

This Week at
First Presbyterian Church
October 17, 2021



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8:30 A.M. COMMUNION AND PRAYER

Preparation

Prelude

Variation of "Luther's Theme"

Thygerston

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

1. I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.
2. I love Thy church, O God; Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.
4. Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, Gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice
in God's mercy!

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

*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

John 6:25-35

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

The Bread of Life

*"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger,
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."* (John 6:35)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table
Prayers of the People
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of thanksgiving

*Hymn #299

He Lives

1. I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. (Refrain)
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Free Improvisation of Grace and Spirit

Taylor

*Please stand if able.

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

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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Opening Music

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Introit Lord, Help Our Hearts Be Pure Folts

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Merciful God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We are a people divided against ourselves. Our fears and jealousies set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, turning them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy on us. Heal us and forgive us through Jesus Christ.

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Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

***Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer**

*Choral Response

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Forrest

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:17-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #33

Seek Ye First

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

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This Sunday's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:17-19

17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Scripture Reading

John 6:25-35

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

30 So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Notes



Volunteer Elders Needed

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 a.m. 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) by today, so that your name can be proposed as a commissioner at the next Session meeting.

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, (936) 760-8655. Your Kitchen Crew looks forward to breaking bread with you once again.

Sumthin' Pumpkin Challenge October 23rd

What is a Sumthin' Pumpkin Challenge? Glad you asked. This is an opportunity for all of our cooks to earn bragging rights your best pumpkin recipe. This event will be held on October 23rd, at 1:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Details can be found on the Welcome Desk.

Everyone is invited to participate, as there will be Adult and Youth (PK-12th grade) categories. Lots of yum to go around, as well as some awesome prizes. The deadline to enter is October 22nd, **so don't delay.**

Pumpkin Patch Fun Begins October 15th



It's Pumpkin Patch time again!! Last year's patch was a HUGE success and we're looking forward to having fun again this year, but we need your help. Wagons are a big hit for customers to haul pumpkins in, so if you can lend us your wagon, that would be helpful. We also need help during the days **we're open for sales, Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday**

12:00 to 7:00 p.m. Helping on sales days will consist mostly of assisting visitors navigate 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 hay rides, refreshments, photo ops, games and s'mores.**

The delivery day is scheduled for October 15th, at 4:00 p.m., and we can use all the help we can get for unloading and arranging pumpkins. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Dena Sowden at DSowden@fpconroe.org or (979) 255-2096. Please contact Liz Kessler at (713) 818-1006 to assist with refreshments.

With Appreciation, From Shirley Dukes

I cannot begin to express the depth of my appreciation, to all my brothers and sisters in Christ, for the care shown to me during my recent Covid journey. The delicious food, the good advice, the sharing of time and resources all contributed to making that unwanted journey bearable. Most importantly, the abundance of prayers were crucial to my recovery, as was all the love, care, and kindness shown. You are a gracious and generous family. May God bless each of you.

Financial Report (2021 YTD as of September 30, 2021)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$527,625	\$518,170
Expenses	\$556,465	\$543,590

Prayer List

Members: The family of Mills McNeel, the family of Karlene Griffin, the family of Evelyn Kenward, the family of Pat Smith, 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, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: Lynda H. and Amy D. (Ebanks), Sherry B. (Harrison), Mitchell B. (Blott), Maria H. (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), 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, October 10th

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - 16

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 98

Online Worship Attendance - 44

Total Attendance - 158

Today's Worship Leader

Sally DeStefano

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given for the glory of God by the Corbit family, in honor of their sons' (Austin and Sean) birthdays.

Save the Date

October 16-31	2 nd Annual Pumpkin Patch
October 23	Sumthin' Pumpkin
October 30	Trunk-or-Treat
October 31	Community Memorial Service
November 7	Communion Sunday
November 17	Thanksgiving Meal and Worship Service

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)

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday <i>October 17</i>	8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro) 9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: A Bible study on the Max Lucado book, <i>"Life Lessons from Romans"</i> (Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) https://zoom.us/j/267960141 (or call +1 346 248 7799, 267960141#) 9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians. 9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library) 9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (<i>Rm. 206</i>) <i>The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided By Politics And Religion</i> , by Jonathan Haidt. 9:30 a.m. Wanderers (<i>Parlor</i>) <i>Ecclesiastes: The Search for Meaning in Modern Music</i> 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Narthex) 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)
Monday <i>October 18</i>	1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)
Tuesday <i>October 19</i>	7:30 p.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Pastor's office and Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)
Wednesday <i>October 20</i>	9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105) 9:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom Meeting ID available by invitation) 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Gym) 5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym) 6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study (Room 105) 7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

<p>Sunday October 24</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (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 Max Lucado book, “<i>Life Lessons from Romans</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>
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Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor
 Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
 Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director
 Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse
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