



*Welcome*

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*November 29, 2020*

## Church Family

### ***The Christmas Pageant***

The Children's Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, during the morning service. We need lots of little angels, shepherds, sheep, and wise men to recreate the Holy Night for the congregation. Practices will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 29<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. This is an invitation for any elementary-aged student, who would like to participate in the Pageant, to contact Dena Sowden at (979) 255-2096 or DSowden@fpccconroe.org.

### ***Poinsettia Dedications***

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas, they will be \$10 each. Please make your purchase and dedication through the church office (936) 756-8884, or through the church website at [www.fpccconroe.org](http://www.fpccconroe.org).

### ***Stewardship Campaign and Pledge Cards***

To fellow members of FPC-C:

I would like to update you on the status of our current Stewardship Campaign for the budget for 2021. As of 11/10/20, we have received 70 pledges for a total amount of \$410,190 or an average of \$5,860 per pledge. This puts us about 65% of the way to our goal pledge income for next year. While this is a good start, there are still 61 pledging units (~\$221,960 in potential revenue) who made a commitment for the 2020 budget but have not, as of today, responded to the 2021 budget campaign. I would encourage those who have not responded to prayerfully consider continuing your financial support of the church. If you intend to pledge, please submit your pledge card in the next couple of weeks so that we may finalize our 2021 Budget prior to year-end. I continue to pray (and hope that you do also) for the welfare and programs of our church.

**REMINDER!** For those of you who are considering making a donation of stock to the church, or making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to the church for the calendar year 2020, this memo is to remind you that the transaction must be completed by **12/31/2020** if you want the contribution to be a tax deduction for 2020. However, please try to complete transactions **before** the last week in December to avoid a last minute "glitch" that may keep you from being eligible for a 2020 tax deduction. The Church Administrator, Sharon VanSchuyver, has paperwork in the church office that greatly facilitates the stock donation process, so please feel to contact Sharon if you wish to donate stock.

Also, for those who intend to pre-pay their pledge for **2021** in the calendar year 2020, please note that this should be completed before the last week in December as mentioned above.

- Fred Kate; Stewardship/Finance Coordinator

### ***Financial Report***

(2020 YTD as of 10/31/20)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$626,535	\$593,355
Expenses	\$626,530	\$594,305

## ***Tuesday Morning Bible Study***

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study, with Dr. Green, will resume on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The format for the month of December will be via Zoom. We hope to add in-person attendance in January.

## ***Child Care Now Available on Sundays***

We are happy to announce that child care is now available on Sunday mornings for those attending church services in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Dena Sowden at [dsowden@fpconroe.org](mailto:dsowden@fpconroe.org).

## ***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 [fpconroe.org](http://fpconroe.org) or email us at [grose@fpconroe.org](mailto:grose@fpconroe.org). We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

## **Prayer List**

**Members:** Pat Ezell, Joanne Tralmer, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Rev. David Green, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Leona Cowie, Lorraine Bosse, Gary and Judy Weinburger, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Jeannene Wendt, Peaches Grams, 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:** Harry S. Jr. (Havens), Anna H. (Harshbarger), Russell W. (Weinburger), Tim J. (Staff), Kelly H. (Heasley), Krissy P. & family (Kasmiersky), Freddy G. (Taylor), Judy N. (Dukes), Zakary V. (Haines), Sherry M. (Garrison), Craig S. and Elaine N. (Swoboda), 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), Deborah R. (Rose), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lisa & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Janis H. and Katie B. (Pohla), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmlerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

## **Good Things to Know**

### ***Attendance***

Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service - 67

10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service - 120

Total Attendance - 187

### ***Today's Worship Leader***

Mark Sowden

## Calendar of Weekly Events

### **Sunday, November 29**

9:00 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: A Bible study based on the Christmas Classic, "It's a Wonderful Life" (Library)  
(Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141) (Password: 330714) <https://zoom.us/j/267960141> (or call +1 346 248 7799, 267960141#)

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live [www.facebook.com/fpcConroe](http://www.facebook.com/fpcConroe))

11:00 a.m. Exploring Our Faith – (Currently by Zoom; contact [sbuckley429@comcast.net](mailto:sbuckley429@comcast.net) for a link), Studying "A History of God: The  
4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam", by Karen Armstrong.

11:15 a.m. Dr. Green Sunday School Class (Rm. 105 and Zoom Meeting ID: 839 3626 6040) (Passcode: 77304)

11:15 a.m. Sunday Intermediate Bible Study (Rm. 702 and Zoom Meeting)

### **Monday, November 30**

1:00 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Zoom Meeting - ID available from Marty Taylor)

### **Wednesday, December 2**

9:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom Meeting ID available by invitation)

5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

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please visit the website at [fpcconroe.org](http://fpcconroe.org), or contact the group leader.***

## Save the Date

### ***Future Planning***

December 13 - Christmas Pageant

December 19 - Family Movie Night

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 28 & 29 - Christmas Holiday (Church office closed)

January 1 - New Year's Day (Church office closed)

## Ministry Leaders

### Ministry Team Leaders

<i>Administration:</i>	Jay Swoboda (2020, Chair), Todd Harrell (2021), David Perciful (2022)
<i>Building &amp; Grounds:</i>	Warren Taylor (2020), Stephan Tibbetts (2022)
<i>Care-Prayer:</i>	Donald Yates (2020)
<i>Discipleship:</i>	Hailey Simon (2020), Kyle Williams (2020), Mark Sowden (2021), Anne Spinks (2021), Mike Garrison (2022)
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Shirley Dukes (2021)
<i>Membership:</i>	Gabby Alvarez (2020), Donna Stewart (2021)
<i>Missions:</i>	Tom Young (2021)
<i>Trustee:</i>	Keith Stewart (2020)
<i>Worship:</i>	Karen Clark (2021)

## Staff and Church Information

### First Presbyterian Church

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### Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor  
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education  
Brandon Folts, Director of Music  
Stephanie Cooke, Pianist  
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse  
Sharon VanSchuyver, Church Administrator  
Yvonne Rose, Office Assistant

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