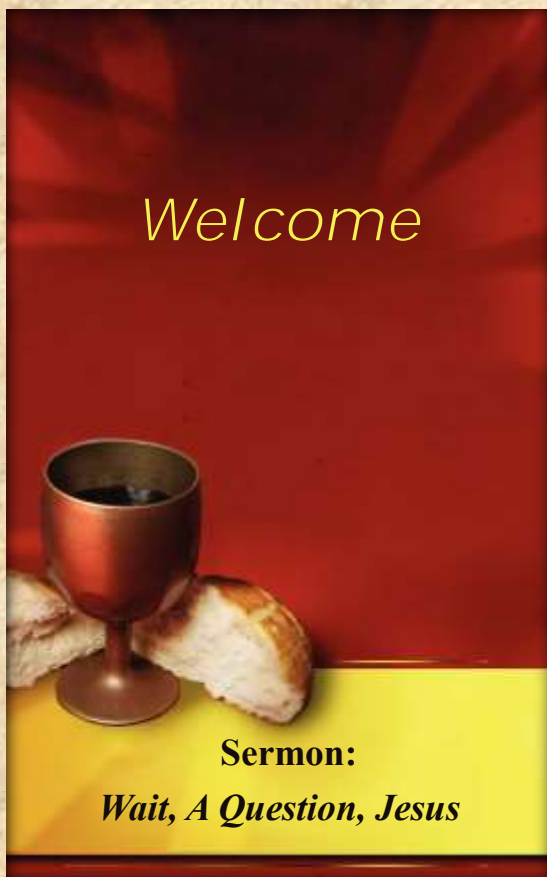


First Presbyterian Church

August 4, 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 Guest Speaker

Rev. Suzanne Gulick

To Today's Worship Leader

Martha Haines

For Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Greg and Irma Scott, in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

Order of Worship

*(*Please stand if able.)*

Preparation

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

Introit

Lord, We Come to Worship You

Folts

Call to Worship

(from Ephesians 4: 1- 6)

One: Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,

All: Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

One: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

One: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all
and in all.

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #491

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of God's choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.
2. Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear God's holy name,
And laud and magnify?
4. God to our strength and song,
Now is salvation ours;
Then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless God's glorious name,
Henceforth forevermore.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Forrest

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Response

Proclamation

*Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16: 2- 4, 9- 15; John 6: 24- 35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4: 1- 16

Sermon

“Wait, A Question, Jesus”

Rev. Suzanne Gulick

*Affirmation of faith

(from Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #335

Though I May Speak

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2. Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*Postlude

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"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Exodus 16: 2-4

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ **The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."**

⁴ Then the Lord **said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.**

⁹ **Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' "**¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses, ¹² **"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "**

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, **"What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.**

John 6: 24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, **"Rabbi, when did you come here?"** ²⁶ **Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. "**²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him **that God the Father has set his seal."** ²⁸ **Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"** ²⁹ **Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."** ³⁰ **So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?"** ³¹ **Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "**

This Week's Scripture Readings (Continued)

³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Ephesians 4: 1-16

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

**"When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."**

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.



Pastor's Class on August 18

Rev. Han will hold a second and final Summer Pastor's Class on Sunday, August 18th, at 9:30 a.m., in the Youth Sunday School room. This will be an opportunity to ask questions about the Presbyterian Church, as well as general questions. A Google form has been created for receiving questions, which can be found on our Facebook page and the FPC website (fpcConroe.org).

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>August 4</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. Committee Meetings</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>August 5</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>August 7</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>August 11</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
August 14	CISD Classes Begin
August 17	PDS Event: Watermelon and Waterslides
August 18	Final Summer Class with Rev. Han
August 20	PDS: Meet the Teacher
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

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