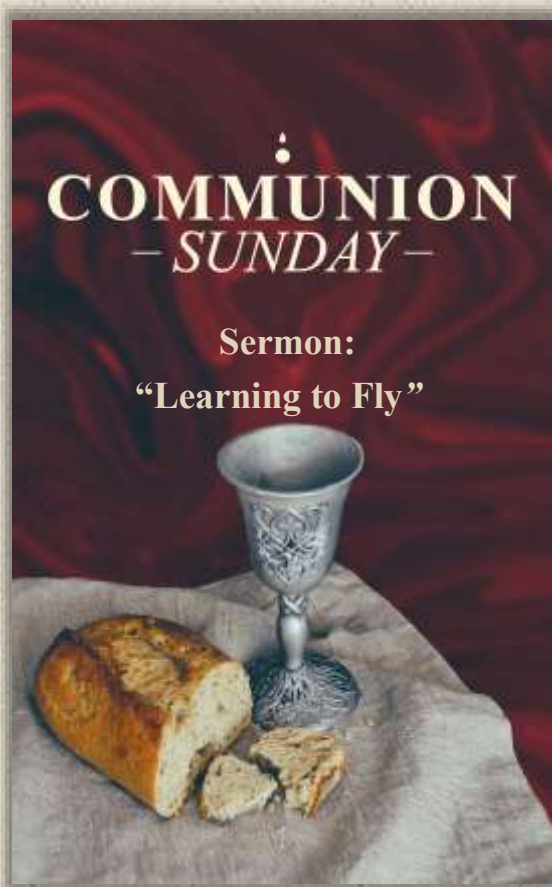


First Presbyterian Church

June 1, 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

Martha Haines

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 25

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 150

Online Worship Attendance - 30

Total Attendance – 180

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Be Unto Your Name

DeShazo/Sadler

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 47)

Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord Most High is awesome, a great King over all the earth!
God has ascended with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth; let us sing praises with understanding.
God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Let all people gather in awe before the Lord, for the shields of the earth
belong to God.

Great is the Lord, exalted over all the earth! Let us worship with joy
and thanksgiving!

*Hymn #446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
3. Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them when they pray.

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Too often, Lord, we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.

Too often, Lord, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.

Too often, Lord, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.

Too often, Lord, we look to the clouds for our inspiration, in the vain hope of finding you there.

Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith. Open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence of our risen, living, and ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ, who was crucified, is risen, and has ascended into heaven. He now sits at the right hand of God, interceding for us. Because he has ascended, our humanity has been redeemed. Because he reigns, no sin is too great, no past too broken, no heart too far gone.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

Because of Christ's great love for us, we have been forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Commission Youth Mission Trip

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Just As I Am

Wilhousky

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Response

The Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 93; Luke 24:44-53

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Learning to Fly”

Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

2. We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

3. **The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.**
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

4. A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

Love Lifted Me

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.

He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be – Be saved today.

Refrain:

Love lifted even me, Love lifted even me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted even me, Love lifted even me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

*Postlude

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 93

¹ The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; ² your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. ⁴ More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

⁵ Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ **Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."** ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, **"Thus it is written, that the Messiah** is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed **with power from on high."**

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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.

Capital Campaign Update

To the glory of God! As of Sunday, May 25, our generous FPC congregation has pledged or given one-time gifts totaling \$977,148! As you know, beginning in June 2025, we have transitioned from the pledge phase of our campaign to the gathering phase. However, it is not too late to prayerfully consider your participation. You need only to complete the pledge card and place it in the offering plate. For those of you who have already pledged and are donating by check, **then please note "Capital Campaign" in the memo space on your check and** place the check in the offering plate, or you can mail it to or drop it by the Church Office. An update on the disbursement of funds to reduce our indebtedness will be provided in early July.

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.



Registration
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-4:00PM
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 - \$155

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!!***

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>June 1</i></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 Hesus: The Kindness of Humankind and God.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82754565124? Passcode: 77304</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> <i>June 2</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 4</i></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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<p>Save the Date</p>	

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

Prayer List

Members: 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: Dorene D. and Dan S. (B. Hernandez), 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)

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair) Stephan Tibbetts (2025)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Ron Massey (2027, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2025, Chair) Dena Sowden (2025) Masen Stuntz (2025) Sean Morton (2027)
Fellowship	Debbie Morse (2027, Chair)
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Catherine Scheffler (2025, Chair) Kyle Walker (2027)
PDS	Pat Hudson (2025)
Worship	Randy Blanton and Mike Wisda (2026, Co-chairs)
Trustees	Charline Muller (2025) David Nichols (2026) Fred Kate (2027)

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager
Bonnie Hernandez, Music Director
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Jackye Cannon and Jane Corbit, Bookkeeping
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