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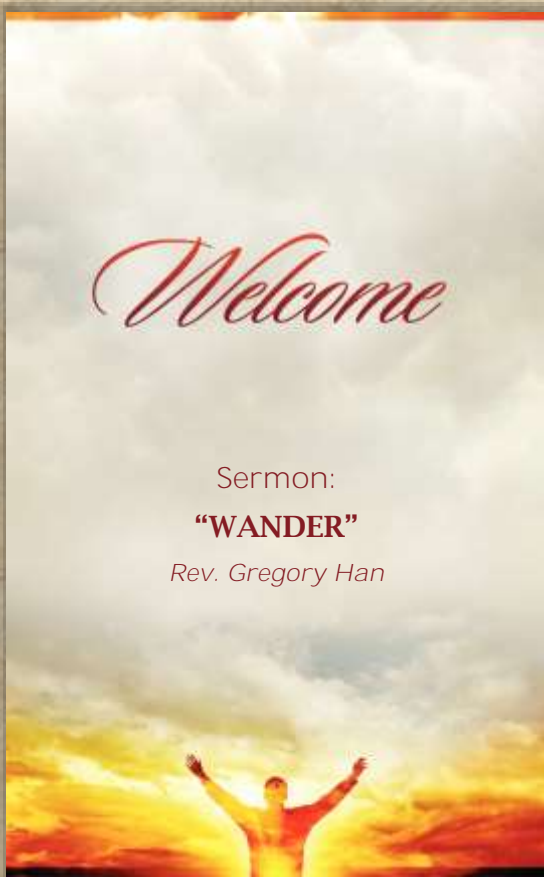
February 18, 2024

Welcome

Sermon:

“WANDER”

Rev. Gregory Han



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8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparation

Prelude

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #368

I've Got Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in-a my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in-a my soul.
3. I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in-a my soul.
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Confession

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Scripture tells us that no one who believes in God will be put to shame.

God's love is sure, able to withstand any test.

We need no longer live according to the temptations that play on our worst shame or fears.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

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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

I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain:

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah by and by,
I'll fly away.

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. (Refrain)
3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. (Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

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.





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 19 of this bulletin. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit ***Somebody's Knocking at Your Door***

Call to Worship

One: Now is the moment of grace.
All: This is the hour of blessing.
One: Today is the day of salvation.
All: Here is the path to new life.
One: Already joy is abounding,
All: And love is flowing.
One: For this is the day God is making.
All: Let us rejoice and sing.

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*Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, Leader of our way, this is a beginning, a starting point of looking deep within ourselves. Now we peel away the layers of deception. We make excuses for not hearing the pain of another. We blame others rather than confess our mistakes or hasty words. We turn away and hold on to our little share.

Holy Guide, walk with us this Lenten season. Remove our blinders and unstop our ears. Help us see the truth about ourselves -- that we are your beloved and can do great things in Your name. Help us see the hurt around us that we can help heal. Walk with us in the valleys of temptation, hold us in the moments of fear, and bring us to the joy of Easter. 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

Sunshine in My Soul

Coates

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #153

He Is King of Kings

Refrain:

(He is) King of kings,

He is Lord of lords,

Jesus Christ, the first and last,

No one works like Him.

1. He built His throne up in the air,
No one works like Him,
And called His saints from everywhere,
No one works like Him. O He is... (Refrain)

2. He pitched His tents on Canaan ground,
No one works like Him,
And broke oppressive kingdoms down,
No one works like Him. O He is...(Refrain)

3. I know that my Redeemer lives,
No one works like Him,
And by His love sweet blessing gives,
No one works like Him. O He is... (Refrain)

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3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
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*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, any time! (any time!)
I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, any time! (any time!)

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

This Week's Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ **"When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it,** ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in **office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'** ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord **your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;** he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O **Lord, have given me.'** **You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.** ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ **The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."** ⁴ Jesus answered him, **"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"**

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil **said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”** ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the **pinna-
cle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw your-
self down from here,** ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹ and **‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will
not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”**

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, **‘Do not put the Lord your God to
the test.’ ”** ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from
him until an opportune time.

Notes



Communion by Intinction

The First Presbyterian Church, Conroe, will resume Communion by intinction on March 3, 2024, during the 11:00 A.M. worship service. For those unfamiliar with this practice, communion by intinction is accomplished by taking the wafer, dipping it in the communion chalice, and immediately taking it. Please direct any questions to Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update #2

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) urges all members and visitors to participate in the Pastoral Nominating Committee survey, which is available in hard copy today, as well as electronically (bit.ly/fpc_pnc). It is critical that we receive your input as we prepare our search for the new pastor. The PNC is laying out a process and timeline that we trust will guide us toward finding a pastor that is the best fit for FPC Conroe. Our goal is to be both thorough and efficient as we proceed. Please complete the survey by no later than Sunday, February 25.

Also, to streamline communication with the PNC, we have created a dedicated email address for the PNC, which is pnc@fpccconroe.org. If you have any feedback, comments or ideas, this is the best way to communicate with the PNC. We welcome your input!

Finally, we ask for your prayers upon the PNC and this process, as well as our church, as we search for our next pastor.

Sincerely,

Your PNC: Dana Corbit, Shirley Dukes, Jay Hammonds, Pat Hudson,
Roy Kessler, Charline Muller, Janet Pohla, Steve Scheffler, Mark Sowden

Annual Meeting of the Congregation March 17

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on March 17th at the **11:00 worship service**. **There we will learn of the church's projected budget, as well as going over highlights of the many committees at FPC.** Annual Reports will be provided at that time.

Thank You!

Mark & Dena Sowden, along with the Youth Group, would like to express our deepest gratitude for all who made our Chili Cook-Off such a success! We raised \$12,321! We are so thankful for everyone who participated, from the cook-off teams, the fellowship volunteers, those who provided desserts and every single donation made a difference. There are too many to name, but we **want each of you to know you're such a blessing to us. This allows us to keep mission trips affordable and provide meals for The Spark and fun outings to our youth. May God bless you all.**

Today is the Final Day to Register for the 13th Annual Sew-a-thon



Today is the last day to register for the 13th Annual Sew-a-thon, which will be held on February 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Stop by the registration table, located in the Narthex, and sign up to participate. The purpose of the Sew-a-thon is to make as many children's quilts as possible

in one day. The quilts are donated to the Bags of Love organization, which is sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The quilts, along with age/gender appropriate books, games, toys, and toiletry items, go in the Bags of Love which are given to children in Montgomery County who are removed from **their homes by Children's Protective Services. If you don't sew, there are other** ways you can participate, such as ironing and tying quilts. If you are unavailable on the 24th, 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 may 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.



Items Needed for the Bags of Love

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

*Items should be small enough to fit in Bags of Love

Sunday, March 3: Volunteer Rally Day

Our church is a vibrant community that supports the worship of God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and provides opportunities to use our gifts for Him, whether that be within the church or outside its walls. Much of the work of the church is done by volunteers contributing their time and talent to further His kingdom. On March 3, we will host a special Volunteer Rally Day in the Family Life Center after the 11:00 service. Our ministries will provide information about their functions and opportunities to volunteer. Refreshments will be provided.

On page 15 of this bulletin, you will find various church ministries that all contribute to maintaining and advancing the work of our church and its missions. In addition to those ministries, there are multiple opportunities to participate through Music, Presbyterian Women, Stephen Ministries, Mission Sewing, and other groups.

Volunteer Rally Day provides you a unique opportunity to find out about the various ministries of the church at one time. On March 3, plan to see what FPC-Conroe has to offer and how you can use your gifts for Him. Any one of these ministries would welcome your involvement!



There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Friday, March 1, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church Conroe to conduct these valuable screenings.

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2024, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2024, Chair)
	Dena Sowden (2024)
	Alex Williams (2024)
	Masen Stuntz (2025)
Fellowship	TBD
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair)
	Catherine Scheffler (2025)
PDS	Sharon Walker (2025, Chair)
Worship	Randy Blanton and Mike Wisda (2026, Co-chairs)



Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>February 18</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>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>February 19</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>February 21</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>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

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Save the Date

February 19	PDS & CISD Holiday (President’s Day)
February 24	Sew-a-Thon
March 1	Life Line Screenings
March 3	Volunteer Sunday
March 11-15	PDS & CISD Spring break
March 17	Annual Meeting

Prayer List

Members: The family of Warren Taylor, Karen Hethershaw, Jo Miller, 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 Tamborrello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Marie J. (Das), 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), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), Wendy C. (Harshbarger), Wendy C., Christy V. (Massey), Gloria S., Kim H., Vickie K., Cindy K. (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, February 11th
8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 16
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 113
Online Worship Attendance - 40
Total Attendance – 169

Today's Worship Leader

Sharon Walker

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: _____

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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