

***This Week at
First Presbyterian Church
October 3, 2021***



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World Communion Sunday

COMMUNION & PRAYER (8:30 AM)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #356 COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.,

*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

MATTHEW 14:22-33

SERMON

BARKING PIGS

Rev. Tom Coop

DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN #280**

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,,And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we'd first begun.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ORDER OF WORSHIP (11:00 AM)

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

COMMUNION

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LORD, HELP OUR HEARTS BE PURE

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ADORATION

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CONFESSION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we turn away from our neighbors and desert our friends. We run in fear when we should be loyal. Have mercy on us, weak and willful people. Lead us once more to table, and unite us to Christ, who is bread of life, to whom be praise forever.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CHORAL RESPONSE

PROCLAMATION

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Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

AMAZING GRACE

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Than when we'd first begun.

***POSTLUDE**

PRAISE TO GOD THE FATHER

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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.

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THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR TODAY:

MATTHEW 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way^[a] from the land,^[b] beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night^[c] he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind,^[d] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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.

The Pumpkin Patch Returns

It's Pumpkin Patch time again!! Last year's patch was a HUGE success and we're looking forward to have fun again this year, but we need your help. Wagons are a big hit for customers to haul pumpkins. We also need help during the days we're open for sales, Tuesday-Sunday 11am-7pm. Helping on sales days will consist mostly of assisting visitors in navigating the Patch, taking payments and just being a representative of FPC. The weekends will undoubtedly be the busiest and will require more help. We'll have hayrides, refreshments, photo ops, games and s'mores. The delivery day is scheduled for 10/15 @ 4 pm and we can use all the help we can for unloading and arranging pumpkins. If you are able to help, please contact Dena Sowden at DSowden@fpcconroe.org or (979) 255-2096. Please contact Shirley Dukes to assist with refreshments.

Presbytery Meeting November 20

If you are a FPC elder (even if not currently serving on the Session), FPC is seeking five volunteers who would like to attend the upcoming November 20, 2021, Presbytery of New Covenant meeting. The meeting typically starts at 10:00 and ends at 3:00 p.m. The location of the meeting has not yet been announced, but there is usually an option to attend via Zoom. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Green (dgreen@fpcconroe.org) or Sally DeStefano (sally.destefano@gmail.com) prior to October 17 so that your name can be proposed as a commissioner at the next Session meeting.

Tuesday Bible Study: On-Line Only

The Tuesday Morning Bible study is open for online attendance. Each week we have a discussion-oriented study on the Biblical text for upcoming sermons. If you enjoy studying the Bible – or of you just want a little insider information – then this event is for you. Join us in the Zoom Room (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304).

Thank you from the Weinburgers

Judy and Gary Weinburger want to thank the congregation for their cards, thoughts and prayers during Gary's bout with esophageal cancer. Praise GOD! Gary is now in remission from cancer.

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday October 3	<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>12:15 p.m. Lunch in the Bistro for those who wish to attend committee meetings</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee meetings (open to all who wish to participate)</p> <p>Admin (Pastor's office/Zoom meeting ID: 856 9840 4395, Password 77304); Building and Grounds (office break room/Zoom meeting ID: 879 2931 2569, Password 77304); Discipleship (Room 205); Membership committee (Youth Commons)</p>
Monday September 27	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
Tuesday September 28	<p>7:30 p.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Online only Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)</p>
Wednesday September 29	<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

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>
Revenue	\$469,000	\$448,965
Expenses	\$479,160	\$492,080

Prayer List

Members: 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 26

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – 18

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 105

Online Worship Attendance –

Total Attendance -

Today's Worship Leader

Bobby Ezell

The Pumpkin Patch Returns October 16-31

Last year we enjoyed our 1st Annual Pumpkin Patch. Here are a few of our favorite memories.



Ministry Leaders

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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Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse
Sharon VanSchuyver, Church Administrator
Yvonne Rose, Office Assistant
Louise Reed, Day School Director
Sharon McLaurin, PDS Office Assistant