

***This Week at
First Presbyterian Church
September 26, 2021***



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**Youth Sunday
Commission PDS Staff (11:00)
Special Offering: PW Seafarers' Boxes**

COMMUNION & PRAYER (8:30 AM)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8

SERMON:

YOUTH SUNDAY

“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’” (Isaiah 6:8)

DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN #**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (*Refrain*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (*Refrain*)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

ORDER OF WORSHIP (11:00 AM)

PREPARATION

INTROIT

YOU HAVE OUR YES

ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN**

10,000 REASONS

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Refrain: Bless the Lord O My Soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy Name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I worship Your Holy Name

The sun comes up It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing When the evening comes (*Refrain*)

You're rich in love And you're slow to anger
Your name is great And Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons For my heart to find (*Refrain*)

And on that day When my strength is failing
The end draws near And my time has come
Still my soul would sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years And then forevermore, forevermore (*Refrain*)

CONFESSION

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mighty God: by your power, Christ is raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we fall into doubt and fear. Forgive us and set us free for the victory of Jesus Christ, who will put down every power to hurt or destroy when your promised kingdom comes.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: **JOHN 12:35-43**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN:** **WHO YOU SAY I AM** *Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan*

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me
Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me
Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am
In my Father's house There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am

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SERMON: YOUTH SUNDAY

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DEDICATION

COMMISSION PDS STAFF AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN RAISE A HALLELUJAH *Helser, Helser, Skaggs, Stevens

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus: I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me (*Chorus*)

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) [*Repeat 4x*]
Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me (*Chorus*)

And I raise a Hallelujah, I raise a Hallelujah
I raise a Hallelujah, I raise a Hallelujah

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE RAISE A HALLELUJAH**

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder) [*Repeat 4x*]
Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me (*Chorus*)

***POSTLUDE**

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THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY:

JOHN 12:35-43

³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸ so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, ⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”

⁴¹ Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴² Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

ISAIAH 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Notes



Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Dinners are Back

The Fall WNL is back in full swing in the Family Life Center (FLC). A full dinner will be served both on-site and for takeout. Reservations are requested for both. Please make them by 5:00 p.m. each Tuesday. Take-out dinners will be ready for pick-up at 5:00 p.m. and on-site dining will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Regrettably, we must increase the cost of the meal to \$5, due to the increase in both food items and supplies. Children under 12 years old and adults over 75 years of age, are not charged. Reservations can be made through the FPC office (936) 756-8884 or by call/text Shirley Dukes, (93) 760-8655. Your Kitchen Crew looks forward to breaking bread with you once again.

Disciple Bible Study

If you want to build on your understanding of the Bible and build your friendships with others, the Disciple Bible Study may be for you. Disciple is a twelve-week series of discussion-oriented lessons. We will study the books of Luke and Acts using the Disciple Fast Track curriculum. You can purchase the Study Manual online or through the church office.

Beginning Wednesday, September 22, the Disciple class will begin at 6:00 p.m. You can join us in person or on online. Our Wednesday evening programs include an evening meal in the Gym (5:00). We then have an activity for youth and the Disciple Bible study at 6:00. Childcare is available for our families with young children. These activities end at 7:30.

Life and faith are strengthened when we can connect with the Word of God and with the people of God. Come join us as we work together to grow in our faith in God and our relationships with each other. (Zoom Room Meeting ID: 879 2931 2569 (Passcode: 77304)).

Help Needed for Sunday School Classes

Do you want to help children learn about the Bible and see it in a new light? Would you like to see children learn the context and application of Biblical text and then apply it to their everyday lives? If so, you can make that difference in a child's faith life. Teachers are needed for Intermediate, Elementary and Pre-K classes. Even if you can only spare one Sunday per month, you can team up with other volunteers to help make a difference in our children's futures. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help shape a child's faith, and contact Dena Sowden for details (979) 255-2096 or dsowden@FpcConroe.org.

Bible Study for The Wanderers

The subject of the current study is ***Ecclesiastes: The Search for Meaning in Modern Music***. Join The Wanderers Sunday School class in this seven-week study of Ecclesiastes through the lens of modern music. We'll explore songs like "Paper in Fire" by John Mellencamp, "Turn, Turn, Turn" by The Byrds, "The Wanderer" by U2 (with Johnny Cash), "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas, and more. In addition to studying the background of each song, we'll listen to the music and have a rich discussion about how the song relates to themes within Ecclesiastes, one of the most challenging and thought-provoking books of the Bible. This will be an intriguing study that will be eye-opening and fun. Invite a friend or two to wander with us through Ecclesiastes.

Christmas Boxes for the Houston International Seafarer's Center

As part of an annual city-wide faith community outreach project, Presbyterian Women will fill, wrap and deliver shoe boxes with toiletries and personal items to the Seafarer's Center. These boxes benefit those on ships that visit Houston in the weeks before Christmas, and who are (by occupation) almost always away from their own homes in the holiday season. Congregation-wide support is what makes it possible for us to meet a goal of 100 boxes.

If you would like to make a contribution toward the purchase of items for the boxes, please make checks payable to the church with a notation that it is for "Seafarer's boxes". Shopping will be underway through October, with packing being done on November 4th. Please call Susan Buckley for additional information as to how you can help.

Visitors, Welcome to FPC

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 or email us at yrose@fpcconroe.org. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

Calendar of Weekly Events

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| <p>Sunday September 26</p> | <p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: A Bible study on the C.S. Lewis book, <i>“The Screwtape Letters”</i> (Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) https://zoom.us/j/267960141 (or call +1 346 248 7799, 267960141#)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (Rm. 206) <i>The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided By Politics And Religion</i>, by Jonathan Haidt.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>Ecclesiastes: The Search for Meaning in Modern Music</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> |
| <p>Monday September 27</p> | <p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday September 28</p> | <p>7:30 p.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Pastor's office and Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday September 29</p> | <p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom Meeting ID available by invitation)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Gym)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study (Room 105)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p> |

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Save the Date

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| October 16-31 | 2 nd Annual Pumpkin Patch |
| October 16 | Family Movie Night |
| October 23 | Sumthin' Pumpkin |
| October 31 | Community Memorial Service |
| October 31 | Trunk-or-Treat |

Financial Report
(2021 YTD as of August 31, 2021)

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
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| Revenue | \$469,000 | \$448,965 |
| Expenses | \$479,160 | \$492,080 |

Prayer List

Members: The family of Sarah Gutekunst, Sandy Davis, Jean Ball, George Shackelford, Margaret Hill, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Leona Cowie, Lorraine Bosse, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Fay Harrison, Clyde Cruikshank, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Pat Smith, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Evelyn Kenward, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: Sherry B. (Harrison), Mitchell B. (Blott), Margie E. (Hughes), Kellye H. and Jeffrey H. (Heasley), Sabra S. (Swoboda), Deborah R. (Rose), Jack S. and Jay, Katie B. (Pohla), Matt F. (Elms), Wendy S. (Adamson), Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Russell W. (Weinburger), Tim J. (Staff), Krissy P. & family (Kasmiersky), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Diane B., Pat S.'s family, Lindsey W., Ruby G., Beverly F. (S. Walker), Enrique E. (Moore), Ann (Ebanks), Paul M. (Alan Moore), Lee H. and Gene H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lisa & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, September 19
8:30 a.m. Worship Service – 18
11:00 a.m. Worship Service -
Online Worship Attendance – 159
Total Attendance -

Today's Worship Leader

FPC Youth

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given for the glory of God and in celebration of Don and Doris Myers' 90th birthdays (Doris September 17 and Don September 26) from all the kids and grandkids.



Christmas Gift Boxes for the International Seafarers' Center, Port of Houston

For many years, Presbyterian Women of our church, with the help of our entire congregation, have packed 100 shoe boxes a year with non-perishable items (such as hygiene supplies, socks, caps, and Texas souvenirs), and delivered them to the Port of Houston for distribution to ships that come in from mid-November through December. This is a Christmas project for faith communities in the Houston area at-large, and thousands of seamen are reached out to in this way each season. It is an important opportunity to offer a gesture of 'hospitality' to some of those who serve us all year long.

If you would like to help us with monetary support for this project, please make a donation through the church, marked clearly for the "Seafarer's Boxes". Our shopping is now in progress in order to meet a November 4th packing date.

If your family would like to pack its own box and have us take it to the Port along with ours, contact the church office (936) 756-8884 or Susan Buckley (936) 273-0098 with questions or for a list of recommended items.

Our boxes will be dedicated in Worship November 7th and delivered to the Seafarers' Center the following week.

Ministry Leaders

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| Administration: | Jay Swoboda (2022, Chair) |
| Building & Grounds: | Stephan Tibbetts (2022, Chair), David Perciful (2022) |
| Care-Prayer: | Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair) |
| Discipleship: | Anne Spinks (2021, Chair), Mark Sowden (2021) |
| Fellowship: | Shirley Dukes (2021, Chair) |
| Membership: | Donna Stewart (2021, Chair), Anna McNamara (2022), Abby Stewart (2022), Dena Sowden (2023) |
| Missions: | Tom Young (2021) |
| PDS: | Karen Clark (2021), Sharon Walker (2022) |
| Worship: | Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs) |

Staff and Church Information

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