

At the First Presbyterian Church of Conroe, we Value the Bible as the Written Word of God...

Our faith begins and ends with the One True Living God. We believe that God is revealed to us in the Bible. That's why we place so much importance on the Bible.

Many years ago, people were debating many of the same issues that we talk about today. When they looked to the Bible, they concluded that *"The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men."* (BOC 6.006)

We believe that it's important to read the Bible for all that it says. We believe also that we must be careful not to add to it when the Bible is silent, or when we aren't comfortable with its teachings.

That's why our Worship Services are filled with so many readings from the Bible. Not just the Sermon, but other elements of the services are taken directly from the Bible. To us, worship is a conversation with God, and we need to hear what God has to say in His Word.

Our confidence in the Bible shapes our educational ministry and the way that we teach in the church. Our Youth Group frequently asks, "What does the Bible say?" We are seeking truth and have enough confidence to put our trust in God and in His Written Word. Make no mistake about it, we are human and we make mistakes. Sometimes people look away from our faith, away from our God. But, the Bible is here, waiting for each one of us. The Word of God is waiting for us.

In our Faith Tradition, we speak of Jesus Christ as Lord, and Head of the Church. To us, the Bible is the Written Word of God. It is here that we encounter God through Jesus Christ. In the Bible we find our rules for faith and life. The culture evolves and changes around us. But the Word of God is constant – and, so the Bible is able to help us when we are confused and to comfort us when we're feeling lost.

We believe that we are to study the Word of God and to find what God would have each of us do with our own lives. Our congregation includes a wide diversity of people; but, we all belong to the One True Living God. We invite all to come and to be a part of the life of the First Presbyterian Church of Conroe.

The Hierarchy of Authority:

Jesus Christ is Lord and Head of the Church.

The Bible is the Written Word of God, which bears witness to Jesus Christ, who alone is Lord and Head of the Church.

Our Confessional Heritage is the work of previous generations who confronted similar questions and concerns. The Confessional Statements have authority only to the extent that they are faithful to the Bible.

Our Collective Wisdom, the decisions that we make together, are to be our best effort to learn from our Tradition and to be faithful to the Bible. When we do this well, we believe that we are being faithful to Jesus Christ.

Our Personal Wishes and Preferences, are the least reliable of all sources of insight. Since all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, we work together to seek-out God's Wisdom for our life and faith.

The Bible:

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV)

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4, ESV)

The Westminster Confession of Faith:

“The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, depends not upon the testimony of any person or church, but wholly upon God (who is truth itself), the author of truth; and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God.” (from the Westminster Confession of Faith; BOC 6.004. See also 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21 and Galatians 1:11-12)

We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverent esteem for the Holy Scripture; and the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man’s salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God; yet, notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts. (BOC 6.005. See also 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 & 10-11 and John 16:13-14.)

To learn more, search the internet for:
The Westminster Confession of Faith
2 Timothy 3:16-17
Romans 15:4