

First Presbyterian Church

November 2, 2025

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story

Psalm 107:2



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Communion Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Conroe Welcomes You!



Visitors and Guests: We are excited you have chosen to worship with us today! As a small token of our appreciation, we invite you to stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex to pick up a complimentary FPC Conroe bookmark and a church brochure. We hope to see you again soon!

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

Matt Laletas

Today's Flowers

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Greg Scott,
in loving memory of Irma Scott.*

Last Week's Attendance, October 26

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 9

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 135

Online Worship Attendance - 27

Total Attendance – 171

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Giving thanks for all the saints,
Who from their labors rest,
We gather to worship God,
Whose love goes beyond death.
With the cloud of witnesses,
By the grace of Christ,
In the presence of the Spirit,
Let us worship God.

*Hymn #526

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Please stand if able.

*Assurance of Pardon

The Psalmist tells us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever."

When we wandered, God led us home. When we cried out, God heard us. When we were trapped in sin, God broke our chains.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*Gloria Patri

The Word

Scripture Readings

Psalm 107:1-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,
8-9, 20-25, 29-30, 39-40, 12:1-3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Faith of the Saints"

Rev. Seth Saathoff

Responding to the Word

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and Roll Call of the Saints

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God,
and I mean, God helping, to be one too.
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And God's love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no,
not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparing to Receive God's Word

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Shall We Gather at the River*

Call to Worship

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Holy God,

As we remember the saints of our faith, and all your children in the church triumphant, look kindly on our memories and forgive where they falter. If we have been unkind or unjust, forgive us. If we have made a show of ourselves, humble us. If we have missed opportunities for compassion, convict us. If we have turned our back on a neighbor, turn us around. If we have failed to recognize your image in the faces of everyone, enlighten us to your presence and wash us in your mercy. Blot out all our transgressions and make us white as snow.

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

On Eagle’s Wings

Hayes

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Choral Response

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Sermon

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Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

When the Saints Go Marching In

1. O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.
2. O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.
3. O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O when they crown Him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown Him Lord of all.

*Postlude

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Psalm 107:1-9

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
- ⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- ⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
- ⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
- ⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
- ⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-9, 20-25, 29-30, 39-40, 12:1-3

^{11:1} Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, **“bowing in worship over the top of his staff.”** ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

²³ By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were **not afraid of the king's edict.** ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, **refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter,** ²⁵ choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.

Notes



Officer Nominating Committee Update

The 2025 Officer Nominating Committee is hard at work putting together their proposed slate of new elders to serve on session. If you have prayerfully considered nominating yourself or someone else (with their permission), please contact Catherine Scheffler at (713) 715-9766 or email her at scscheffler@sbcglobal.net.

New & Prospective Members Invited to "First Steps" Orientation Class on November 9

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 9, from 12:30 p.m. (following the 11 a.m. worship service) until 1:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center gym. First Steps gives new and prospective members an overview of the Christian faith, the Presbyterian traditions, and the mission and ministries of our church. Rev. Saathoff and several church ministry leaders will facilitate this class. Lunch and nursery will be provided.

In order to best plan for this event, we request that all attendees RSVP to Steve Scheffler (281.851.1690 or scscheffler@sbcglobal.net) no later than Sunday, November 2.

Packing Seafarers' Christmas Boxes



Thank you all for your generous monetary donations to fund the 100 Seafarer's Boxes.

If you are interested in helping to pack and/or wrap the boxes on November 6th, at the church, please reserve a spot with Liz Kessler at (713) 818-1006. Space is limited.

Veterans Day Breakfast

On November 11th, 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!



Due to the specialized nature of this meal, the kitchen team is asking that those planning to attend WNL on 11/5, PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS through Liz Kessler or Shirley Dukes. Thank you!



Office Volunteer Needed for Wednesday Morning

The church office is in need of a Wednesday morning volunteer to cover the phones and welcome guests during the weekly staff meeting. If you can give a few hours of your time, please contact Yvonne Rose at (936) 756-8884.

Crochet Amigurumi Day

Join us as we make crocheted stuffed animals (amigurumi) for our *Bags of Love* ministry — and we need your help!

All skill levels are welcome — **even if you've never picked up a crochet hook before. We'll meet on Saturday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 105.**



Materials will be provided, though experienced crocheters are encouraged to bring their own supplies. Kaleigh Riggs-Harpur will teach beginners the basics of crocheting and guide everyone through creating a simple pattern.

It's a great opportunity to learn, create, and enjoy some fellowship together. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact the church office to let us know if you plan to attend and share your level of experience.

Spiritual Direction with Rev. Callie Candee

Christians have sought out silent prayer retreats for centuries; driven by a hunger for closer communion with God, we choose times of silence, of meditation **of Scripture, to hear God more clearly and to follow Jesus' invitation to 'come away with me to a quiet place and rest.'** In our ever too busy world, such an invitation is a blessing, as we enter stillness, reflection upon God's Word, and open ourselves to hearing more fully God's response to us. Rev. Callie Candee is offering one-on-one Spiritual Direction sessions for our congregation. She can be reached at CallieCandee@yahoo.com.

Young Adult Retreat at Mo Ranch

Reignite your purpose and strengthen your spirit. Join us for a transformative retreat designed for those navigating the post-college years. Connect with a supportive community, explore life planning, vocational discernment, and creative budgeting, all while deepening your faith through worship, prayer, and **interactive workshops. Together, let's build a future of meaning, purpose, and connection.** Details regarding this retreat can be found at:

<https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/young-adult-retreat>.

Prayer List

Members: Steve and Connie Tibbetts, Greg Scott and the family of Irma Scott, Nedra Murphy, Jean Heasley, Fred Kate, Penny Bell, Sylvia Dopp, Gordon Juhl, Roy Kessler, John Wright, Ruth Masters, Jeannene Wendt, Reed Watson, John Lancaster, Kari Elliott, Tildon Hebert, Ron Bailey, Alice Helms, Jean Ball, Mary Hudson, Paul Ivison, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier

Members' Relatives & Friends: Noah G. (Simon), David W. (Hart), Bret F. (Kasmiersky), Thad M. (West), Dorene D. and Dan S. (B. Hernandez), Siana F. and family (Watson), Jerry W., Lisa W. (Webb), Celia G. (Hernandez- Garcia), Wes K. (Yates), Alicia I., James I., and Ron S. (Bailey), Susie K. (Davis), Stephanie R. & Brooke J., Danielle S. & kids (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), Shannon L. (Diamond), Rick J. (Juhl), Joe T. Sr., Harry S., Jr. and family (Havens), Steve T., Lonnie H. and Vivian M. (Hammonds), John R. (Hethershaw), James M., Patty M., Enrique E. (Moore), Jeffrey H. & Leah H. (Heasley), Wendy S. (Adamson), Sherry M. (Garrison), Lee H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Gerald H. (Roberts)

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p><i>Sunday</i> <i>November 2</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105) Paul's uplifting letter to the church at Philippi. 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Class (Rm. 204) Studying "More Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas, taught by Deborah Geddes, Glenna Lang and Glenn Elms. 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith with Susan Buckley (Rm. 206) 9:30 a.m. Seekers' Bible Study with Randy Blanton (Library) Paul's Letter to the Romans on Sunday (Contact Randy Blanton to join by Zoom). 9:30 a.m. FPC Kids' Sunday School (Rm. 203) 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 10:40 a.m. Praise Band (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary and Facebook Live www.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe) 5:00 p.m. "A Year Through the Bible" Study (Rm. 105) 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>November 3</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Bible Study (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>November 4</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle (Parlor)</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>November 5</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 4:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206) 5:00 WNL Dinner (FLC) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study / Arts & Crafts 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)</p>

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Save the Date

November 9	Veterans' Day Observance/ First Steps Orientation Class
November 11	Veteran's Day Breakfast
November 19	WNL Thanksgiving Dinner (final WNL for the fall season)
November 23	Dedication Sunday
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Holidays for PDS/CISD
November 27	Thanksgiving Day (FPC Office Closed)

Staff and Church Information

Staff

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