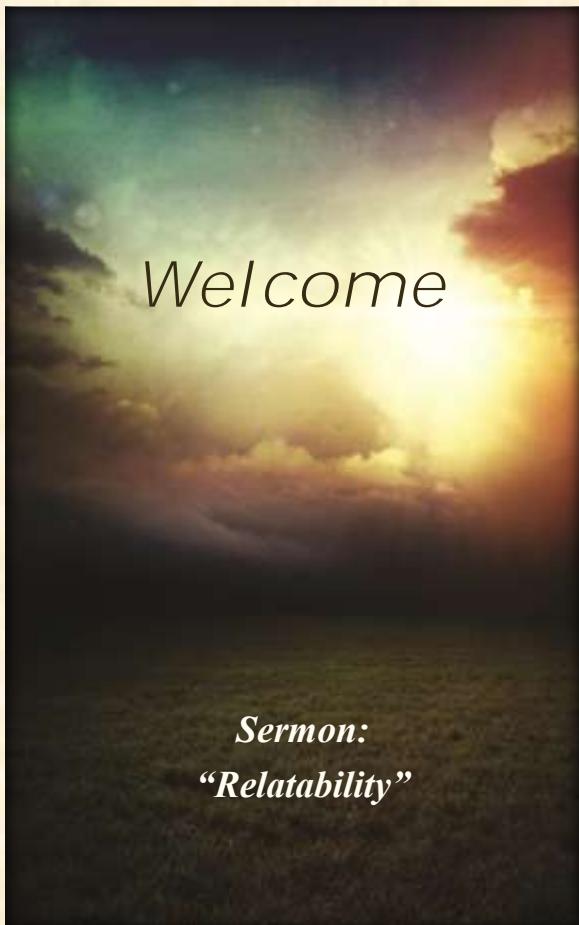


# First Presbyterian Church

## May 26, 2024



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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 by visiting our welcome desk.

We appreciate you joining us for services today.

### ***Special Thanks to...***

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

Sharon Walker

#### ***The Giver of Today's Flowers***

There is no flower dedication today.

## Preparation

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

## Adoration

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Creator, Holy One, Sovereign God, Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Jesus Christ, God-with-us, Savior and Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Holy Spirit, Tongues of fire, a rushing wind, a still, small voice.

Leader: God is holy, three-in-one!

All: Let us worship the triune God!

\*Hymn #415

Come, Labor On

1. Come, labor on!  
Who dares stand idle, on the harvest plain  
While all around him waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
Go work today.
2. Come, labor on!  
Claim the high calling angels cannot share—  
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear;  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.
3. Come, labor on!  
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here:  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill  
God's righteous will.

4. Come, labor on!  
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
**Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,**  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
Well done, well done!

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O Lord, for lives unadjusted to the order of Your love and the familiarity of Your counsel.

Forgive us for

    living too seldom aware of Your Word;  
    hearts too seldom in rhythm with Your compassion;  
    hands too seldom in line with Your will;  
    attitudes too seldom shaped by Your love;  
    ethics too seldom obedient to Your law;  
    mouths too seldom accustomed to confession.

Lord, who frees us from pardon and gives us a new chance, cleanse us, we pray, and align us again with the familiarity of Your instruction.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Our sin and brokenness may surround us in the night, but joy comes in the light of morning. God turns weeping into dancing. The powers of sin and **death have been defeated by Jesus Christ. God's authority stands above** all earthly authorities.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and raised to a new creation, in which we live for God and for one another.

\*Gloria Patri

Minute for Mission

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem

*He*

### *Proclamation*

Scripture Reading

Romans 5: 1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Children's Time**

\*Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. (Refrain)
4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

Scripture Reading

John 16: 12-15

Sermon

**“Relatability”**  
Rev. Greg Han

## Dedication

### Prayers of the People

#### \*Hymn #455

#### All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### \*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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### **Romans 5: 1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

### **John 16: 12-15**

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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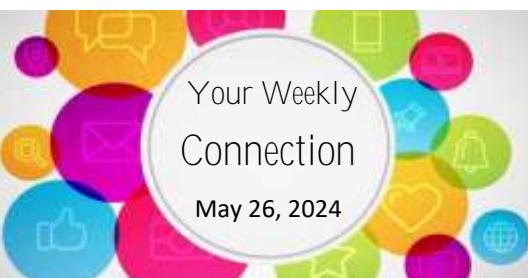
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## Your Weekly Connection

May 26, 2024

### 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).



### 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.

### For Pastoral Care, Contact Rev. Callie Candeel

Greetings from Reverend Callie Candeel! 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.





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.

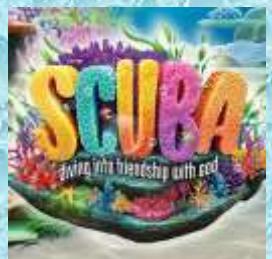
These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church Conroe to conduct these valuable screenings. These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>.

## 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>**

**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.**

## Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday May 26	<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 (Rm. 207)</b> "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://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe">YouTube.com/fpcConroe</a>)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
Monday May 27	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
Wednesday May 29	<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>
Sunday June 2	<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 (Rm. 207)</b> "Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</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://www.youtube.com/fpcConroe">YouTube.com/fpcConroe</a>)</p>

## Save the Date

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

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