

First Presbyterian Church

January 23, 2022



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8:30 A.M. COMMUNION AND PRAYER

Preparation

Prelude

Peace to My Soul

Barnett

Adoration

Call to Worship

*Hymn #485

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Confession

*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

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:9-11

Remarks

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Strength & Gentleness

***“He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs
in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those
that are with young.”*** (Isaiah 40:11)

Dedication

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of thanksgiving

*Hymn #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Charge and Benediction

Blessing

Dengler

*Postlude

With Wings Like Eagles

Paxton

*Please stand if able.

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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 and fill out the Visitor form online, or on page 17 of this bulletin. We appreciate you joining us for services today, whether online or in person.

WELCOME

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preparation

Opening Music

Adoration

Introit

Spirit of God

Folts

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Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Confession

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for whom a thousand years are but a day, we confess to you our sin. We are a proud people who disobey your commandments. The brokenness of our lives stands in judgment against us. Cleanse us by your mercy. Help us to love you with all our heart, and **soul, and strength. In Christ's name we pray.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News.
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*Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Shall We Gather at the River* Kendall

*Doxology

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

*Choral Response

Anthem *Be Still and Know* Bock

Proclamation

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #324

Open My Eyes That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:9-11

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Strength & Gentleness

“He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.” (Isaiah 40:11)

Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only hope, in life and in death?

That I belong — body and soul, in life and in death — not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Scripture Reading #1 (11:00 only):

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

³ **And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."**

⁴ **But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"**

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ **and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"**

⁷ **Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"**

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ **And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."**

¹⁰ **Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"**

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Scripture Reading #2 (8:30 & 11:00):

Isaiah 40:9-11

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; **say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Notes



WNL is Taking Dinner Reservations

Wednesday Night Live is back. We will be serving dinner for the next eight weeks. Please call the church office to make your reservations, especially if you are wanting take-out (reservations are required for take-out). The cost remains at \$5.00, but is free if you are under 13 years old or over 90 years old. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing and serving you again.

The Wanderers Bible Study Group

The Wanderers will begin studying “The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion”, by Martine Thielen. They will be meeting in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You are invited to join them for thought-provoking and spirited discussions on this relevant topic.

Financial Report
(2021 YTD as of 12/31/21)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$703,500	\$703,030
Expenses	\$741,955	\$729,805

Please keep in mind that Covid is still quite active in our community. We ask that if you feel “less than” that you please refrain from going out into public places. There is a very real possibility that you could be contagious.

We thank you for your consideration of others.

Youth Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 6, 2022

5-7 pm

Family Life Center

BRING THE HEAT!

Think you make the best chili this side of the Pecos??

Then bring your best chili recipe and fixins
and let us decide! Awards given to top 3 teams!

Not a chef but like to eat??

- Bring your appetite and plenty of \$\$ for voting ~ Each vote is \$1 and you can help determine who really does make the best chili in town.

****To-Go Samples and Online Voting is also an option****

You must register for To-Go by 02/03/2022 by calling the church office

Online Votes: Go to fpcconroe.org/discipleship_youth

****Be sure to enter the Team Name or Team Leader name
for the vote to be counted.**

**COVID Protocols will be followed for the health and safety
of all participants and attendees.**

For more information visit FPCConroe.Org

Proceeds support our FPC Youth Mission Trips

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Prayer List

Members: Ruth Masters, Soren Rose, Roy Kessler, Mary Hudson, Jean Ball, George Shackelford, Margaret Hill, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Lorraine Bosse, Don Myers, Margaret Carson, Fay Harrison, Clyde Cruikshank, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: Amy S., Jack W. and Jenny C. (Cannon), William W. (Weinburger), Freddy G. (Taylor), Lynda H. and Amy D. (Ebanks), Sherry B. (Harrison), Mitchell B. (Blott), Maria H. (Hughes), Kellye H. and Jeffrey H. (Heasley), Deborah R. (Rose), Jack S. and Jay, Katie B. (Pohla), Wendy S. (Adamson), Harry S., Jr. (Havens), 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 (Wilmberly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, January 16th

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Communion - 17

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 90

Online Worship Attendance - 111

Total Attendance - 218

Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by:

- ◇ Sally DeStefano, in memory of John and Angeline Haller.
- ◇ Kellye Heasley, in honor of her daughter, Leah's, birthday.

Calendar of Weekly Events

<p>Sunday <i>January 23</i></p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</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. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) <i>Life Lessons from Romans</i>, by Max Lucado.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library and Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299? pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09 Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (<i>Rm. 206</i>) <i>Studying Stuff That Needs to be Said</i>, by John Pavlovitz.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (<i>Parlor</i>) <i>The Answer to Bad Religious Is Not No Religion</i>, by Martin Thielen.</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 <i>January 24</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Youth Commons Area)</p>
<p>Tuesday <i>January 25</i></p>	<p>7:30 p.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304))</p>
<p>Wednesday <i>January 26</i></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom ID available by invitation)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Small Group Study (Rm. 206)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study (Room 105 and Zoom 879 2931 2569 passcode 77304)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>

<p>Sunday January 30</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fellowship (Bistro)</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. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Rm. 205 or Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) <i>Life Lessons from Romans</i>, by Max Lucado.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library and Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86497519299?pwd=cktiTmZ5SEM1SWZpNWRLUWhwS1lxQT09 Meeting ID: 864 9751 9299 Passcode: 77304))</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Exploring Our Faith (Rm. 206) <i>Studying Stuff That Needs to be Said</i>, by John Pavlovitz.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Wanderers (Parlor) <i>The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion</i>, by Martin Thielen.</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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Save the Date

February 6	Annual Chili Cook-off
February 21	PDS & CISD Holiday - President's Day
February 27	Gospel Music Sunday
March 2	Ash Wednesday Service
March 13	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 14-18	PDS & CISD Spring Break

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)

Visitor Form

Thank you for coming! We would love to get to know you.

Please complete this form and drop it in the offertory box at the back of the church. Or, if you would prefer to complete this form online, please visit our website at www.FPCConroe.org.

Member Information

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Spouse's Information

Spouse's First Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Children's Information

Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Getting Involved in the Life of the Church

(Please check all that apply)

- I would like more information about membership
- I would like information about baptism
- I would like to be contacted by a Stephen Minister
- Contact me about getting involved in the church

Please contact me regarding:

_____ Adult Sunday School

_____ Bible Studies

_____ Children & Nursery

_____ Men's groups

_____ Women's groups

_____ Greeters

_____ Handbells/Choir

_____ Youth choir

Other:

How did you first hear about us? (Please circle one)

Facebook

Drive by

Website

Friend/Family

Other

Member Information for Church Directory
First Presbyterian Church of Conroe

Please list all information you would like included in the new directory. There is not a limit to phone numbers or email addresses.

Member Information

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Spouse's Information

Spouse's First Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Children's Information

Children's Names (Please indicate last name if different):

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Staff and Church Information

Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor
Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
Sharon VanSchuyver, Director of Finance and Communications
Stephanie Cooke, Interim Music Director
Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse
Yvonne Rose, Office Manager



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