

First Presbyterian Church

August 18, 2024



Welcome

Sermon:

Securities Investment

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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 Guest Speaker

Rev. Gregory Han

To Today's Worship Leader

Bobby Ezell

For Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Andrea Spengel,
in memory of John.

Order of Worship

Preparation

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

Introit

Lord, We Come to Worship You

Folts

Call to Worship

(Isaiah 55:1-2,13; Matthew 5:6)

Leader: Let everyone who thirsts come and drink deeply!

People: Here all who hunger may satisfy themselves freely.

Leader: Why should we spend our money for that which is not bread?

People: Why do we labor for that which cannot satisfy?

Leader: Here you may feast on the goodness of the Lord.

People: Now those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled.

Leader: It shall be to the Lord a memorial,

People: And for us an everlasting sign that we shall not be cut off.

Amen!

*Hymn #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!
3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all
Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life
Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

(A time for silent confession)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

We know that God has the grace to forgive us — Jesus bears witness to this reality on the cross. Yet God also has the strength to empower us to live a new and faithful existence. Through Jesus Christ, we have access to God.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are equipped to live a life in grateful **obedience to God's commandments. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem

You Are Mine

Hayes

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Psalms 49: 1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #344

Christ of the Upward Way

1. Christ of the upward way, My guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.
2. Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

"Securities Investment"

Rev. Gregory Han

Dedication

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #289

O God of Every Nation

1. O God of every nation, Of every race and land,
Redeem the whole creation With Your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us And bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
4. Keep bright in us the vision Of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division Give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious When peace on earth shall reign
And Christ shall rule victorious O'er all the world's domain.

*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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This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 49: 1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
² both low and high, rich and poor together. ³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. ⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, ⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? ⁷ **Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; there is no price one can give to God for it.** ⁸ For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice, ⁹ that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.

¹⁰ When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others. ¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own. ¹² Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'" ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; **relax, eat, drink, be merry.'** ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



A Send-Off for Rev. Han

September 8th **will be Rev. Gregory Han's last Sunday at the pulpit. We will miss him and his impactful messages. We will not soon forget the kindness of Rev. Han, nor his willingness to be a guiding light for the church in a time of need. Please join us as we thank Rev. Han during the 11:00 service, which will be followed by a reception afterward.**

Welcoming Our New Pastor

September 15th **will be Rev. Seth Saathoff's first Sunday at the pulpit. After the 11:00 worship service we will be having a "Meet & Greet" potluck for the Saathoff family. Please plan to join us for this exciting event. More details will be available in the upcoming weeks.**

Please also keep in mind that as the Saathoff family makes their move to Conroe, we have created a meal train for their convenience. If you would like to provide a meal, the link for sign-up can be found on the FPC website (FPCConroe.org) and our Facebook page.

Presbyterian Day School Hiring Teachers' Aids

Do you enjoy helping children learn and grow? Are you looking for a job during school hours? If so, join our amazing PDS team! Our work days are 8:30-2:30 **Monday through Thursday and we follow the CISD calendar year. If you're interested in this opportunity, please call Lori Thompson at (936) 756-3990.**

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

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| <i>Sunday August 18</i> | <p>9:30 a.m. Class with Rev. Han (Youth area)</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. <i>On break for the month of August.</i></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> |
| <i>Monday August 19</i> | <p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p> |
| <i>Wednesday August 21</i> | <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> |
| <i>Sunday August 25</i> | <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. <i>On break for the month of August.</i></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

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| August 20 | PDS: Meet the Teacher |  |
| August 21 | PDS Classes Begin | |
| August 26-31 | Family Promise | |
| September 2 | Labor Day (PDS & FPC closed) | |
| September 15 | Potluck Reception for Rev. Saathoff & family | |

Prayer List

Members: Jeannene Wendt, 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 Iverson, Don Myer, Virginia Tamborello, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Lynn & Jamie DeGeorge (Barton), Thad M. (West), Kelly D., Stephanie R. (Riggs-Harpur), 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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