

First Presbyterian Church

June 23, 2024



Welcome

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Finding Our Place

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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

Sharon Walker

To Our Guest Pianist/Organist

Donna Davis

(who is filling in for Rolethial while she is on vacation)

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

Leader: We have come today, hungry for God's word.

People: We remember Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

Leader: We also long to know God's love.

People: We remember Jesus said, "I am the living bread."

Leader: We search for truth and wholeness.

People: We remember Jesus said, "I am the living water."

Leader: We search for life and abundance.

People: We remember Jesus said, "I am the way and the life."

*Hymn #115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with unmoistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands."

People: Merciful God, we confess that we live distracted lives and fail to see your hand at work in your creation.

Leader: "One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another... their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world."

People: We confess that we have failed to listen to the good news of your love. Too often we care for ourselves and those close to us, while forgetting to share your peace to the ends of the world.

Leader: "The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent."

People: We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. Revive our souls once again; show us anew your paths of love, peace and justice.

Leader: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer."

People: We offer to you the times when our words, thoughts and deeds turn us away from you and from each other.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord said to those who would listen, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." Friends, receive the life-giving truth of God's forgiveness, and prepare yourselves for life according to God's kingdom.

We accept God's gift of new life. 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

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Schwoebel

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Scripture Reading

Romans 6: 1-11

Sermon

“Finding Our Place”

Rev. Greg Han

Dedication

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou has sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

*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

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸ **For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"**

For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ **If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,"**

then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰ **For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!**

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Romans 6: 1-11

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Welcome to Our New Music Director, Bonnie Hernandez



Bonnie Hernandez recently served as the Handbell Director **and Children's Choir Director at Windwood Presbyterian Church**, where she served for 16 years. Bonnie has also been a music educator for the last 24 years. She has taught every level from pre-k through high school in public schools.

Bonnie started her choral directing career at Hillside United Methodist Church while in college at University of Minnesota Duluth, where she earned her BA in Music Education with a Choral Emphasis. Bonnie started her teaching career in Alief ISD where she started teaching junior high choir and handbells. In 2005, she moved to Tomball and started teaching in Magnolia. In 2008, she connected with Windwood and began directing the handbells and singing as a section leader, helping lead sectionals, etc. In 2013, **Bonnie was asked to lead the children's choir at Windwood and did so until 2020**, but still did musical camps for the kids the last few summers. While Bonnie worked with Magnolia High School choir, she assisted and conducted major concerts, events, and musicals, including conducting pieces at Carnegie Hall and the National Cathedral.

Bonnie recently took a new position at Lucas Middle School, in Willis, and will be teaching Choir 6-8th grade. Bonnie is married to Rigo and has two children: Garrett Hehli who will be in 7th grade, and Rosalin who will be in 4th grade **this coming school year. As a family, they really love to enjoy God's beauty while hiking, swimming, biking, and cooking.** Bonnie started praising God through **music starting in children's choir in her church growing up, and eventually singing with her church's adult choir and singing solos for special occasions.**

"I want to inspire all members at First Presbyterian Conroe to share their talents for His glory, and praise Him through music and through all that we do."

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.

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)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<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>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>June 24</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p> <p><i>Will not be meeting the month of July</i></p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>June 26</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>Saturday</i> <i>June 29</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Serve Our Neighbor Day</p>

SCUBA VBS 2024

July 8, 2024 — July 12, 2024

Don't forget to sign up for Vacation Bible School at FPC. Details can be found in the VBS link below.

The link to sign up is:

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



<p><i>Sunday June 30</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>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Fourth of July Ice Cream Social (Narthex)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
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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

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.



Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Callie Candee, Pastoral Care
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