

First Presbyterian Church

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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. 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

Karen Clark

To Our Guest Pianist

Donna Davis

For Today's Flowers

There is no flower dedication today.

Order of Worship

(**Please stand if able.*)

Preparation

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

Introit

Holy Spirit Lord of Love

Bach

Call to Worship

(Psalm 146, Responsive)

¹ Hallelujah! O my soul, praise God!

² All my life long I'll praise God, singing songs to my God as long as I live.

³ Don't put your life in the hands of experts who know nothing of life, of salvation life.

⁴ Mere humans don't have what it takes; when they die, their projects die with them.

⁵ Instead, get help from the God of Jacob, put your hope in God and know real blessing!

⁶ God made sky and soil, sea and all the fish in it. He always does what he says -

⁷ God defends the wronged and feeds the hungry. God frees prisoners -

⁸ he gives sight to the blind, he lifts up the fallen,

⁹ protects strangers, takes the side of orphans and widows, but makes short work of the wicked.

¹⁰ God's in charge - always. Zion's God is God for good!

Hallelujah!

*Hymn #181

Come Sing to God

1. Come sing to God, O living saints,

Sing praises to God's name.

God's anger is not permanent,

God's love will never wane.

Though tears may tarry for the night

With sighs of deepest pain.

Yet joy comes with the morning sun,

A peace that is not vain.

3. What good is gained by my disgrace,
What profit in defeat?
My grave cannot confess Your name,
Nor praise for You repeat.
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry;
Be merciful to me.

Accept my longing heart's request

And from death set me free.

4. You change my grief to joy-filled dance,
My sorrows You destroy.
In faithfulness You hear my cry
And fill my life with joy.
And so to You my heart shall sing,
My voice Your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore,
My life shall sing Your praise.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all
Have mercy on us.
Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
Have mercy on us.
Holy Spirit, Breath of life
Have mercy on us.
Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

(A Time for Silent Confession)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

There is no place so far away that the love of God cannot touch.

There is no emptiness so great that the grace of God cannot fill.

God's arms remain open to us always, ready to embrace us in the wildness
of mercy and welcome us home.

In the name of Christ who makes all things new, Thanks be to
God! Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Minute for Mission

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

Ezekiel 18: 1-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
3. Here bestow on all Your servants what they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign.
4. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

Dedication

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, low to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him: Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*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

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This Week's Scripture Reading:

Ezekiel 18: 1-32

¹⁸ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, **"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"**? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

⁵ If a man is righteous and does what is lawful and right— ⁶ if he does not eat upon the mountains or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, **does not defile his neighbor's wife or approach a woman during her menstrual period**, ⁷ does not oppress anyone but restores to the debtor his pledge, commits no robbery, gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment, ⁸ does not take advance or accrued interest, withholds his hand from iniquity, executes true justice between contending parties, ⁹ follows my statutes, and is careful to observe my ordinances, acting faithfully—such a one is righteous; he shall surely live, says the Lord God.

¹⁰ If he has a son who is violent, a shedder of blood, ¹¹ who does any of these things (though his father does none of them), who eats upon the mountains, **defiles his neighbor's wife**, ¹² oppresses the poor and needy, commits robbery, does not restore the pledge, lifts up his eyes to the idols, commits abomination, ¹³ takes advance or accrued interest, shall he then live? He shall not. He has done all these abominable things; he shall surely be put to death; his blood shall be upon himself.

¹⁴ But if this son has a son who sees all the sins that his father has done, considers, and does not do likewise, ¹⁵ who does not eat upon the mountains or **lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, does not defile his neighbor's wife**, ¹⁶ does not wrong anyone, exacts no pledge, commits no robbery but gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment, ¹⁷ withholds his hand from iniquity, takes no advance or accrued interest, observes my ordinances, and follows my statutes, he shall not die for his **father's iniquity; he shall surely live**. ¹⁸ As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother, and did what is not good among his people, he died for his iniquity.

¹⁹ Yet you say, **"Why should not the son suffer for the iniquity of the father?"** When the son has done what is lawful and right and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live. ²⁰ The person who sins shall die. A child shall not suffer for the iniquity of a parent nor a parent suffer for the iniquity of a child; the righteousness of the righteous shall be their own, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be their own.

This Week's Scripture Reading (Cont'd):

²¹ But if the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²² None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them, for the righteousness that they have done they shall live. ²³ Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live? ²⁴ But when the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity and do the same abominable things that the wicked do, shall they live? None of the righteous deeds that they have done shall be remembered, for the treachery of which they are guilty and the sin they have committed, they shall die.

²⁵ **Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair."** Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ **Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair."** O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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 2nd 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.



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/fpccconroe24>



Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>June 16</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Presbyterian 101 with Rev. Greg Han (Library)</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>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) "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 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 17</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 19</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 23</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>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Rm. 207) "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 www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>

Save the Date

June 29	2 nd Annual Serve Our Neighbor Day
June 30	Fourth of July Ice Cream Social
July 4	Independence Day (Church office closed)
July 7	Going Away Reception for Stephanie Cooke
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: Kelly D., Stephanie R. (Riggs-Harpur), 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)

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