

# First Presbyterian Church

August 25, 2024

*Welcome*

**Sermon:**  
*What Does It Take?*



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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](http://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***

Karen Clark

#### ***For Today's Flowers***

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Sharon Walker and the Walker family, in memory of Sue & Lewis Walker.

# *Order of Worship*

## *Preparation*

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

## *Adoration*

Introit

*Lord, We Come to Worship You*

*Folts*

Call to Worship

*(Responsive)*

Leader: The blessing of God

People: Rests on our shoulders.

Leader: The love of God

People: Dwells in our hearts.

Leader: The word of God

People: Inflames our speech.

Leader: The compassion of God

People: Stirs us to care.

Leader: The word of God

People: Compels us to sing.

Leader: The mystery of God

People: Leads us to worship.

\*Hymn #150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice;

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end;  
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

### Confession

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Teacher, we do not always pray as we ought.

Help us to speak your truth and to listen for your forgiveness:

**When we pray, "Our Father in heaven,"**

but forget to embrace all people as your children...*(silent prayer)*

**When we say "Your kingdom come"**

without working for your kingdom on earth...*(silent prayer)*

When we ask for our daily bread,

but do not recognize it as your gift ...*(silent prayer)*

When we request forgiveness for ourselves,

but fail to pardon others...*(silent prayer)*

When we plead not to be led into times of trial,

but walk willingly into temptation ...*(silent prayer)*

When we honor you with our lips,

but fail you with our lives ...*(silent prayer)*

O Lord, forgive us. Help us to pray unceasingly, that we may be transformed by the renewing power of the Spirit. Create spaces in our prayer, that we might hear and live out your words back to us, words of love and justice, grace and forgiveness. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace;  
Those who are divided he has made one.  
He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death  
and he has built us up into one body, with God.  
To whomsoever repents and believes  
he has promised reconciliation.  
Live as people reconciled.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

Anthem

*Fly Away to Glory*

*Hart*

*Proclamation*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 105: 1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Children's Time**

\*Hymn #388

O Jesus, I Have Promise

1. O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

3. O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

Scripture Reading

Romans 10: 5-15

Sermon

**“What Does It Take?”**

*Rev. Gregory Han*

### Dedication

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn #383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1. My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

3. **While life's dark maze I tread,**  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
**Wipe sorrow's tears away,**  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

\*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***

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### Psalm 105: 1-6

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
- <sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

### Romans 10: 5-15

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that **"the person who does these things will live by them."** <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith says, **"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' "** (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> **"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' "** (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say?

**"The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart"**

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <sup>11</sup> **The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."** <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> **For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, **"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"**





### *IMPORTANT: Building Security*

Due to a recent security concern, it is necessary to put safety procedures in place that apply to everyone who visits the FPC campus. All church members are asked to wear their name badges when visiting FPC and/or PDS. Anyone that does not have a badge should stop at the FPC office and get one before entering any other area of the building. While this may take a little extra time, it is necessary that we provide a safe environment for our school children, teachers and staff members. We appreciate your understanding.

### *A Send-Off for Rev. Han*

September 8<sup>th</sup> **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 in the narthex.**

### *Welcoming Our New Pastor*

September 15<sup>th</sup> **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 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.**

### *Welcome Cards for the Saathoff Family*

Please join in as we welcome Rev. Seth Saathoff and his family who will be arriving soon. You can add your welcome wishes and words of encouragement by writing a short note and leaving it for them in the basket on the Welcome Center. You will also find some blank cards there to write in. The basket will remain there for the remainder of the month. We will give them to him the week **he arrives. Let's make them feel warmly welcomed into their new church home.**

## Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>August 25</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. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206)</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Library) Study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Elementary and Intermediate Sunday School (Rm. 203)</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 <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>August 26</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>August 28</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</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>September 1</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><b>9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton</b> (Library) Study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Elementary and Intermediate Sunday School (Rm. 203)</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 <a href="http://www.com/fpcConroe">www.com/fpcConroe</a> or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>

## Save the Date

August 26-31	Family Promise
September 2	Labor Day (PDS & FPC closed)
September 8	Resume a 2-Service Worship Schedule of 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Last Sunday and Reception for Rev. Gregory Han
September 15	Potluck Reception for Rev. Saathoff & family
September 22	FPC Staff Recognition and Reception

## 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: Anna and Wendy C. (Harshbarger), 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), 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), Kim H. (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

### Staff

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