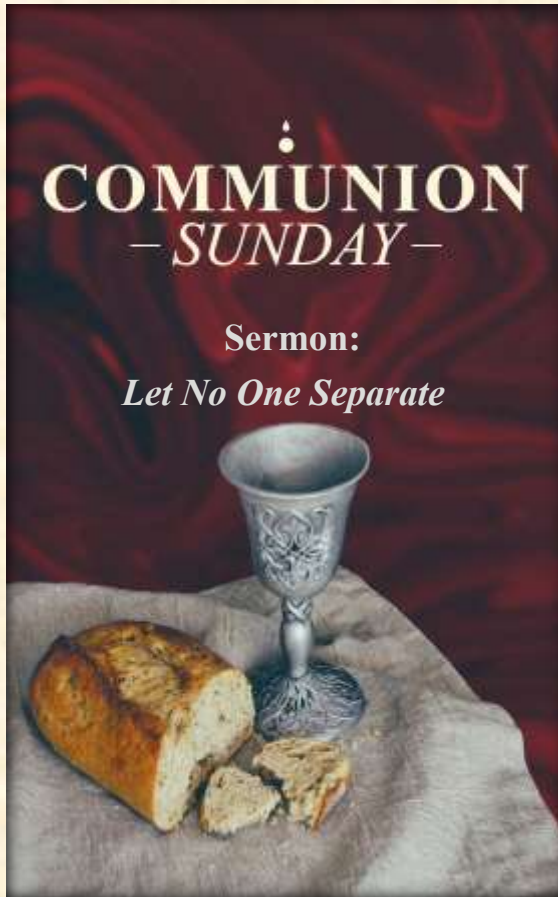


First Presbyterian Church

October 6, 2024



Sermon:

Let No One Separate

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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.

~ Good Things to Know ~

Today's Worship Leader

Martha Haines

Today's Flowers

No flower dedication today.

Last Week's Attendance, September 29

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 17

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 135

Online Worship Attendance - 13

Total Attendance – 165

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, you who hunger and thirst for righteous, come.

We gather gladly around Christ's table.

Here at this table, among these people,

Sinners and saints, believers and doubters.

Here at this table, come and be fed.

Here we become the body of Christ.

All who hunger, gather gladly.

Taste and see that God is good.

*Hymn #473

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)
4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

*Please stand if able.

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting to everlasting. I tell you truly, as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Because of Christ's great love for us, we have been forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

The Word

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:18-24, Mark 10:1-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Let No One Separate"

Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to the Word

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

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. God's kingdom cannot fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
To glorify the saints
For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Open Your Heart in Humble Adoration*

Folts

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Merciful Lord, you came not to reward the righteous, but to call sinners and to shape our lives by your righteousness. When things seem at their worst, in us and in our world, you come by the Spirit to bring out the best in us. Despite our faith, despite our efforts to love one another, despite our attempts to be the salt and light of the world, we do not always get it right.

Forgive us for our anger, tension and anxiety that distorts our vision. Forgive us for worrying small things way out of proportion and for often making the wrong things the big things. Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us, we ask that you hear our prayer and change our lives until we reflect the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

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*Gloria Patri

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Siyahamba

Utryck

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

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*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

We Are Marching

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
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we are marching in the light of the light of God,
we are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
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we are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.

*Postlude

Notes

This Week's Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, **"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner."** ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

**"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."**

²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Mark 10:1-16

¹ He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him, and, as was his custom, he again taught them.

² Some, testing him, asked, **"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"** ³ He answered them, **"What did Moses command you?"** ⁴ They said, **"Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."** ⁵ But Jesus said to them, **"Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you."** ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, **'God made them male and female.'** ⁷ **'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,'** ⁸ **and the two shall become one flesh.'** ⁹ **So they are no longer two but one flesh.** ⁹ **Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."**

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, **"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her,"** ¹² **and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."**

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw **this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.** ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God **as a little child will never enter it.”** ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Notes



WNL Meal

If you are unable to attend WNL, takeout is available if requested through the church office by Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. We will serve dinner at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 for 12-89 years of age.

Pumpkin Patch



Pumpkin Patch is right around the corner. The delivery date is October 11th at 4:00 p.m. We could use all hands on deck to help unload and arrange pumpkins around the lawn.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for weekend hospitality hosts and goodies to give out. Please make sure the goodies are individually wrapped and can withstand being outside in the heat (no chocolates). See Liz Kessler for details.

Mission Sewing Needs

The Mission Sewing Group is preparing for the 14th Annual Sew-a-thon to be held on February 22, 2025. Registration begins February 2nd. In the meantime, **we are taking donations of buttons... any type of buttons!** Please drop them off in the main office or Room 105.

Thank you, Liz Kessler and Linda Harshbarger



Saturday with the Saathoffs

The Saathoff family wants to get to know our FPC family and is inviting you to dinner! Use the link to choose an upcoming Saturday that works for you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4CABAD2EA2F94-51851903-saturdays#/>

Russo's Pizza Joins PDS for Spirit Day

Who doesn't like pizza? Who doesn't love PDS? Talk about a winning combo! Please plan to help support PDS, on October 10th, by ordering pizza from Russo's Pizza (right across the street in the HEB shopping center). A percentage of the proceeds will benefit Presbyterian Day School, so it's a win-win. Thanks in advance for your support.



Wednesday Night Live for Kids: J.A.M. (Jesus And Me)

Children's Craft and Music with Ms. Dena

Children will learn how they can celebrate Jesus through arts & crafts and music with Ms. Dena. We will meet in the small chapel room, in the youth commons area, where we'll sing praise and get our creativity flowing while parents enjoy one of our two Bible studies or run mid-week errands or enjoy a night out.



All Saints Day Service November 3, 2024

If you want to include the remembrance of your loved one who passed from September 2023 through August 2024 in this special service, then please provide the information to Yvonne Rose, Office Manager, by October 17, 2024, at yrose@fpcconroe.org, or by calling the Church Office at: **(936) 756-8884**

SAVE THE DATE

THE GREAT PUMPKIN

patch & festival

Saturday,
OCTOBER 26, 2024
4:30pm-8:00pm

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proceeds go to kid programs

MOVIE AMONG THE PUMPKINS

showing

*"It's The Great Pumpkin
Charlie Brown!"*

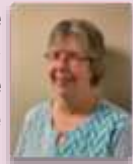
Prayer List

Members: Glenna Lang, Joe Clark, 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: C.M. (Blott), Sue P. (Clark), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Susie K (Davis), Anna and Wendy C. (Harshbarger), the family of Lynn DeGeorge (Barton), Thad M. (West), Danielle S. & kids, Kelly D., Stephanie R. (Riggs-Harpur), Blade B., Judy N. (Dukes), Bonnie L., Michael R. (Dwyer), Tom J. & family, Bill M. (Browder), 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), Joe T. Sr and caregivers, 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)

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>October 6</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)</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) Max Lucado study series "What Happens Next-A Traveler's Guide Through the End of This Age."</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 (Library) Study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians</p> <p>9:30 a.m. "The Word" Children's 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 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>October 7</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>October 8</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Parlor)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Lydia Circle (Youth area)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>October 9</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Martha Circle (Parlor)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Small Group Study with Gordon Juhl. Studying Timothy Keller's devotion God's Wisdom for Navigating Life.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live (FLC)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Studies</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

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Save the Date

- October 11 Pumpkin Patch Delivery
- October 14 CISD Holiday
- October 12-31 Pumpkin Patch at FPC
- October 26 PDS Fall Festival - Trunk or Treat - Movie Night
- November 3 All Saints Day Memorial



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)

COMMUNION — SUNDAY —

*Thank You
for
Joining Us*



Staff and Church Information

Staff

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Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager
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Rolethial McKelvey, Accompanist
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