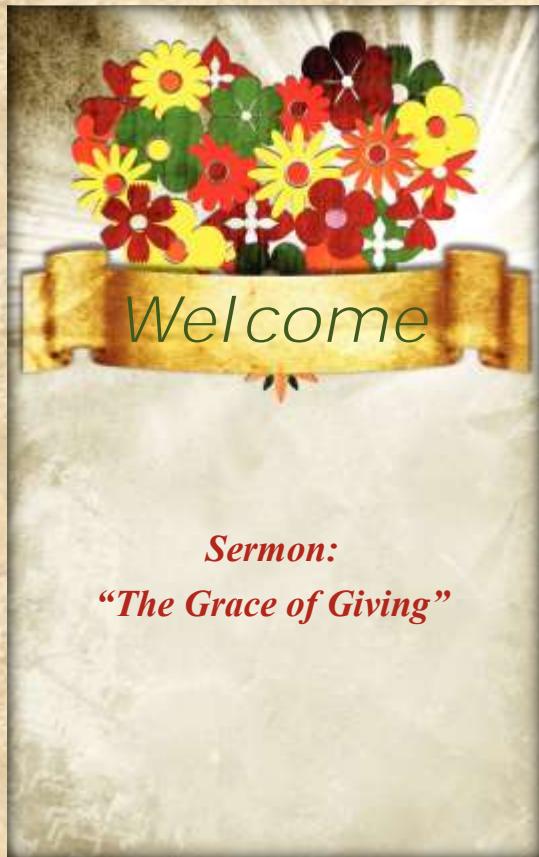


# First Presbyterian Church

## May 12, 2024



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

### Preparation

Prelude

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

## \*Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace;  
Those who are divided he has made one.  
He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death  
and he has built us up into one body, with God.  
To whomsoever repents and believes  
he has promised reconciliation.  
Live as people reconciled.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

## \*Gloria Patri

## Welcome and Announcements

### Proclamation

#### Scripture Readings

1 John 5: 9-13; John 1: 1-18

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

#### **“The Grace of Giving”**

Rev. Greg Han

### 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 #443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

1. O Christ, the great foundation  
On which your people stand  
To preach Your true salvation  
In every age and land:  
Pour out Your Holy Spirit  
To make us strong and pure,  
To keep the faith unbroken  
As long as worlds endure.

4. This is the moment glorious  
When He who once was dead  
Shall lead His church victorious,  
Their champion and their head.  
The Lord of all creation  
His heavenly kingdom brings,  
The final consummation,  
The glory of all things.

\*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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**“O Christ, the Great Foundation”**

by Timothy Lew and Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
trans. Mildred A. Wiant

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**“Qui sedes ad dextram patris”**

By Antonio Vivaldi

Mezzo aria from the Gloria Text from the Ordinary of the Mass of the Roman Catholic Church liturgy Set by Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)  
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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

### Adoration

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

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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    Perfect in power, in love and purity.

## Confession

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\*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have not loved one another as you have commanded us to do. We have done wrong to our neighbor, yet we have delighted in pointing out the faults of others. We have ignored your law and followed our own convenience instead. We have not recognized your presence when two or three have been gathered together.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Awaken our hearts to your love and kindle in us love for each other, that we may know the fulfillment of your law among us. 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

*Qui sedes ad dexteram patris*

Vivaldi

(Translation: He Sits at the Right Hand of the Father)

Special Guest Soloist, Riley Vagis

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

1 John 5: 9-13

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Time**

\*Hymn #108

Christ Is Alive!

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
  
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-18

Sermon

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The glory of all things.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Response

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;  
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.

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

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### **1 John 5: 9-13**

<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.

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

### **John 1: 1-18**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, [a] and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

## Notes



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

We want to say "Happy Mother's Day" to all of our great moms here at FPC, so 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!

### *Operation Graduation*

Today 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.

## Pentecost Sunday

Historically, red has been associated with Pentecost Sunday as a reminder of **God's empowerment of the Church through the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit**. Luke recorded that a great wind blew, filling the place, and tongues of fire rested above the heads of the disciples. As a result of this divine encounter, the disciples declared the good news of Jesus Christ to all present! Thousands believed in the Christ and were added to the Church! Reverend Han and the FPC Worship Committee invite you to commemorate this great day in church history by wearing red as we gather on Pentecost Sunday for Bible study and worship.

## Serve Our Neighbor Day 2024



The Missions Committee is excited to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Serve Our Neighbor Day! This churchwide day of service will be held on Saturday, June 29. Just like last year, we'll gather at the church for a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and then after a send-off prayer at 9:15 a.m., disperse to several different project sites. There will be a variety of volunteer opportunities to participate in this year with Family Promise, **Carriage Inn Retirement Home**, **The Montgomery County Women's Center**, Compassion United, and Angel Reach. Specific project details will be available when sign-ups begin on Sunday, May 26. Please contact Catherine Scheffler for more information at (713) 715-9766 or [scscheffler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scscheffler@sbcglobal.net)

## 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/fpcconroe24>**



## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p>Sunday May 12</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) Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class with Cara Wood (Rm. 204) Ancient Christianity-video presentation and class discussion 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>)</p>
<p>Monday May 13</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p>Tuesday May 14</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Parlor) 5:15 p.m. Lydia Circle (Youth area)</p>
<p>Wednesday May 15</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) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

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[www.com/fpcConroe](http://www.com/fpcConroe) or [YouTube.com/fpcConroe](https://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe))  
12:00 p.m. Session Meeting  
5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)

## Save the Date

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: 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 Ivison, 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., Judy M. (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, May 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 33

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 109

Online Worship Attendance - 39

Total Attendance – 181

### Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden and FPC Youth

### Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Pat Hudson,  
in honor of his 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

# 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	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  
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Yvonne Rose, Office Manager  
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