

# First Presbyterian Church

June 9, 2024

*Welcome*



## Sermon: *Pilgrims and Perceptions*

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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***

Bobby Ezell

#### ***For Today's Flowers***

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Audrey Christie,  
in memory of Stewart.

## Preparation

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

## Adoration

Introit

*Holy Spirit Lord of Love*

*Bach*

Call to Worship

One: God gives us one day at a time:

All: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

One: Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;

All: Time enough to help someone in need;

One: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

All: Sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear down  
a wall of resentment;

One: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with chil-  
dren, sing praise to God.

All: Praise God for this day we are given.

\*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!

\*Please stand if able.

5. And everyone of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part.  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and cast on God your care!  
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!

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you call us in all the seasons of life. In darkness and in light, in joy and in sorrow, you beckon us to follow you. Yet we hold back. We question how we know your voice, we make excuses of things we have to do or skills we lack. We look for the grand task, and you give us the common work of loving and caring for those near at hand. We look for recognition, and you want others to see you more. Take us by the hand and lead us into your future, assured of your presence and encouragement. Amen.

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

We know that God has the grace to forgive us — Jesus bears witness to this reality on the cross. Yet God also has the strength to empower us to live a new and faithful existence. Through Jesus Christ, we have access to God.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are equipped to live a life in grateful **obedience to God's commandments. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Schrader*

*Proclamation*

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Children's Time**

\*Hymn #324

Open My Eyes That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture Reading

Mark 4: 26-34

Sermon

**“Pilgrims and Perceptions”**

Rev. Greg Han

## Dedication

### Prayers of the People

\*Hymn #379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

\*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

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

### **1 Samuel 15:34-16:13**

<sup>34</sup> Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup> Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

<sup>16:1</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord: sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

### **Mark 4: 26-34**

<sup>26</sup> He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup> He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



## *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 9:30 a.m. 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](http://fpcConroe.org)).

## *Life Line Screening Event June 12<sup>th</sup> at FPC*

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>.

*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.**



## 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 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.**

**The link to sign up is:**

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

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**"All Creatures of Our God and King"**

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## Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday June 9	<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>
Monday June 10	1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)
Wednesday June 12	<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>
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## Save the Date

June 16	Father's Day
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

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