

First Presbyterian Church

May 25, 2025



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First Presbyterian Church of Conroe Welcomes You!



Visitors and Guests: We are excited you have chosen to worship with us today! As a small token of our appreciation, we invite you to stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex to pick up a complimentary FPC Conroe bookmark and a church brochure. We hope to see you again soon!

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

~ Good Things to Know ~

Today's Worship Leader

Sean Morton

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by
Ann Johnson, in loving memory of Ole Johnson.*

Last Week's Attendance, May 18

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 25

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 138

Online Worship Attendance - 23

Total Attendance - 186

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending* Oliver/Williams

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.

*Hymn #280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we'd first begun.

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*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.

*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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Acts 16:9-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #442 The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation

Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Scripture Reading

John 5:1-9

Sermon

“Muscular Christianity”

Rev. Gregory Han

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;

Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, Thy love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,

Traveling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration

For Thy Gospel's joyful sound;

May the fruits of Thy salvation

In our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful,

To the truth may we be found.

3. So that when Thy love shall call us,

Savior, from the world away,

Let no fear of death appall us,

Glad Thy summons to obey.

May we ever, may we ever,

Reign with Thee in endless day.

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

May the Love of God Be With You

May the love of God be with you,
May He warm your ev'ry waking hour.
May His presence fill your longing spirit,
May He bless you with his healing power.
Even though you may be weary,
His strength is mighty as a rock.
He'll keep you and abide with you,
As long as on this earth we walk.
Amen.

*Postlude

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

John 5:1-9

¹ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁴ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁵ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁶ The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁸ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Notes



Pentecost Sunday June 8

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 Saathoff and the FPC Worship Committee invite you to commemorate this great day in church history by wearing red as we gather on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, for Bible study and worship.

Family Promise June 9-13

Please note that Monday (June 9) through Friday (June 13), FPC will be hosting Family Promise. Any help offered would be most appreciated. A signup sheet is located in the narthex for your convenience.

Updated Church Directory

Deborah Geddes is working with the Membership team to produce an updated release of the church directory. If you are aware of any updates that need to be made, please contact her at 832.212.2600.

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. She can be reached at CallieCandee@yahoo.com.

Welcome



Welcome to our newest members (from l. to r.), Evelyn Frimpong and Kojo Boadi (with their son, Jack) and David Macdonald (far right) with Rev. Saathoff, who officially joined the church during the Session meeting on Sunday, May 18.

Collecting Bibles Through June 1st

BIBLE DRIVE

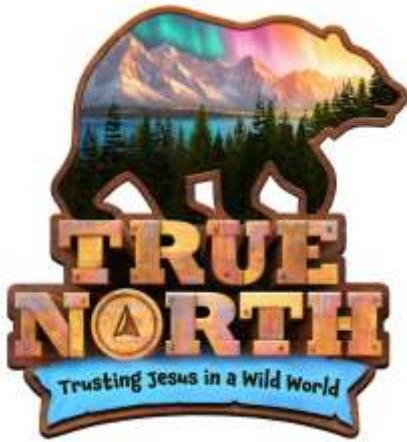
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for VBS 2025
now open!

July 7-11
9am-12pm

Scan QR Code or go to
vbspro.events/p/vbsconroe2025



Scan Here to Register

BOYS & GIRLS

ARMORED
SPORTS

After VBS
Sports Camp

JULY 7-11
(5 DAY)

12:00PM-6:00PM
AGES 5-12

A multi-sport camp consisting of fun games like Dodgeball, Kickball, Capture the Flag, and other games revolving around classic sports like Basketball, Flag Football, and Soccer.

This is an AFTER VBS program. So you can volunteer with your child in the morning, then your child will be escorted to Sports Camp and the Armored Staff will have lunch with them. After lunch, we will put the kids into Sports Camp and you can pick them up at the conclusion of camp. Please pack backpack containing a lunch, water and snack for your child.

CAMP PRICES

Before June 1st- \$125
After June 1st- \$135

Register @

www.armored-sports.com/camps/lpcconroe

**Registration Link for
Armored Sports Camp
can be found on the
VBS Registration Site for
a convenient, all-in-one
place to sign up for
summer fun! Be sure
to sign up
BEFORE June 1st!!

Prayer List

Members: The family of Janet Ashley, John Wright, Ruth Masters, Kyle Walker, Glenna Lang, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Nedra Murphy, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Ron Bailey, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Barbara D. (Rose), Siana F. and family (Watson), Jerry W., Lisa W. (Webb), Celia G. (Hernandez- Garcia), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Susie K. (Davis), Anna (Harshbarger), Stephanie R. & Brooke J., Danielle S. & kids (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), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J. (Juhl), Joe T. Sr., 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), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> May 25</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 (Rm. 204) Studying "More Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms.</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 (Library) Study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians (<i>Available by Zoom; contact Randy Blanton for details.</i>)</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> May 26</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor) NO MEETING TODAY</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> May 28</p>	<p>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</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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June 1*

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www.com/fpcConroe or [YouTube.com/fpcConroe](https://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe))

5:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105)

5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)

Save the Date

May 26	Memorial Day (FPC office closed for observance)
June 4	Lifeline Screening at FPC
June 8	Day of Pentecost
June 8-14	Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky
June 15	Father's Day
June 21	First Day of Summer
July 4	Independence Day
July 6	Patriotic Sunday
July 7-11	Vacation Bible School
July 13	VBS Sunday

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
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