

# First Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2024



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Communion Sunday

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

### *Preparation*

Prelude

### *Adoration*

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!

3. Let every kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
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4. O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
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## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

## Proclamation

Scripture Readings

John 15: 9-17; 1 John 5: 1-12

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**“All You Need is Love”**

*Rev. Callie Candee*

## 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 #510

## Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

1. Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.
4. Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.
5. O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
O chase the night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world Thy holy night.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.



## *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.

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### ***“Always By Our Side”***

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### ***“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”***

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## 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

### Preparation

## Opening Music

A doration

Introit      *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

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Merciful God, whose ways are not our ways and whose thoughts not our thoughts: we confess to you our sin. We doubt your promises and fear is our constant companion. With your mercy, cleanse us and **forgive us. Help us to love others as you have loved us. In Christ's** name, we pray.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

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\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

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Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
**With a Shepherd's care enfold you;**  
God be with you till we meet again.

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.



# *Notes*

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

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John 15: 9-17

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, **just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.** <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> **"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down **one's life for one's friends.** <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

## 1 John 5: 1-12

<sup>5</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> There are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup> Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.



### ***Mother's Day Brunch May 12***

We want to say "Happy Mother's Day" to all of our great moms here at FPC, so May 12<sup>th</sup> the Youth Group, along with a few volunteers, will be serving brunch between 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the FLC. We look forward to serving you! If you are interested in volunteering to prepare or serve, please contact Mark Sowden at (281) 728-8710 or [Mark@crystalclearmortgage.com](mailto:Mark@crystalclearmortgage.com).

### *Operation Graduation*

May 12 is Senior Sunday, when we'll be celebrating our Class of 2024 Seniors with a cake and punch reception in the Narthex following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please join us to help celebrate our graduates.

We are also celebrating our PDS Kinder class of 2024. We'll have Kinder Grad boxes in the Narthex with a little summary about each child. We encourage you to drop a card or small graduation gift in the boxes to let them know that we are proud of them, we will miss them and that we wish them all the best.

### *Presbyterian 101 Class May 19*

Are you interested in learning about what makes us Presbyterian - and the key tenets of the Presbyterian denomination? Want to hear more about fellowship, worship, and service opportunities here at First Presbyterian Church Conroe?

**Join us for "Presbyterian 101," on May 19, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.** Rev. Han and members of the congregation will facilitate a conversation that will help you learn more about our unique community of faith.

### *Summer Schedule Begins May 26*

As we welcome in summer, we will be going to a one-service format, with the 8:30 a.m. service being suspended May 26 through September 1. We will continue with our Sunday School schedule and 11:00 worship service as is.

## Youth Auction Thank You

The Youth Auction and Follicle Debacle was a success beyond my wildest dreams. I'm truly at a loss for words (I know, impossible, right) at the incredible generosity of this church family. Because of your love and support, we raised \$10,000.00!! To say that exceeded my expectations would be an understatement of epic proportions. I have so many people to thank and I pray that I don't leave anyone out. Thank you to the amazing kitchen team for all the selfless hard work y'all did! Thank you to Cody Sowden, Sabrina Sowden, Matthew Konze, Christi Konze and Amy Folts for stepping up in a HUGE way! Thank you to the youth for working so hard and a special thanks to Dena Sowden for coming up with the idea and coordinating everything. Thank you to everyone who brought desserts and the parents that gathered so many wonderful auction items for us! We can't do this without the support of our amazing parents and friends! But, most of all, thank you, church family, for your incredible generosity, love and support of God's youth. Thank you just doesn't seem fitting for the level of gratitude that we feel, but, it's all I know to say – so, THANK YOU!!!

- Mark Sowden

## SCUBA VBS 2024

July 8, 2024 – July 12, 2024

Take kids deep into an amazing under-sea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Be sure and check out our After-VBS Sports program, too. Details can be found in the VBS link below.

The link to sign up is:

<https://vbspro.events/p/fpccconroe24>



## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>May 5</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) Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) Ancient Christianity-video presentation and class discussion</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 YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Committee Meetings</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>May 6</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>May 7</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>May 8</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Martha Circle (Parlor)</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

May 12	<b>Mother's Day Brunch/Senior Sunday</b>
May 15	PDS Graduation and Reception
May 19	Mission Sunday (Special Offering) / Pentecost Sunday
May 26	Begin Summer Worship Schedule
May 27	Memorial Day (Church office closed)
June 1-9	Youth Mission Trip
June 16	<b>Father's Day</b>
June 29	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Serve Our Neighbor Day

## Prayer List

Members: Marty 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, Paul Iverson, Don Myer, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

**Members' Relatives & Friends:** Bonnie L., Michael R. (Dwyer). the family of Dorothy P. (Lucas), Marie J. (Das), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), Lee family (Corbit), Tony N. (Spinks), Aimee L., Gloria L. (Amoneno), Buddy H. (Hayter), Amanda N. (Bosse), Brenda H. (Cannon), Scott P. (Peterson), 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), 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, April 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 33

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 109

Online Worship Attendance - 32

Total Attendance – 174

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

Martha Haines



## 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	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)

*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  
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager  
Stephanie Cooke, Music Director  
Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist  
Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping  
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse



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