

# First Presbyterian Church

June 2, 2024



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Communion Sunday

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 Guest Speaker***

Rev. Dr. Jim Gill

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

Martha Haines

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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Barb Barton,  
in memory of Bob Barton.

## Preparation

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

## Adoration

Introit

*Holy Spirit Lord of Love*

*Bach*

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

1. Come, great God of all the ages,  
Make Your earthly mission known;  
Speak through every deed and person,  
Let Your way and will be shown.  
Guide the church to true commitment,  
Give direction now, we ask;  
Fit us for the work of building,  
Dedicate us to the task.
2. Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,  
Sure foundation, cornerstone,  
Help us form the church eternal,  
May Your vision be our own.  
Send a message to each follower,  
Lead all people to Your way;  
Urge us to strong faith and action  
As we build the church today.
3. Come, great Spirit, in and with us,  
Tune our ears to hear Your call;  
Through the moving of Your presence,  
Let redeeming love recall  
Ministry in dedication,  
Love embodied in our deeds;  
Challenge us to do Your bidding,  
See Your purpose, fill all needs.

## Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we are a broken people. We ignore the pain of the world and refuse to bear the troubles of others. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory        *I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry*

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

## Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23, John 10:11-18

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**"Like Sheep"**  
*Rev. Dr. Jim Gill*

## Dedication

### The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table  
Prayers of the People  
Words of Institution  
Distribution of the Elements  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Hymn #139

### Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend:  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour:  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.
4. To Thee, great One in Three,  
The highest praises be,  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Response

Spirit of God

Spirit of God, Spirit of God,  
Be with us daily, With us abide  
While we are busy, While we are tired,  
While we are joyous, While we are worried  
While we are longing for You.  
Spirit of God, Spirit of God,  
Show us Your presence, Always be by our side.

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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

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### Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup> **he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

### John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup> **"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life** for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my **Father."**



### *Summer Sessions with Rev. Han*

Rev. Han will hold a follow-up to **May's Presbyterian 101 class on June 16<sup>th</sup>** at 930am. This will be an opportunity to ask questions about the Presbyterian Church as well as follow up on questions that we didn't have time to address. An additional summer class will take place in August.

A Google form has been created for receiving questions, which can be found on our Facebook page and the FPC website (fpcConroe.org).

### *Thank You from the Youth Group*

The Youth Group would like to give a special Thank You to Mission Sewing for their adorable handmade pillowcases, to Martha Circle for the \$500 Scholarship donation and several others who wish to remain anonymous, but have given in generous ways with their time and resources to support our Youth Group.



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://lisa.social/HC>.



## 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 at sign-up. 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/fpccconroe24>**

*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.



## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>June 2</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 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) "Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</b></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 YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>June 3</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 5</i></p>	<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>
<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>June 9</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 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) "Micah: Social Injustice and the Covenant Community"</b></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 YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>

## Save the Date

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
August 11	Rally Day/Ice Cream Social

## 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:** Stephanie R. (Riggs-Harper), Sharon M. and Meaghan G. & family (FPC Staff), 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. (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)

## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

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