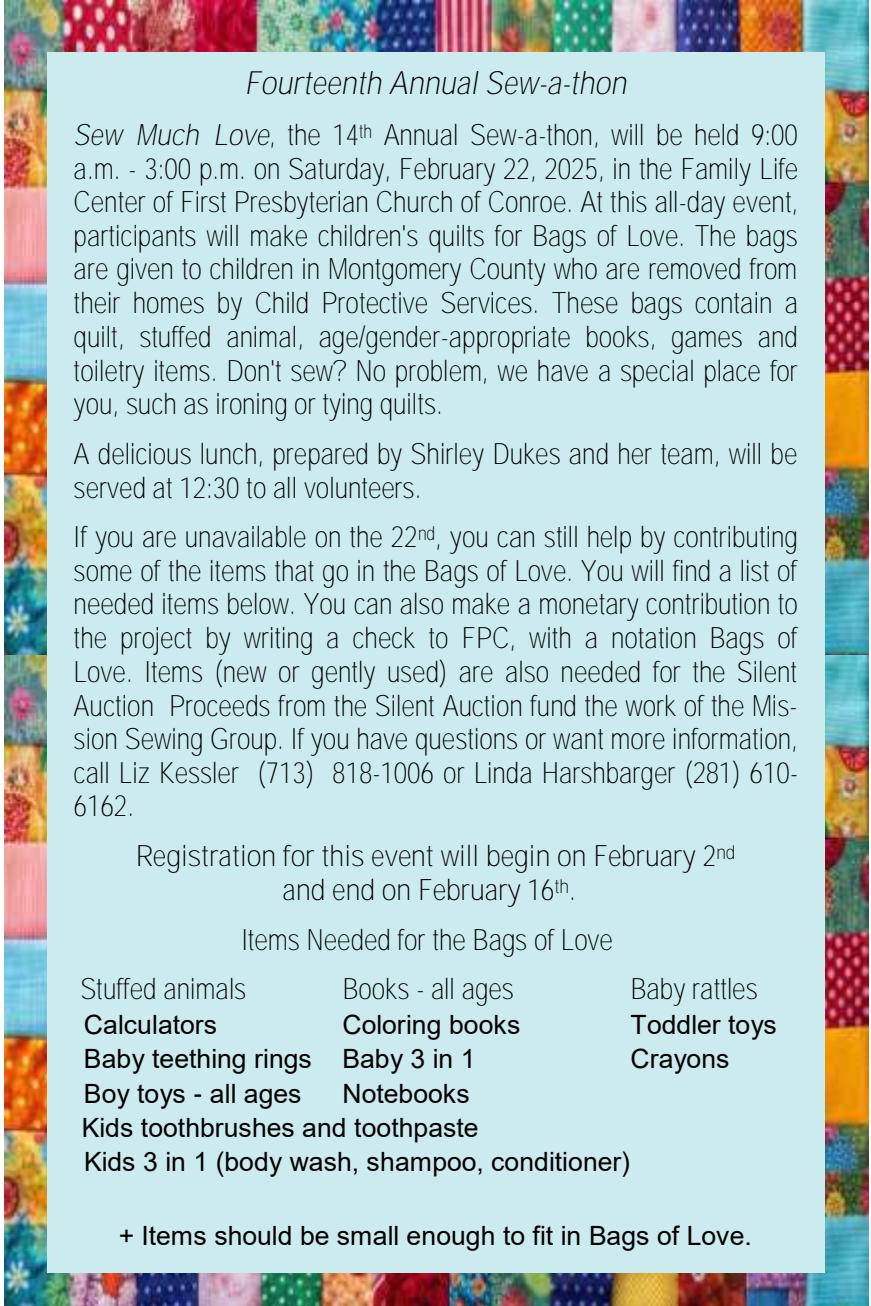
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## Fourteenth Annual Sew-a-thon

*Sew Much Love*, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Sew-a-thon, will be held 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2025, in the Family Life Center of First Presbyterian Church of Conroe. At this all-day event, participants will make children's quilts for Bags of Love. The bags are given to children in Montgomery County who are removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. These bags contain a quilt, stuffed animal, age/gender-appropriate books, games and toiletry items. Don't sew? No problem, we have a special place for you, such as ironing or tying quilts.

A delicious lunch, prepared by Shirley Dukes and her team, will be served at 12:30 to all volunteers.

If you are unavailable on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, you can still help by contributing some of the items that go in the Bags of Love. You will find a list of needed items below. You can also make a monetary contribution to the project by writing a check to FPC, with a notation Bags of Love. Items (new or gently used) are also needed for the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the Silent Auction fund the work of the Mission Sewing Group. If you have questions or want more information, call Liz Kessler (713) 818-1006 or Linda Harshbarger (281) 610-6162.

Registration for this event will begin on February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
and end on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Items Needed for the Bags of Love

Stuffed animals	Books - all ages	Baby rattles
Calculators	Coloring books	Toddler toys
Baby teething rings	Baby 3 in 1	Crayons
Boy toys - all ages	Notebooks	
Kids toothbrushes and toothpaste		
Kids 3 in 1 (body wash, shampoo, conditioner)		

+ Items should be small enough to fit in Bags of Love.

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p>Sunday January 26</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) Study of Moses, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms. 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) <b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Library) Study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians <b>9:30 a.m. FPC Kid's Sunday School</b> (Rm. 203) 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 27</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p>Wednesday January 29</p>	<p>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 4:00 p.m. Small Group Study with Gordon Juhl. Studying Timothy Keller's devotional "<b>God's Wisdom for Navigating Life</b>". 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal (FLC) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Rev. Saathoff (Rm. 105) <b>6:00 p.m. "Jesus and Me" for Youth</b> (Youth Commons area) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

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10:40 a.m. Praise band (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live  
[www.com/fpcConroe](http://www.com/fpcConroe) or [YouTube.com/fpcConroe](https://YouTube.com/fpcConroe))  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Annual Chili Cookoff (Gym)

## Save the Date

February 2	Annual Chili Cookoff	
February 17	PDS/CISD Holiday (President's Day)	
February 22	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Sew-a-thon Go Texan Parade in Conroe	
February 23	♪ Gospel Music Sunday ♪	
March 2	Annual Congregational Meeting	
March 5	Ash Wednesday Service and Pancake Supper	
March 10-14	PDS/CISD Spring Break	

## Prayer List

Members: Roy Kessler, Judy Weinburger, Ruth Masters, Paula Shepherd, Kyle Walker, Glenna Lang, Joe Clark, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Nedra Murphy, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, David Green, Ron Bailey, Joanne Deaver, Alice Helms, Polly Miller, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

**Members' Relatives & Friends:** Jerry W., Lisa W. (Webb), Celia G. (Hernandez-Garcia), Vera T. (Watt), Ted M. (Rose), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Susie K. (Davis), Anna and Wendy C. (Harshbarger), Brooke J., Danielle S. & kids, Kelly D., Stephanie R. (Riggs-Harpur), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Bonnie L., Michael R. (Dwyer), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Tony N. (Spinks), Aimee L. (Amoneno), Buddy H. (Hayter), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), Linda S., Larry B., Janie M. (Harrison), Lindsey W. (Walker), Lisa J. (Miller), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J., Sydney H. and Martha K. (Juhl), Joe T. Sr and caregivers, Harry S., Jr. and family (Havens), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), Kim H. (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), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tucker H. (Hudson)

## Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair) Stephan Tibbetts (2025)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Ron Massey (2027, Chair)
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Fellowship	Debbie Morse (2027, Chair)
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Catherine Scheffler (2025, Chair) Kyle Walker (2027)
PDS	Pat Hudson (2025)
Worship	Randy Blanton and Mike Wisda (2026, Co-chairs)
Trustees	Charline Muller (2025) David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027)

## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor  
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Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications  
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