

First Presbyterian Church

June 22, 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

Mark Sowden

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by
Dave & Dana Corbit, in memory of their fathers, Charlie and Bob.*

Last Week's Attendance, June 15

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 136

Online Worship Attendance - 20

Total Attendance – 156

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

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, all you peoples!
We will praise the Lord as long as we live.
Do not put your trust in rulers, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
Our help is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
The Lord keeps faith forever, gives justice to the oppressed, and food to
the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free and lifts up the lowly.
The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.
Let all creation praise the Lord!

*Hymn

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your hea

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (O

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)

Ending

Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your holy name
Worship your holy name
Lord, I'll worship your holy name

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed—by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive what we have been and amend what we are. Give us clean hands and set our feet upon straight paths.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Even as our faith falters, God's faithfulness never wavers. Even when we forsake God, God never forsakes us.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*Gloria Patri

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

The Word

Children's Time

Anthem *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Sterling

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding humankind.

3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Scripture Reading John 5:1-15

Sermon

“Rules & Regulations”

Rev. Callie Candee

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

(*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne

We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

*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 146

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

John 5:1-15

¹ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.”¹¹ But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’ ”¹² They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk?’ ”¹³ Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there.¹⁴ Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.”¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Notes



Your Weekly Connection

June 22, 2025

OOPS! The Link June Edition

We apologize for the blank pages throughout the latest edition of *The Link* newsletter. We are aware of the printer issue and it has been resolved. If you would like to pick up a copy of the newsletter (in its entirety), there are copies at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your understanding.

Shooter Awareness Seminar July 19



We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Protect His House Active Shooter Awareness Seminar.

This event is designed to provide essential training and awareness on how to respond effectively to active shooter situations, specifically tailored for churches and places of worship.

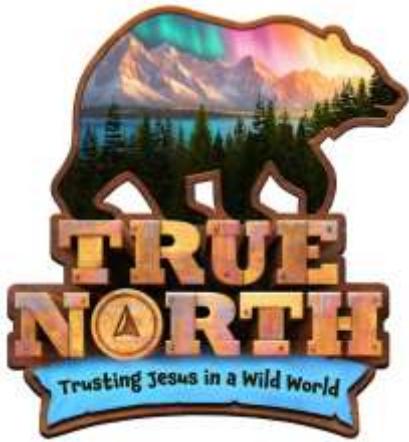
<https://phhtraining.com/event/phh-level-1-active-threat-awareness-seminar-conroe-texas/>

Event Details:

July 19th

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Followed by BBQ Plate lunch in the FLC



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

**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> June 22</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)</p> <p>Study of Hesed: The Kindness of Humankind and God.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82754565124?</p> <p>Passcode: 77304</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> June 23</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> June 25</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>

Sunday
June 29

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Save the Date

July 4	Independence Day
July 6	Patriotic Sunday
July 7-11	Vacation Bible School
July 13	VBS Sunday

Prayer List

Members: Roy Kessler, John Wright, Ruth Masters, Kyle Walker, 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), 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), 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)
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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
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