

# Welcome



the weekly  
**Connection**

*December 13, 2020*

## Church Family

### ***Final Day for Poinsettia Dedications***

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

### ***Tickets for Christmas Eve Services***

This year we will have two Christmas Eve services on December 24<sup>th</sup>, at both 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. We would ask that if you would like to attend services in the Sanctuary that you make reservations online. The link for making reservations can be found on the church website at [fpconroe.org](http://fpconroe.org). Or, if you would prefer, you can call in to the office to reserve a seat. We look forward to seeing you then.

### ***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 November 30, 2020, we have received 86 pledges for a total amount of \$499,390 or an average of \$5,807 per pledge. This puts us about 80% of the way to our goal pledge income for next year. While this is a good start, there are still 45 pledging units (~\$135,970 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 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 **December 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 October 2020)

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

### ***Family Movie Night December 19<sup>th</sup>***

Don't forget to mark your calendars now for Family Movie Night. As always, we will begin watching the movie at 6:30 p.m. in the FPC parking lot. This month's movie is "The Grinch". Refreshments will be provided at no charge. We hope to see you there. If the weather is cold, you can watch from the comfort of your car by tuning in to 88.1.

### ***Church Office Closed for the Holidays***

Please make note that, due to the way Christmas falls this year, the church office will be closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. It will reopen on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Prayer List**

**Members:** The family of Pat Ezell, Joanne Tralmer, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Leona Cowie, Lorraine Bosse, Gary and Judy Weinburger, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Jeannene Wendt, 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), Jeffrey 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 (Wilmerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

## **Good Things to Know**

### ***Attendance***

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service - 68

10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service - 135

Total Attendance - 203

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

Jay Swoboda

### ***Today's Flowers***

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Gary and Judy Weinburger in honor of their fathers, Albert Weinburger and Robert Johnson.

## Calendar of Weekly Events

### Sunday, December 13

- 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.  
11:30 a.m. Dr. Green Sunday School Class (Dr. Green's office and Zoom Meeting ID: 839 3626 6040) (Passcode: 77304)  
11:15 a.m. Sunday Intermediate Bible Study (Rm. 702 and Zoom Meeting)

### Monday, December 14

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

### Wednesday, December 16

- 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)

### Sunday, December 20

- 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#)  
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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 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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