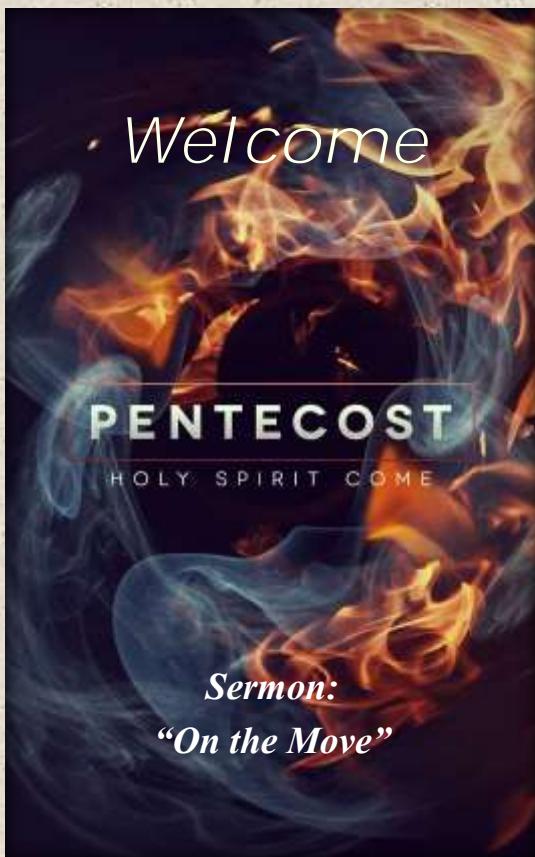


# First Presbyterian Church

## May 19, 2024



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

### Preparation

Prelude

### Adoration

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #313

Come Down, O Love Divine

1. Come down, O Love divine, Seek out this soul of mine  
And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Your glorious light Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illumining.
3. And so the yearning strong With which the soul will long  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
**For none can guess God's grace, Till Love creates a place**  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

There is no place so far away that the love of God cannot touch.

There is no emptiness so great that the grace of God cannot fill.

**God's arms remain open to us always, ready to embrace us in the wildness of mercy and welcome us home.**

In the name of Christ who makes all things new, Thanks be to God! Amen!

\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

*Proclamation*

Scripture Readings

Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 22-27

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**“On the Move”**  
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

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
  
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.
  
4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces,  
Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not them nor Thee!  
That we fail not them nor Thee!

\*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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**“Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten”**

Arranged by Molly Ijames

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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

Welcome to the house of the Lord; Why have you come?

We are here to worship God; to see visions with the foresight of youth, to dream dreams with the wisdom of age, to move mountains with the power of faith.

You are a daring people; what gives you this boldness?

The victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death, and the promise of his life in us.

In the name of God,

wondrous, mysterious, marvelous.

In the name of Jesus,

among us, beyond us, with us.

In the name of the Spirit,

strange, startling, shaking;

I call you to worship.

We come to lift our hearts and minds, to open our lips and our lives, to celebrate our God.

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And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;  
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To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
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Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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O God of life and breath, your Spirit calls to us. But often we are reluctant to act. The wind of the Spirit blows and draws us ahead. Yet we want to hang on to what is familiar and safe. Give us courage to yield ourselves to your Spirit, for you are sovereign and at work in the world. Help us let go of that which does not nurture us, for you are the source of life. Remind us that as we struggle in our failures and disappointments we do not struggle alone. You are with us.

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\*Assurance of Pardon

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\*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem

*Not One Sparrow is Forgotten*

arr. *Ijames*

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Time**

\*Hymn #327

O Word of God Incarnate

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky;  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

3. O make Your church, dear Savior, A lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;  
O teach Your wandering pilgrims By this our path to trace,  
Till, clouds and storms thus ended, We see You face to face.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 22-27

Sermon

**“On the Move”**  
Rev. Greg Han

## Dedication

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
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4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
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Armored with all Christ-like graces,  
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Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not them nor Thee!  
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\*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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Acts 2: 1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, **before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.**

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be **saved.'**

Romans 8: 22-27

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## Notes



## Your Weekly Connection

May 19, 2024

### 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.

#### *Announcement from Music Director, Stephanie Cooke*

Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, will be my last worship service as music director here at FPCC. Since joining the music staff three years ago, I have had the great honor of praising our Creator with you on Sundays, during special celebrations, and in so many ways! Participating in the work of the church has been a lifelong joy (my first time playing for a church service was when I was 16), and I have no doubt that God has plans for me to continue that work which I know nothing about! My plans for the future are to move closer to family. I will miss you all. God be with you till we meet again.



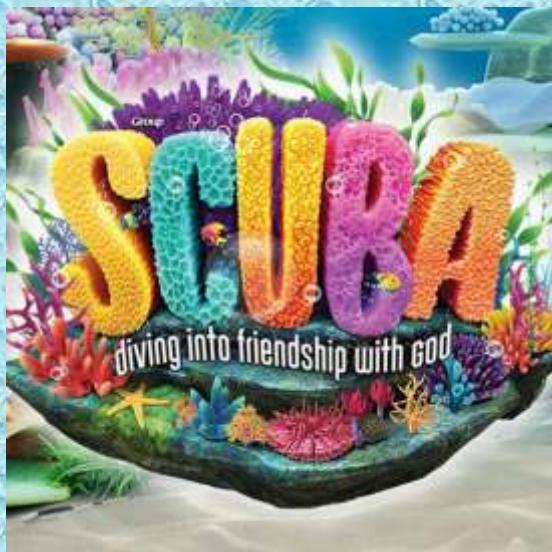
#### *Thank You from Jo Miller*

Please know that I am much better. Your many prayers, kind words, and helpful acts have been a blessing. Thank you each and every one.

#### *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 undersea 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.

Don't forget Family Night, Friday July 12, from 5-7 pm, in the FLC gym. Details will be sent home the week of VBS.

The link to sign up is:

<https://vbspro.events/p/fpcconroe24>

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i> May 19	<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. Presbyterian 101 with Rev. Greg Han (Parlor)</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) "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 <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or <a href="https://YouTube.com/fpcConroe">YouTube.com/fpcConroe</a>)</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<i>Monday</i> May 20	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
<i>Wednesday</i> May 22	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)

*Sunday*  
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## Save the Date

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
July 4	Independence Day (Church office closed)
July 8-12	VBS/Youth At-home mission week
July 14	VBS Sunday

## Prayer List

Members: Karen Hethershaw, 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:** Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), 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. (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), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tucker H. (Hudson)

## Good Things to Know

### Attendance

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 28

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 83

Online Worship Attendance - 25

Total Attendance – 136

### Today's Worship Leader

Karen Clark

## 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  
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications  
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager  
Stephanie Cooke, Music Director  
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Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping  
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