

First Presbyterian Church

July 14, 2024



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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 our Guest Pastor

Rev. Callie Candee

To Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden and FPC Youth

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 Jim & Sylvia Dopp, in honor of their 1st anniversary.

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

*Hymn #293

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are not an obedient church. We ignore your law and fail to do your will. We resist your love and cannot hear the cry of others. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe in the Good News.
In Jesus Christ 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

Anthem

Grace That Won't Let Go

Harris/Miller

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 2: 1-5

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

3. Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me on my way.
He's prepared a home for me,
And someday His face I'll see. [Refrain]

Scripture Reading

Mark 6: 1-13

Sermon

"Do It Anyway"
Rev. Callie Candee

Dedication

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

*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

Ezekiel 2: 1-5

¹ He said to me: **"O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you."** ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, **"Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'** ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Mark 6: 1-13

¹ He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, **and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house."** ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, **"Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."** ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



Thank You from Stephanie Cooke

Dear FPCC Church Family,

Words cannot express how grateful and overwhelmed I am at your lavish farewell this past Sunday. It has been an absolute joy and privilege to worship alongside you and work with you in making music at First Presbyterian.

How blessed I am to be given such beautiful and apt gifts to remind me of you! The sweet quilt sewn by loving hands-with a cardinal pattern; and the heart-in-heart necklace. Those precious symbols of spiritual vitality and devotion will bring your dear spirits close whenever I look at them.

Thank you, thank you and forever thanks!

God be with you till we meet again.

-Stephanie Cooke

Scheduling Delays

Due to the July 4th holiday observance and the recent power outages this past week, the July edition of *The Link* newsletter went out later than usual. We apologize for the delay, but hope you will enjoy the newsletter when it arrives.

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.



Notes

Ministry Leaders

Administration	Cheryl Nichols (2025, Chair)
Building & Grounds	Bill Harshbarger (2026, Chair)
Care-Prayer	Bob Shepherd (2024, Chair)
Discipleship	Mark Sowden (2024, Chair)
	Dena Sowden (2024)
	Alex Williams (2024)
	Masen Stuntz (2025)
Fellowship	TBD
Membership	Steve Scheffler (2025)
Missions	Bobby Ezell (2024, Chair)
	Catherine Scheffler (2025)
PDS	Sharon Walker (2025, Chair)
Worship	Randy Blanton and Mike Wisda (2026, Co-chairs)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<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) "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>Wednesday</i> <i>July 17</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 21</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

August 11

Rally Day / Ice Cream Social



August 14

CISD Classes Begin

August 21

PDS Classes Begin

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)

Staff and Church Information

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Rev. Callie Candee, Pastoral Care
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Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
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