

First Presbyterian Church  
October 13, 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](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.

***~ Good Things to Know ~***

***Today's Worship Leader***

Karen Clark

***Today's Flowers***

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Bob and Paula Shepherd.

***Last Week's Attendance, October 6***

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 17

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 147

Online Worship Attendance - 51

**Total Attendance – 215**

## 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

### *Preparing to Receive God's Word*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

From the sun's rising to its setting,

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

From the first breath we take through the twilight of life's journey,

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

With heart, soul, mind, and voice, let us worship God.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Hymn #391

Take My Life

1. Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing,  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

\*Please stand if able.

\*Call to Confession

\*Silent Prayer of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us, we do not journey alone.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**Because of Christ's great love for us, we are forgiven!**

\*Gloria Patri

### The Word

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**"Just One Thing"**

*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

\*Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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arr. by Victor Johnson

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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*

Call to Worship

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Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You have shown us what is good, but we remain enthralled by evil. You have offered us your abundance, but we are satisfied with our wealth. You have blessed us with good gifts, but we abuse those gifts in service of ourselves.

Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Word, cut away all that is false and open our hearts to new life. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and transform us into what we can be in Christ Jesus.

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Moment for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Choral Response

### The Word

## Children's Time

Anthem

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*Johnson*

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn #210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.
2. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
3. A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
4. Time, like an ever rolling stream  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day
5. Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal home.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon

**“Just One Thing”**  
*Rev. Seth Saathoff*



## Responding to the Word

### Prayers of the People

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Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
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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.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of the light of God,  
we are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of the light of God,  
we are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.

#### \*Postlude

## ***This Week's Scripture Readings***

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### Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup> Ah, you who turn justice to wormwood and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup> They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup> Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” <sup>20</sup> He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

## Notes



### *WNL Menu*

**You won't want to miss our October 16 meal, which will consist of pork chops** with stuffing, honey glazed carrots, romaine salad with bacon dressing, and individual cheesecakes.

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.

### *Worship Leaders Needed*

YOU ARE INVITED — If you would like to participate in our Worship Services as one of the Worship Leaders, please contact Sharon Walker at (936) 520-9530 or [sswalker46@hotmail.com](mailto:sswalker46@hotmail.com) on or before October 27. On Sunday, November 3, at 12:30 p.m., a meeting will convene in the Parlor. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify Sharon to arrange a date/time for training, as well as to answer questions.

### *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#/>

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

### ***Children's Craft and Music Time***

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, from 6-7:00 p.m. **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.

## *Prayer Workshop with Rev. Callie Candee on October 19*

Rev. Callie Candee will host a Contemplative Prayer Workshop on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., in room 207. A sign-up sheet will be available near the welcome desk.

Rev Callie recently graduated from EMMAUS Spirituality Institute and received her certificate to engage in spiritual direction! She is looking forward to offering this ministry at FPC for our church family. Spiritual direction is a long established Christian practice, designed to invite believers into a more intimate relation with our Triune God through practices of contemplative prayer, times of sitting in silence to hear Spirit's call and lectio divina.



## *New and Prospective Members Invited to "First Steps" Orientation Class on November 10*

First Presbyterian Church Conroe and its Membership Committee will host a new and prospective member lunch and orientation class called *First Steps* on Sunday, November 10, from 12:30 p.m. (following the 11 a.m. worship service) until 2 p.m. in Room 105. *First Steps* gives new and prospective members an overview of the Christian faith, the Presbyterian tradition, and the mission and ministries of our church. Rev. Saathoff and several lay leaders will facilitate this class. Lunch and nursery will be provided.

Please confirm your attendance to Steve Scheffler at (281)-851-1690 or email: [scscheffler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scscheffler@sbcglobal.net) on or before November 3.



## **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 [yrase@fpcconroe.org](mailto:yrase@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!"*

### *Veterans Day Breakfast*

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, PDS will be hosting breakfast for FPC and PDS Veterans. If you would like to take part in this special morning, please plan to meet in the bistro area at 9:00 a.m. We hope you will join us!



### *Mission Sewing Needs*

The Mission Sewing Group is preparing for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Sew-a-thon to be held on February 22, 2025. Registration begins February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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



*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 13</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><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><b>9:30 a.m. "The Word" Children's Sunday School</b> (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>October 14</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>October 16</i></p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Small Group Study with Gordon Juhl. Studying Timothy Keller's devotion <b>God's Wisdom for Navigating Life.</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Meal (FLC)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Studies</p> <p>6:00-7:00 p.m. J.A.M. Kids Craft and Music Time</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>



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## Save the Date

- October 14 CISD/PDS Holiday
- October 12-31 Pumpkin Patch at FPC
- October 26 PDS Fall Festival - Trunk or Treat - Movie Night
- November 3 All Saints Day Memorial
- November 11 **Veteran's Day Breakfast with PDS**
- November 20 WNL Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Service
- November 25-29 CISD/PDS Thanksgiving break
- November 28 Thanksgiving Day



## Prayer List

Members: Ron Hethershaw and family, Glenna Lang, Joe Clark, Jeannene Wendt, 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: 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)

## 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)

## Staff and Church Information

### Staff

Rev. Seth Saathoff, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Callie Candee, Pastoral Care  
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Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Communications  
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