

First Presbyterian Church

July 7, 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. 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

Martha Haines

To Our Guest Pianist/Organist

Donna Davis

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

For Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by:

- Roy & Liz Kessler, in honor of their anniversary
- FPC to honor Stephanie Cooke for the time and talents she has shared with our FPC family over the years.

Order of Worship

*(*Please stand if able.)*

Preparation

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

Introit *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Call to Worship

Leader: Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

People: Thank you God for your love for us.

Leader: Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God!

People: Thank you God for your love in this place.

Leader: Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises!

People: Thank you God for your love to others.

Leader: All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

People: Thank you God for your love that we can share.

Leader: Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

People: Thank you God for your love endures forever.

*Hymn #476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you love us, but we do not love you fully.
You call, but we do not always listen.
We often walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you move toward us and mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life
has begun! Friends, believe in the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *All My Trials*

Luboff

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Proclamation

Scripture Reading (*Responsive*)

Psalms 25: 1-10

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Amos 7: 7-15

Sermon

“Taking Measure”

Rev. Greg Han

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me
Bless his holy name. (Repeat)

He has done great things,
He has done great things,
He has done great things,
Bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me
Bless his holy name.

*Postlude

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This Week's Scripture Reading

Psalms 25: 1-10

(Responsive reading on Page 5)

Amos 7: 7-15

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, **"Amos, what do you see?"** And I said, **"A plumb line."** Then the Lord said,

**"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will spare them no longer;**

⁹ **the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."**

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, **saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words."** ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

**'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'** "

¹² **And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."**

¹⁴ **Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'**



Join Us for Stephanie Cooke's Farewell Reception

Please plan to join us immediately after the worship service to bid farewell to Music Director, Stephanie Cooke. Wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her life, and let her know how much we appreciate her many efforts and talents at FPC.



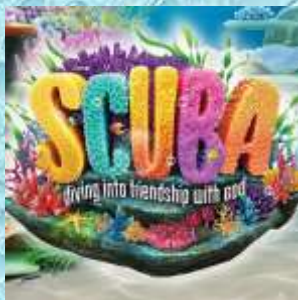
Thank You for Your Participation

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2nd annual Serve Our Neighbor Day on Saturday, June 29! There were almost 45 people who either cooked breakfast, helped beautify the Memorial Garden area, **organized and arranged displays at Angel Reach's Angel Loft store**, packaged homeless and hygiene kits at the Community Assistance Center, **folded and sorted clothes at the Montgomery County Women's Center shelter**, lead residents of Carriage Inn Retirement Center in bingo, and created tile/glass hearts as outreach resources for Mosaics.

Be sure to check out all of the pictures from the day's events in the next edition of *The Link*. Look for this churchwide service day to happen again in 2025!

SCUBA VBS 2024

July 8 – 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 check out our After-VBS Sports program, too. Details can be found in the VBS link below.

Don't forget Family Night, Friday July 12, from 5-7 pm, in the FLC gym. Details will be sent home the week of VBS.

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>July 7</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>12:00 p.m. Farewell Reception for Stephanie Cooke (Narthex)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>July 10</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>July 14</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) Study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians</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

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: Thad M. (West), 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), 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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